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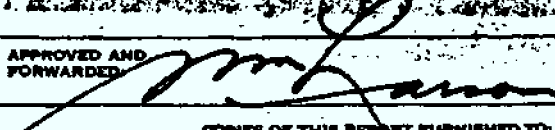
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>G. H. Bastien at Ann Arbor, Michigan, advises his wife, Corrine, is a girlhood friend of Mrs. Lee Cady and that the Cady's visited them at Ann Arbor in 1932. Bastien claims not to know Galatas but willing to cooperate with Division in this investigation.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, January 23, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN</p> <p>Mr. G. H. Bastien, who is employed as telegraph editor for the Ann Arbor Daily News, informed agent that his wife, who was formerly Corrine Rice, was a girlhood friend of Mrs. Lee Cady. That they were raised together in Kent County, Dresden, Ontario, which is near Wingham, Ontario. Further, that Mrs. Bastien has kept in general touch with Mrs. Cady during these years and, in the summer of 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Cady passed through Ann Arbor and visited at the Bastien home.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mr. Bastien states that he does not know Galatas and, in fact, never heard anything of him until very recently when Mrs. Bastien learned through some relatives in Canada that some sort of a search was on in an effort to locate Galatas as he was mixed up in some crime somewhere.</p> <p>He also says that during a very recent visit to Ontario, he heard that some time last summer Galatas and his wife, Betty, drove through Canada and stopped at the home of Mrs. Russell Walls at Dresden, Ontario, and</p>			
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on that particular day Mr. and Mrs. Cady were also visiting there. That Galatas was driving a big car and did not come in and further that Mr. Cady did not go out to the car as it was understood there was some difference between him and Galatas. It seems that Galatas and his wife did not stop but a few minutes and their destination was not known at the time.

Informant says that, from all he can learn, Cady has considerable dislike for Galatas due to some dealings in the past.

He also states that Mrs. Galatas has a sister, Annie, who is now the wife of Clifford McKaig, an employee of the Ford Motor Company at Walkerville, Ontario. This family lives at Belle River, near Walkerville.

There is another married sister whose maiden name was Lena McFadden but her married name is not known to Mr. Bastien or his wife and they are of the opinion that these people live somewhere in the South, possibly Tennessee, but he has no definite information as to their location.

Elsie McFadden, sister to Mrs. Galatas, is now the wife of L. H. Cady.

Mr. Bastien states that he has never seen Galatas and, in fact, never heard of him until very recently. He was shown Identification Order 1201 and, on viewing the photograph thereon, said that he positively had never seen this man.

He appeared very cooperative and friendly and informed agent that he would have no hesitancy whatever in advising the Detroit Office very promptly of any information which may come to him concerning the whereabouts of Galatas.

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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-22-34 to 2-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. White	HQ
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE I. O. #1201; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDRAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Constant surveillance for ten-day period maintained over the homes of Mrs. Ida Galatas and Hugh Martin of Long Beach and the home of Harold F. Scheufler of Los Angeles; incoming and outgoing mail, telephone conversations, bank accounts, Western Union, Postal Telegraph, Railway Express Agency records checked. Mrs. Galatas and Luther Raines interviewed. No information of value obtained relative to the present whereabouts of Subject Galatas.</p>				
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, January 23, 1934.</p>				
DETAILS: <p>On January 22nd, 1934, telephonic communication was received from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, who contacted the Los Angeles Division Office from Detroit, Michigan, advising that information obtained by him and Special Agent Anderson at New York City indicated that Subject GALATAS was contacting his mother at Long Beach, and requested that the home of Mrs. GALATAS at Long Beach be kept under surveillance for twenty-four hours a day, and that arrangements be made with Post Office officials at Long Beach for the scrutiny of all incoming and outgoing mail, first and</p>				
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second class at the home of Mrs. GALATAS. It was further requested that efforts be made to ascertain whether or not Mrs. GALATAS was cashing any Postal Money Orders or Railway Express Money Orders, and that the telegraph agencies be contacted in an effort to determine whether Mrs. GALATAS is being contacted through those offices. A further request was made that steps be taken to ascertain where Mrs. GALATAS does her banking. Information was also received that the brother-in-law of Subject GALATAS, namely HAROLD SCHEUFLER, was alleged to reside at 4223 Garden Homes Avenue, Los Angeles, and employed in some capacity by the CWA at that place. Mrs. BRANTLEY requested that surveillance be maintained at the home of Mr. SCHEUFLER and that the mail at that address be covered.

In accordance with the telephonic request above set out, Special Agents Albert Miller and W. M. Bott of the Los Angeles Division Office ascertained that HAROLD SCHEUFLER resided at the address indicated above. Surveillance maintained over the SCHEUFLER home and investigation conducted disclosed that SCHEUFLER and his wife, LENA A. SCHEUFLER, and five minor children ranging in age from one to ten years, reside at the above address. The home consists of a modest cottage in a small, secluded settlement on the outskirts of Los Angeles, the home not being equipped with a telephone. Further investigation disclosed that there are approximately ten small cottages on Garden Homes Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the SCHEUFLER residence; and that the SCHEUFLERS are apparently on intimate terms with their neighbors. They drive a 1929 four-door Nash Sedan, six-cylinder, Motor No. 123974, Serial No. B-124150, bearing 1934 California license No. 6-P-3210. Information with respect to the car in question was obtained as a result of arrangements made through Post Office Inspector Gline for observation of mail going to the SCHEUFLER residence, said information being reflected on the registration card issued to SCHEUFLER.

The daily activities of the SCHEUFLER family are briefly as follows:

About 8:30 each morning three of the SCHEUFLER children leave home to walk to the public school approximately a mile distance from the home; between 9:30 and 11:00 A. M., Mr. and Mrs. SCHEUFLER usually go to the public markets located on Huntington Drive to make small purchases of food; and in many instances while on this particular trip they would take their infant child to the public health clinic located at 6100 North Broadway, Los Angeles, for treatment. Contact with the clinic failed to disclose any information except that people are permitted to bring their children to the clinic for physical examination by the city doctors. At 11:00 A. M., daily, SCHEUFLER, accompanied by two men neighbors, would leave the SCHEUFLER home in the latter's car and drive to a CWA Project on Monterey Boulevard about five miles distant from the SCHEUFLER residence, where the men are engaged in manual labor until 5:00 P. M., at which time SCHEUFLER and his neighbors would return to their homes. The family usually retired between ten and eleven P. M., and from the observation maintained over the home it appeared they received no visitors.

SCHUEFLER appears to be about 38 years of age; 5'11" tall; to weigh about 170 lbs.; has dark complexion; is raw-boned; wears high-topped boots, soft hat and a sweater.

Mrs. SCHUEFLER appears to be 35 years of age; has dark hair and dark eyes, dark complexion; is 5'6" tall and weighs 160 lbs.

From observation of the family it is obvious that they are in straitened circumstances.

In compliance with request made with respect to the bank records, all of the banking institutions in Long Beach, California, were contacted by Special Agent (A) J. F. HYNES for the purpose of ascertaining if accounts were carried under any of the following names:

IDA MAY GALATAS
ELIZABETH GALATAS
LUTHER RAINES
ANGELINA RAINES
HUGH M. MARTIN
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with known aliases.

It was ascertained that a term savings account No. 2580 was opened on July 30, 1933, in the name of RICHARD or ELIZABETH GALATAS at the Hill and Atlantic Streets Branch of the Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California. The account was opened with a deposit of ten dollars and the present balance is \$34.03, the last deposit having been made on December 17, 1932, the last withdrawal as of February 1, 1933.

Mr. A. C. HOLLENSTEINER, Manager of the above branch, exhibited the signature card in connection with the account, same bearing the signatures of RICHARD and ELIZABETH GALATAS. A photostat of the signature card was made by the Bank and same was forwarded to the Division, inasmuch as the handwriting is somewhat different from the handwriting of Subject as found on Division Identification Order No. 1201. Mr. HOLLENSTEINER advised that the photograph of Subject carried on the above referred to Identification Order is a good likeness of the man who signed the signature card, stating that he recalled the incident clearly because at the time Subject GALATAS gave as a banking reference the First National Bank of Montgomery, Alabama, but the bank mentioned, in answer to an inquiry made by HOLLENSTEINER, advised they could give no information concerning Subject. Mr. HOLLENSTEINER placed a "STOP" sign in the files of the bank concerning this account and promised to telephone the Los Angeles Division Office immediately if any activity occurred in the account.

It was ascertained at the First and Pine Streets Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, Long Beach, California, that a small commercial account was opened in the name of LUTHER RAINES in February, 1932, and closed in December of that year; that a term savings account No. 219793 in the name of HUGH M. MARTIN was opened at the Branch on October 10, 1932, the last deposit, in the amount of \$20.00, was made on January 27, 1933, the account having a present balance of \$1.01.

Mr. R. E. JENNINGS of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, located at 302 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, advised that a checking account was opened at that bank in the name of L. BAINES on June 20, 1933, with a deposit of \$95.00, said deposit consisting of a check in the amount of \$100.00, from which a five-dollar deduction was made in cash. The check in question was drawn on the Pershing Square Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles. Other deposits to the account were made as follows:

7-26-33	Check for \$105.00 less cash of \$30.00	Net	\$25.00
9-11-33	" " 112.00	" "	22.00
9-26-33	" " 105.00	" "	10.00
11-10-33	" " 120.00	" "	19.00

The deposit tickets covering the above-listed deposits do not carry information whereby the checks could be identified, but Mr. JENNINGS advised that the tellers stated that the same consisted of pay checks from an oil company.

Mr. J. S. DUTTON, Bank of America, National Trust & Savings Association, Fourth and Pine Streets Branch, Long Beach, advised that neither that branch nor any of the four other branches of the Bank of America at Long Beach carries any accounts in the names of the above.

Mr. P. SCHUMACHER of the First and Pine Branch of the Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, advised that the Fourth and Cherry Branch of the said bank located in Long Beach, California, carried no accounts with the above-named relatives of Subject.

Similar information was obtained from Mr. E. BAREE of the California National Bank located at First and Pine Streets, Long Beach, California, and from Mr. FRED W. CLEVELAND of the Citizens State Bank, Fourth and American Avenues, Long Beach, California.

Further investigation at the Farmers and Merchants Bank and Western Trust and Savings Bank, Long Beach, California, through R. E. JENNINGS and J. L. REED, respectively, failed to disclose any record of accounts of the above.

It was ascertained that the Seaside National Bank, located at 223 East Broadway, Long Beach, California, went into receivership in February of 1932; that the Farmers and Merchants Trust Company was an affiliate of the Farmers and Merchants Bank and that the same did not carry any checking or savings accounts with the general public.

The foregoing mentioned banks constitute all of the banks in Long Beach, California, as listed in the Telephone Directory for Long Beach and in the Key to the Numerical System of American Bankers Association compiled by Rand and McNally.

Investigation in the vicinity of the premises occupied by Mr. and Mrs. LUTHER RAINES and Mrs. GALATAS, mother of Subject, disclosed a vacancy at 1805 South Pasadena Avenue, on which premises is located the four-apartment frame structure dwelling facing East, overlooking the premises of 524 East State Street, Long Beach, affording an excellent view of the State Street premises, above-described. An apartment was secured at this South Pasadena address above referred to, on January 21st, 1934, arrangements being made by the writer through Mr. C. E. JOHNSON, Assistant to the Operating Vice-President of the Associated Telephone Company, Long Beach, California, previously mentioned in the instant file, for telephone arrangements and equipment whereby the conversations emanating from and coming to the State street premises could be overheard.

The above surveillance was maintained from January 22nd to January 31st, 1934, inclusive. It was immediately ascertained that individuals occupying the premises at 524 State Street, Long Beach, were Mr. and Mrs. LUTHER RAINES, their two children, RICHARD, and a younger child, name undetermined; and Mrs. GALATAS.

The premises in the rear of 524, namely 524½ East State Street, there being a small bungalow on the same lot on which the RAINES' home is located, are occupied by Mrs. WINIFRED ANDREWS. Through arrangements made with Post Office Inspector Gline for observation of the incoming and outgoing mail of the above address, it was ascertained that Mrs. ANDREWS is a subject of the County Welfare, the rent for the premises being paid by that organization in the amount of fifteen dollars a month.

A similar observation of the premises at 1827 East Tenth St., the home of Mr. and Mrs. HUGH M. MARTIN, disclosed that these premises are occupied by the above named persons and their two children, names undetermined. Mrs. MARTIN, as previously mentioned in the instant file, is operating a beauty parlor in the front portion of the house in question.

With respect to the activities of the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS, it was immediately observed that 1933 Willys-Knight Sedan, bearing 1933 California license No. 4-P-7709, entered and left the premises at 524 East State Street on numerous occasions during the first day of the surveillance maintained.

Through the Sheriff's Office Registration Division, it was ascertained that the car in question was registered to L. RAINES at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California; the legal owner, Commercial Credit Corporation of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Inquiry on the part of the writer at Long Beach disclosed that the account in question was carried at the Long Beach Branch, located in the Pacific Southwest Building, Long Beach, California.

Mr. G. DRUMBY, manager of the above branch, upon interview, and after it was determined by the writer that he was a warm personal friend of former Special Agent Gaffrey, advised that the car in question was purchased on October 13, 1933, from a Willys-Knight dealer, K. W. WOODY, 925 East Anaheim Street, the basis of the deal being a trade-in of a used car, allowance \$140.00, the balance to be paid at the rate of \$26.00 per month, payments to be made on the 15th day of each month to the above-named dealer. Mr. DRUMBY further advised that Mr. K. W. WOODY is a personal friend of his and a reliable citizen.

Inquiry through Mr. WOODY disclosed that his records reflect LUTHER RAINES as being employed in the capacity of driller at the Allied Petroleum Company Fields, Long Beach, California, at a salary of \$220.00 a month, having been in the employ of that concern for the past six years; that the sale was consummated on the show-room floor of the above concern by LUTHER RAINES and his wife, Mrs. GALATAS not appearing in the transaction in any respect; that subsequent payments have been made in cash by LUTHER RAINES, no checks having been received to date on the unpaid balance of \$390.00. Mr. WOODY, in this connection, advised that should any checks of a nature which might be of interest to the Division be received for payment on the car in question, same would be held by him and the Los Angeles office immediately notified.

Further observation of the premises by the writer and Special Agent (A) J. F. HINES, and ALBERT MILLER, disclosed that LUTHER RAINES would leave the premises each evening at approximately 10:30 P. M., and proceed to the Allied Petroleum Company's location at Long Beach, returning the following morning to the above premises at approximately 8:30 A. M., remaining on the premises during the entire day with the possible exception of two or three occasions when he took the car in question to the garage for service or went to the store.

With respect to Mrs. GALATAS, she was observed to have left the premises on only one occasion in company with Mrs. RAINES and the two children, upon which occasion they drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN, 1827 East Tenth Street, remained for a short period of time and returned to the East State Street address.

From the conversations overheard, Mrs. RAINES is an active Church worker and her time is more or less occupied during the day with these activities in the furtherance of Church socials, etc. Considerable telephonic communication transpires between the RAINES and MARTIN families, and particularly between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. MARTIN, who appears to be as between ANGELINA and Mrs. RAINES, the favorite daughter of Mrs. GALATAS despite the fact that Mrs. GALATAS is residing at the RAINES home. This deduction is made in view of telephone conversations between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. MARTIN in the absence of Mrs. RAINES. It would appear that the relations as between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. RAINES are somewhat strained due to conversation overheard on one occasion when Mrs. RAINES called Mrs. MARTIN, requesting her to come to the State Street premises immediately, in view of the fact that Mrs. GALATAS was packing her effects and was going

to leave. Mrs. MARTIN, on this occasion, hurriedly proceeded to the State Street premises and after remaining approximately two hours, returned to her residence and called at frequent intervals thereafter on the day in question, inquiring as to the situation at the RAINES home as it existed between Mrs. GALATAS and the RAINES family.

It should be noted that the telephone service used by the RAINES family is a four-party line connection. It is believed that in view of this, conversations conducted between the members of the two respective families are very guarded with respect to anything which might relate to the matter at hand. No conversations at any time related in any way to Subject, his activities, whereabouts or participation in the Kansas City massacre.

At the inception of the surveillance of the premises, above described, arrangements were immediately made with Postal Telegraph and Western Union officials at Long Beach for scrutiny of any telegraphic communications going to or emanating from the above premises. It was ascertained by the writer that said surveillance has been continuously in effect since the last surveillance conducted by the writer at Long Beach, as reflected in the writer's previous report, describing such activities.

Similar arrangements were made through Inspector E. Gline of the Post Office Department for any activity on the part of the above-named through the Money Order Department of the Long Beach Post Office.

With respect to the possible transmission of funds through the Railway Express Agency, Special Agent E. J. Geahan interviewed Mr. J. WORTHINGTON, Superintendent of the Southern California Division of the Railway Express Agency, who advised that it would be practically impossible to trace any Express Money Orders, which Mrs. GALATAS might receive from Subject, stating that at Long Beach and other cities a very small percentage of money orders is cashed at the Railway Express office, the majority being cashed at banks and stores, and these do not clear through the Los Angeles division office, but go to New York, the main office of the American Express; that the Long Beach and Los Angeles offices do not have any record of these; that the money orders cashed at the agency office in Long Beach are sent to Los Angeles, thence forwarded to New York; and the only record kept in the Los Angeles office is the amount of each order so cleared (no record of name of sender or addressee). The officials of the Los Angeles agency are not familiar with the system in vogue in the New York office of recording cancelled money orders, except they know the date is based principally upon the number of the order and the name of the issuing office.

With respect to Mrs. WINIFRED ANDREWS, occupying the cottage in the rear of 524 East State Street, which is 524 1/2 East State Street, the writer again contacted Captain MURPHY, Long Beach Police Department, previously mentioned in the instant file, who is the only officer of the Long Beach Police Department contacted with respect to the instant matter. He was requested to ascertain which worker of the Welfare Bureau was contacting Mrs. ANDREWS, whether or not the worker in question was reliable and whether or not that worker, if reliable, could advise as to the reliability of Mrs. ANDREWS.

This contact was made in view of the fact that during the period of observation and from telephone conversations overheard, Mrs. ANDREWS frequently entered the premises at 524 East State Street and on numerous occasions used the telephone at those premises, upon which occasions she could be overheard exchanging intimacies with the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS while waiting for the party called to answer the telephone, it being obvious that if the cooperation of Mrs. ANDREWS could be secured she would be in an excellent position to observe the actions of the RAINES family, and particularly Mrs. GALATAS; the comings and goings of individuals from the RAINES home, and particularly, whether or not Mrs. GALATAS left the premises for any period of time or was contacted by Subject GALATAS.

In this respect, Captain MURPHY advised that he ascertained that the worker calling on Mrs. ANDREWS was one Mrs. KRIFER, whose first name and initials were unknown to him; that Mrs. KRIFER has, in the past, worked with him, Captain MURPHY, on other matters of a similar nature; that he has found her to be capable, highly intelligent and absolutely trustworthy; that upon contacting Mrs. KRIFER he learned that she was on exceptionally friendly terms with Mrs. ANDREWS, whom Mrs. KRIFER considers reliable and trustworthy in view of the fact that Mrs. KRIFER likewise had used Mrs. ANDREWS in a similar capacity. Arrangements are at present in force, whereby should any information of value be obtained through the above channel, same will be immediately imparted to the Los Angeles Division Office by Captain MURPHY.

The observation maintained of the MARTIN residence with respect to the activities of that family disclosed that they remain chiefly to themselves, have no visitors other than women coming to the beauty shop; and that Mr. MARTIN never was observed leaving the premises, probably due to his defective eyesight, as previously mentioned, and Mrs. MARTIN leaving the premises only on occasions when visiting the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS.

The writer contacted the carrier, namely, Mr. A. B. Philbrick, who delivers mail to the State Street premises, and requested that any or all mail taken by him from the mail box of the State Street address for mailing be held until such time as proper observation of the mail in question could be made. Mr. PHILBRICK, in this connection, advised that he was unable to recall any occasion upon which he took mail from the mail box for the purpose of mailing, but that in the event such occasion arose he would comply with the request made. Mr. PHILBRICK further advised that he makes two deliveries a day and that he has not, on any occasion, observed any other individuals residing at the State Street address, other than as set out above.

With respect to mail going to the State Street address, the following information was received from Inspector GLINE:

A card addressed to Mrs. I. M. GALATAS at 420 East 21st Street, forwarded from that address to 524 East State Street, postmarked 1-20-34, was returned with a notation evidently made by someone at 524 East State Street "Not here". The card in question was from Dr. L. H. JOSEPH, optician

256 South Broadway, Los Angeles, advising Mrs. GALATAS that her eyes were tested on May 3, 1931, and should be examined again.

The above is set out as a matter of interest to be followed specifically with respect to other mail addressed to Mrs. GALATAS to determine whether or not she is placing herself on record as receiving mail at the above address.

Mr. CLINE further advised that on January 26th Mrs. L. RAINES mailed two letters to the following individuals:

Mrs. NETTIE TOWNSEND, R. F. D., No. 4, Lynnville, Tennessee;
Mrs. FRANK LEACH, Hotel Skirven, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

With respect to the Townsend letter, it will be left to the discretion of the Kansas City office as to any action to be taken at that place; as relative to the Leach letter sent to Oklahoma City, Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin of the Oklahoma City office was telephonically communicated with and the result of the investigation conducted by that office is reflected in letter emanating therefrom over the signature of SAC R. H. Colvin, February 3rd, 1934, copies of which are designated for the Division and Kansas City Office. The attention of the Division and Kansas City Office is directed to the reference made by Mr. Colvin to "RICHARD". In this connection it is stated that from telephone conversations overheard by the writer, Mrs. RAINES frequently discussed with Mrs. MARTIN the fact that she, Mrs. RAINES, and RICHARD, her son, were both suffering from bad colds. The reference to RICHARD as recited in the letter set out in the communication from SAC R. H. COLVIN apparently refers to the son, RICHARD, and not the subject of the instant file.

With respect to mail received by the MARTIN family, one communication was addressed to KITTIE SULLIVAN, 1827 East Tenth Street, from the Marr Oil Corporation, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.

During the dictation of the report at hand the writer received a telephone communication from Inspector Cline, advising that a letter had been delivered to Mrs. I. M. GALATAS at 524 East State Street from 4402 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas. Receipt of this letter on the part of Mrs. GALATAS would indicate that she is receiving mail at the above address.

During the period of surveillance and with reference to the request in referenced report [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the writer conferred with Lieutenant-Detective J. L. James, Los Angeles Police Department, especially assigned and detailed to the race-track at Caliente, he being the only representative of any law or investigative agency at the Caliente track, [REDACTED]. It might be stated in this connection that Lt. JAMES bears an enviable reputation as an officer who is particularly acquainted with the criminal element, and particularly that element which frequents race tracks. [REDACTED]

Lt. JAMES was furnished with an Identification Order concerning Subject GALATAS.

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conducted by the Los Angeles Division Office.

On January 31st, 1934, after a conference with SAC J. E. P. DUNE, and in view of the former interview conducted by the writer with Mrs. GALATAS, it was decided that further interview would be had with her with respect to the whereabouts of Subject GALATAS.

Accordingly, on the afternoon of that day, the writer interviewed Mrs. GALATAS at 524 East State Street in the absence of Mrs. RAINES, who was attending a picture show, and Mr. RAINES was sleeping during said interview with Mrs. GALATAS. Mrs. GALATAS was still emphatic in her assertions that she has heard nothing directly or indirectly from Subject, stating in this connection that should she learn of his whereabouts she, of course, would not turn him over to the Federal Authorities, but she would use every inducement within her power to prevail upon Subject GALATAS to surrender himself to the Federal Authorities. Mrs. GALATAS, in this connection, expressed grave fear for the safety of her son in view of the recent deaths and killings of the other Subjects of the instant file.

With respect to Mrs. GALATAS' familiarity as to the identity of these individuals, she stated that for the first time she had learned more or less in detail the circumstances surrounding the Kansas City massacre from an article appearing in the True Detective Mysteries, December, 1933, issue, entitled the "Inside Story of the Kansas City Shocking Police Massacre" insofar as the alleged activities of her son in the affair were concerned; that in view of said activities she has been fearful that some members of the gangster element involved might dispose of her son as a precaution against any possibility of his telling what he knew about the affair. Mrs. GALATAS was specifically concerned as to whether or not a murder charge was outstanding with the Federal Authorities for her son, and whether or not it was true that a reward of \$25,000.00 was offered for his apprehension, expressing the belief that if Subject GALATAS were cognizant of the specific charges lodged against him that he would unquestionably turn himself in; that the only reason he might not do so would be his fear of his destruction by other members of the gang who might be fearful that GALATAS would talk. Mrs. GALATAS further expressed the fear that possibly Subject GALATAS had been disposed of by this time in view of the length of time which has elapsed since she last heard from him, this date being fixed by her as to the time of her departure from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With respect to her departure from Hot Springs, Mrs. GALATAS related her travels substantially as set out in reference report, and particularly to her travels in the East after leaving Hot Springs.

Mrs. GALATAS obviously is showing the strain of worry over the safety, if not the whereabouts of Subject. As a means of impressing the writer as to the sincerity of her statement to the effect that Subject had not communicated with her or any members of the family, Mrs. GALATAS pointed out that Subject was extremely fond of his step-son, PAT STURNEY, with whom Subject was very liberal from a financial standpoint, and which financial

assistance was enabling his step-son to complete his college education; that it was a matter of great pride and satisfaction to Subject that he was putting the young man through college; that since the Kansas City affair his step-son's source of finances had been cut off and the boy had to discontinue his school work and is now working on a CWA Project, in view of the fact that Subject has not communicated with any members of his family and is apparently afraid to do so with particular reference to the step-son, obviously being fearful that such contact by way of letters or forwarding of financial assistance would lead to his apprehension.

Mrs. GALATAS expressed the firm belief that her mail for some time has been opened and inspected; that her telephone conversations, as well as those of other members of the family, have been overheard; and that their every move has been watched by the Government officers. Mrs. GALATAS expressed every evidence of curiosity as to how much the Division knew with respect to the present or past whereabouts of Subject GALATAS and his movements; and was obviously interested in trying to determine through what channels the Division expected to effect the apprehension of Subject GALATAS.

Some two hours were spent by the writer with Mrs. GALATAS and her story with respect to her movements and knowledge as to Subject's whereabouts was substantially the same as set out in the report of the writer, reflecting a former interview with Mrs. GALATAS, supplemented by the additional information as set out in this report.

At the termination of the writer's interview with Mrs. GALATAS, she insisted upon waking Mr. RAINES to ascertain whether or not there was anything that she had failed to inquire about as to the situation which RAINES might think of. Part of the interview of Mr. RAINES was conducted in the presence of Mrs. GALATAS, and then Mr. RAINES was interviewed by the writer in the absence of Mrs. GALATAS.

Mr. RAINES stated emphatically and specifically that neither Mrs. GALATAS nor any members of the immediate family had received any word from Subject directly or indirectly; that he and his wife had felt considerable concern for the health of Mrs. GALATAS due to the excessive worrying she has been doing with respect to the safety of Subject. Mr. RAINES advised the writer that it is his opinion that the same information has reached Subject that came to them, namely, that a murder charge was outstanding against the Subject by the Federal Authorities, and that a \$25,000.00 reward was outstanding for his apprehension; that he is of the opinion that these two facts, if believed by Subject, would cause him to remain in hiding indefinitely if he were able to do so; that he, Mr. RAINES, as well as Mrs. GALATAS, in view of the activities of the Federal Authorities with respect to the apprehension of Subject, was certain that Subject would eventually be apprehended; that for this reason, and due to the anxiety of Subject's mother, should Subject communicate with him or her directly or indirectly, every means would be used to prevail upon Subject to surrender himself to the Federal authorities. Mr. RAINES stated that he would not, of course, report the whereabouts of Subject GALATAS if he knew same. He similarly expressed himself as being of the opinion that the telephone conversations had been overheard since the affair at Kansas City; that their mail was being watched, as well as their

movements; that these facts unquestionably were known to Subject GALATAS and for these reasons the latter would not make any attempt to get in touch with them.

No additional information, which would be of assistance in the apprehension of Subject GALATAS, could be obtained from Mr. RAINES or Mrs. GALATAS, with respect to the acquaintances, relatives or points of contact that Subject GALATAS might make, both stating that in view of the distance between the respective residences of the Subject and the RAINES family, including Subject's mother, no opportunity had been afforded them to come in contact with Subject's associates, aside from relatives of the family.

Subsequent to the above interviews, the writer returned to the point of observation previously described, same being occupied in the writer's absence by Special Agent Albert Miller. Shortly after the writer's return, Mrs. GALATAS phoned Mrs. MARTIN, stating that she would like to meet her that evening as she had something very important to discuss with her, the conversation being discontinued briefly with the consent of Mrs. MARTIN to meet Mrs. GALATAS on the evening of January 31st. This conversation is set out merely as a indication that when and if anything relating to the instant matter is discussed by the members of the GALATAS family, said discussion is not conducted over the telephone.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

610 THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE, in the very near future, [REDACTED] will interview JIM HAGAN, Long Beach; and keep in constant communication with Captain MURPHY of the Long Beach Police Department for any information he may receive through the contact arranged with Mrs. ANDREWS.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 15, 1934

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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RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased,
et al

CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

For the information of the Division at Washington and all field offices, there is being set forth herewith the names of all persons more or less prominently identified with the instant case, which has to do with an attempt to deliver from custody Federal prisoner Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, which resulted in the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey of the Kansas City Division office; Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma; Police Detectives Frank Hermanson and W. J. Grooms of Kansas City, Missouri; and Frank Nash, Federal prisoner, and the wounding of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and Special Agent F. J. Lackey.

Persons Indicted

There is being set forth below the names of all persons indicted in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 1, 1933, charged with conspiracy to cause the escape of a Federal prisoner, together with brief pertinent notations regarding those individuals.

Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne C. Miller, alias V. C. Moore, alias Vincent C. Moore, alias V. C. White, alias V. C. Mason, alias Vern Marlin, alias G. Glaubach, alias T. C. Hayes, alias T. C. Hays, alias Stephen J. Gross, alias Clarence Allen, Deceased, former subject I.O. #1195. Miller is generally recognized as having been the leading participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. Miller was located by Division Agents at Chicago on November 1, 1933, but escaped under gun fire. His corpse was found near Detroit, Michigan, on November 29, 1933, where it had apparently been placed after his murder. The body was positively identified by fingerprints. Miller is believed to have been murdered by gangsters because of the fact that he "put the Federal heat on the underworld" as a result of the Union Station slayings. Miller was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre.

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Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias F. J. Bloom, alias J. P. Bloom, alias Big Tom, former subject I.O. #1189. Bailey was apprehended near Paradise, Texas, by Division Agents, accompanied by State officers, on August 12, 1933, in connection with this case and the case of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City. On September 4, 1933, Bailey escaped from the Dallas, Texas, County Jail and was recaptured the same date at Ardmore, Oklahoma, by State officers through the efforts of Division Agents. Bailey is now serving a life sentence in the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the Urschel kidnaping. Bailey was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza.

Wilber Underhill, alias Wilbur Underhill, alias Henry Wilber, alias Ralph Caraway, former subject I.O. #1191. Underhill died at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 6, 1934, as the result of wounds inflicted by Division Agents and local peace officers at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, while effecting his capture, at which time he was resisting arrest while an endeavor was being made to effect his apprehension. Underhill was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza.

Robert G. Brady, alias Bob Brady, alias Pat Brady, alias J. H. Taylor, alias Bob Ross, former subject I.O. #1190. Brady was apprehended by State officers at Tucumcari, New Mexico, on October 6, 1933, and returned to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, from which place he had escaped on May 30, 1933. He again escaped from the State institution on January 19, 1934, and on January 22, 1934, was shot and killed by local officers at a point near Paola, Kansas. Brady was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre.

Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Dick Galatas, alias Richard F. Galatas, alias Dick Gladis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, alias Dick Sheridan, Fugitive, I.O. #1201. Galatas is the only person indicted in this case who has not been apprehended. Intensive investigation is under way at the present time in various parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico to bring him into custody. The investigation of this case indicates that Galatas was the prime conspirator and that he personally arranged the conspiracy which resulted in the Union Station massacre. It is the orders of the Director of this Division that every field office spare no effort in bringing about the apprehension of Galatas at the earliest possible moment.

Louis Stacci, alias Louis Stacey, alias Doc Stacey. Stacci was arrested on a Federal warrant at Chicago, Illinois, by Division Agents and the United States Marshal on August 7, 1933; removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was released on bond of \$5,000.00 on October 5, 1933. Stacci aided in the conspiracy by notifying Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically from Chicago, Illinois, of the apprehension of Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933. He reached Miller indirectly through Mulloy at Kansas City after receiving information from Mrs. Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, alias Fritz Malloy. Mulloy was arrested September 1, 1933, by Agents of the Division, in company with the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri. He was released on \$1,500.00 bond on September 2, 1933. Mulloy aided in the conspiracy by acting as a contact man between Stacci and Miller when the former called the latter by telephone on June 16, 1933, with reference to plans which resulted in the slayings. He acted as a shield for Miller when Miller fled from Kansas City after the massacre, having received Miller's personal effects for safe keeping after Miller fled. In Mulloy's house, shortly after the massacre, Agents of the Division, assisted by local officers, located and arrested James (Fur) Sammons, mentioned below.

Mrs. Frances Nash, alias Mrs. Frances Miller, alias Mrs. Frances Harrison, alias Mrs. George W. Miller, alias Frances Mikulich Miller. Mrs. Nash was located by Division Agents at Wenona, Illinois, on July 10, 1933. She voluntarily accompanied the Agents to Kansas City, Missouri, where she was placed under arrest under a Federal warrant on July 11, 1933. She furnished bond of \$2,500.00 at Kansas City on August 2, 1933. Mrs. Nash waived immunity and testified before the United States Grand Jury in this case. She has been promised by the United States Attorney of Kansas City that she will not be prosecuted in this case, provided that in his opinion she furnishes truthful and helpful testimony in the trial of other defendants in this case. Mrs. Nash, with Galatas, secured the aid of Stacci and the Farmers, mentioned below, and through them the aid of Miller which culminated in the assassinations at the Union Station Plaza.

Mrs. E. B. Conner, alias Mrs. Louise Conner, alias Lou Conner, alias Mary Conner, alias Geraldine Lewis. Mrs. Conner was apprehended by Division Agents and local officers at Memphis, Tennessee, on November 13, 1933. She was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where she furnished bond of \$2,500.00 on December 12, 1933. Mrs. Conner at the instance of Galatas allowed the use of her telephone at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the purpose of forming the plans which resulted in the murders at the Union Station.

Herbert Allen Farmer, alias Herb Farmer, alias Herbert Black, alias H. A. Patton, alias W. H. Williams, alias W. H. Barker, alias Harry J. Garner, alias Harry Allen Farmer, alias William Hillary Baker, alias Deafy. Farmer voluntarily surrendered to local officers at Joplin, Missouri, on July 9, 1933, after intensive investigation had been inaugurated by Division Agents. Farmer was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he furnished bond of \$1,500.00 on September 25, 1933. Farmer aided in the conspiracy by allowing Galatas and Mrs. Nash to use his home and telephone at Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of communicating with Miller at Kansas City and formulating plans which culminated in the massacre.

Mrs. Esther Farmer. Mrs. Farmer was arrested at Joplin, Missouri, on July 9, 1933, by Division Agents, accompanied by local officers and a Deputy United States Marshal. She was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where she furnished bond of \$1,500.00 on September 25, 1933. Mrs. Farmer assisted in the conspiracy by lending aid to Galatas and Mrs. Nash at her home in Joplin, Missouri, on June 16, 1933, at the time the telephone calls were placed to Miller at Kansas City, Missouri.

Additional Subjects of Identification Orders

The persons listed below were made Subjects of Division identification orders issued June 22, 1933, for the purpose of bringing into custody all persons who may have been involved in the Union Station Plaza massacre. It will be noted, however, that no Federal indictments have been returned against any of these individuals.

Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Frank Mitchell, alias Pretty Boy Smith, Fugitive, I.O. #1194. In order to protect Federal officials in effecting the apprehension of Floyd and in order to lay a basis for prosecution of persons who might harbor Floyd, a Commissioner's complaint was issued at Kansas City, Missouri, on February 8, 1934, charging Floyd with participation in this case. A non est return has been made on the warrant by the United States Marshal. Floyd has been identified as having been at the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of the massacre. It is definitely known that Floyd was in Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of June 16, 1933. Floyd is wanted as an escapee by the Ohio State Prison authorities where he was sentenced to serve a term of from twelve to fifteen years for bank robbery. He is reputed to be wanted for several bank robberies in the State of Oklahoma. (Note: Information not to be given to local peace officers, Floyd is wanted for participation in the murder of Sheriff Wilson and Missouri State Highway Patrol Officer Booth at Columbia, Missouri, on June 15, 1933.) Floyd is one of the most notorious killers and bandits at large in the United States today.

Bernard Phillips, alias B. A. Courtney, I.O. #1196. Phillips was a known friend of Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller and Harvey J. Bailey, and apparently engaged in criminal activities with them and their friends. He has not been definitely identified in this case, but several witnesses described a man similar to him in appearance as an actual participant in the massacre. No process of arrest has been issued for him in connection with this case, however, he is wanted for bank robberies at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Crown Point, Indiana. Reports from underworld sources indicate that Phillips was murdered by other gangsters near St. Paul, Minnesota, during July, 1933, but the Division has been unable to verify such information. Efforts are being made by the Division to effect the apprehension of Phillips.

James Clark, alias Jim Clark alias Jack Martin, former subject I.O. #1192. Clark was apprehended at Tucumcari, New Mexico, by local officers on October 6, 1933, and returned to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, from which place he was an escape and where he had been serving a life sentence. Clark again escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary on January 19, 1934, and is now at large. Clark was originally wanted for questioning in view of his former associations with Bailey, Underhill and Brady with whom he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary on Memorial Day, 1933. Clark was viewed by the various witnesses in this case and not identified. No concerted effort is being made by the Division to bring about his apprehension at the present time in connection with this case. I.O. #1192 has not been reinstated.

Ed Davis, alias W. E. Davis, alias Keith Stone, alias Sebron Edward Davis, alias George Allen, alias George Keith Allen, I.O. #1193. Davis escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on Memorial Day, 1933, with Harvey J. Bailey, Wilber Underhill, Robert Brady, James Clark and others. It will be noted that this escape was less than three weeks before the massacre took place. He is the only one of the original members of the Memorial Day break who has not been brought into custody although Clark has again escaped. He was serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary and was already an escape from a life sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Davis is known as a vicious killer and bank robber. He has not been identified as an actual participant in the massacre. No process of arrest is outstanding for him in connection with this case although he is wanted for questioning.

Suspects not Definitely Identified

James (Fur) Sammons, alias John Nolan, alias John O'Hara. Sammons was arrested by Division Agents and local officers at Kansas City, Missouri,

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on July 7, 1933, at the home of Mulloy for the purpose of investigation. It appears that Sammons originally came to Kansas City, Missouri, to protect the life of Mulloy when he was threatened by other gangsters. He is known to be a close friend of Mulloy, Miller and other hardened criminals. He is known as a notorious killer, gunman and racketeer of the Al Capone gang. He is at present serving a life sentence in the Indiana State Penitentiary as an habitual criminal. Warrants for his arrest also exist in Chicago, Illinois, and Baltimore, Maryland. No positive identifications have been made of Sammons although tentative photograph identifications and descriptions indicate the possibility that he was an actual participant in the massacre.

William Weisman, alias Bill Weiss. Weisman has been prominently mentioned in underworld circles and in newspaper publicity given out by police authorities as a possible participant in the massacre as an actual assassin. Weisman is known to have frequently resided with Miller at Kansas City and to have been with him shortly before the massacre. He is wanted for murder of a United States Prohibition Agent at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on September 19, 1930. He is a hardened criminal. The question of his possible participation in the massacre is being given continued consideration.

Alvin Karpis, alias George Dunn, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias Raymond Hadley, alias George Haller. About a week before the massacre at Kansas City Frank Nash appears to have visited with Karpis and the Barkers, mentioned below, at a house in St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis is known to have been a close associate of Frank Nash, Miller and their friends of the underworld. He is a ruthless killer and a member of the Nash-Bailey gang. He is wanted for participation with Fred Barker in the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931. Information received from the underworld indicates the possible participation of Karpis, the Barkers, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis in the Union Station massacre. Investigation is being carried forward with a view to securing evidence along these lines.

Fred Barker, alias Ted Murphy, alias F. G. Ward. Fred Barker has tentatively been identified by photograph as having lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of June, 1933, at which place Frank Nash visited about a week before the massacre. Fred Barker is a member of the Nash-Bailey gang of killers and bank robbers and is a known friend of Vernon Miller. Information from the underworld indicates his possible participation in the massacre. Investigation is being conducted along those lines. He is wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931.

Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, alias Claude Dale, alias Bob Barker. Arthur R. Barker is a brother of Fred Barker and member of the Nash-Bailey gang, running mate of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, brutal killers, who are wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931. Frank Nash apparently visited with him in St. Paul, Minnesota, about one week before the massacre. Underworld information indicates that Arthur Barker may have been a participant in the massacre. Investigation along those lines is being continued.

Harry Campbell. Close associate of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and other notorious outlaws and known as a member of the Nash-Bailey gang. Wanted for highway robberies at Independence, Kansas; Casper, Wyoming; Hutchinson, Kansas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma. Underworld information indicates that he may have been an actual participant in the massacre. Investigation being continued along those lines.

Volney Davis. Ex-convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, friend of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and other notorious criminals. Records indicate that he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on January 3, 1923, where he is wanted for the completion of his sentence for robbery. Investigation being conducted to determine whether he may have been an actual participant in the massacre with Karpis, the Barkers and others.

Defendants for Harboring Massacre Fugitives

Vivian Mathis, alias Vivian Matthews, alias Vivian Allen, alias Vivian Gibson, alias Mrs. C. T. Hayes, alias Mrs. C. T. Hays, alias Clara Hayes. Paramour of Vernon C. Miller. No process has been issued against her as a conspirator in the massacre case. Although no identifications have been made, information received by the Division indicates the possibility that she may have been with Miller and Sammons at the Union Station in Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933, shortly before the massacre took place. Shortly after the escape of Vernon C. Miller at Chicago, Illinois, Vivian Mathis was arrested by Division Agents and local officers at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933. She was indicted for harboring and concealing Miller by the United States Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1933, entered a plea of guilty and on November 29, 1933, at Chicago received a sentence of one year and one day in the Federal Prison for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Mrs. Bobbie Moore, alias Mrs. Bobbie Williams, alias Mrs. Bobbie Harris. Arrested at Chicago, Illinois, by Division Agents and local officers on November 1, 1933, after she had driven Miller in her automobile and aided in effecting his escape. She was indicted at Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1933, for having harbored and concealed Miller. On November 29, 1933, she entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence of one year and one day in the Federal Prison for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Albert Silvers, alias Silverman. A Commissioner's warrant was issued at New York City, New York, on November 6, 1933, charging Silvers with having concealed and harbored Vernon C. Miller, it having been discovered that he had purchased a Ford automobile for Miller in New York shortly before the latter was located in Chicago on November 1, 1933. Silvers' corpse was found near Somers, Connecticut, on November 20, 1933, entirely nude, badly mutilated, stabbed and thrown there after death. He apparently met death at the hands of other gangsters. The circumstances surrounding his murder and the condition of his body bore a remarkable similarity to those surrounding the death of Miller.

Dr. Irwin R. Silvers. Arrested by Division Agents and members of the United States Marshal's office at Orange, New Jersey, on November 15, 1933, on a Commissioner's warrant charging him with having concealed and harbored Vernon C. Miller. He was found to have procured false credentials and optical supplies which Miller used as a ruse to avoid capture. Silvers has been released on a bond of \$10,000.00. The files of the Kansas City office do not reflect further prosecutive action.

Abraham Chait. Arrested by Agents of this Division and members of the United States Marshal's office at New York City, New York, on a Commissioner's warrant on November 6, 1933. Chait was charged with concealing and harboring Miller. Investigation revealed that Chait prompted Herman Borenstein, who procured an automobile operator's license for Vernon C. Miller at New York City shortly before Miller was located at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933. Chait was released on \$10,000.00 bond. Records of the Kansas City office do not reflect additional information from the New York City office regarding the prosecution of Chait.

Herman Borenstein. The facts with regard to Borenstein are identical with those of Chait as set forth above with the exception of the fact that Borenstein is of similar description to Vernon C. Miller and, accordingly, was the person who personally secured for Miller an operator's license.

Thomas L. Manion. Manion was Deputy Sheriff and Jailer at the Dallas,

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Texas, County Jail, at the time that Bailey made his escape on September 4, 1933, where he was held under charges of having kidnaped Charles F. Urschel, it being noted that removal papers had been forwarded to Dallas also for removal on the instant case. Manion was charged with aiding Bailey in the escape. The evidence reflected that Manion had furnished Bailey with a gun and saws which Manion had received from Grover C. Bevill, mentioned below. Manion was indicted at Dallas, Texas, on September 25, 1933, and upon trial in the United States District Court at Dallas, Texas, was convicted on October 5, 1933. He was sentenced to serve a term of two years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and given a fine of \$10,000.00.

Grover C. Bevill. In connection with the escape of Harvey J. Bailey at Dallas, Texas, on September 4, 1933, Bevill was indicted at Dallas, Texas, on September 25, 1933, charged with aiding in the escape. The specific evidence against him was that he had furnished Thomas Manion, mentioned above, with guns and saws to aid in the escape. Bevill entered plea of guilty on October 5, 1933, and was sentenced to serve fourteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

George Washington Nash. Complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 15, 1933, charging that George Washington Nash concealed and harbored Wilber Underhill at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 14, 1933. Nash was arrested by an Agent of this Division, aided by State officers, on December 15, 1933. At a hearing before the United States Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 20, 1933, Nash was held for the Grand Jury under a \$10,000.00 bond. Further details regarding this prosecution are lacking in the Kansas City office.

Huston G. Nash. The facts regarding Huston G. Nash are identical with those of George Washington Nash, shown above, with the exception that Huston G. Nash was arrested on December 24, 1933, and the hearing was on December 26, 1933. This being, of course, in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

Bruce Merrill Brady. The facts regarding Brady are identical with those set forth above regarding George Washington Nash. This, of course, is in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

Jake Reddner. Reddner, a junk dealer of Konowa, Oklahoma, appears to have assisted in the concealing and harboring of Wilber Underhill. Detailed information has never been furnished by the Oklahoma City office.

Hazel Hudson Underhill. Mrs. Underhill was charged in the Commissioner's complaint and warrant issued at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with having harbored Wilber Underhill at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, at the time that he was apprehended after having been wounded by Division Agents and local authorities. She was released on a \$10,000.00 bond. Further records of the progress of this prosecution are not at present available to the Kansas City office.

Eva Mae Nichols. On December 30, 1933, the Nichols woman was in a house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, at the time the residence was raided by Division Agents and local authorities. Underhill resisted arrest and it became necessary to use firearms. Mrs. Nichols died as a result of gun fire in the exchange of shots between Underhill and the officers. She was a close friend of Underhill and had been on a party with him and his wife on the night he was captured.

Ralph Roe, alias Raymond Roe. An ex-convict and desperate criminal, friend and cohort of the deceased Underhill, was found in the residence in Shawnee, Oklahoma, which on December 30, 1933, was raided by Division Agents and local authorities for the purpose of capturing Underhill. In the exchange of shots between officers and Underhill, when the latter attempted to escape, Roe was shot and seriously wounded. He was later turned over to Oklahoma City authorities where he is being held pending trial on charges of bank robbery. Records of this office do not contain information regarding prosecution for harboring Wilber Underhill.

Lon Johnson. Lon Johnson was arrested December 30, 1933, after the capture of Wilber Underhill at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on that date. He was charged in a Commissioner's complaint with having harbored and concealed Underhill. He, with "Sleepy" Johnson, had harbored and concealed Wilber Underhill at a point near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in a residence a short time before the actual capture of Underhill occurred.

"Sleepy" Johnson. The facts regarding "Sleepy" Johnson are identical with those set forth under the name Lon Johnson, this in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

It is respectfully requested that each field office which has instituted prosecution for the harboring of any of the fugitives in this case carefully peruse this letter and furnish this office and the Division with any additional facts regarding the above or any facts which may be at variance with the above,

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in order that the Division and the office of origin may have the full benefit of all information at hand.

It is further respectfully suggested that each Agent in Charge of a field office and each number one man carefully peruse this letter in order that they may become fairly conversant with the identity of the individuals who have been mentioned prominently in connection with the investigation of this case.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. E. Conroy". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201;			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

**ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases (Deceased);
HARVEY J. RALLEY, with aliases; ED DAVIS, with
aliases; I.O. #1193; et al.**

Mrs. Ruby Purser, Ft. Worth, Texas, states Ed Davis is her uncle; has not heard from him since his escape from Lansing Penitentiary. Davis alleged to have been in West Texas between the 1st & 10th of January, 1934. Jack Allred, nephew of Ed Davis, now in Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents W. E. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-5-34; and C. B. Sinstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 2-11-34.

DETAILS:

Special Agent F. S. Dann interviewed Mrs. Ruby Purser, nee May Holcomb, who resides at 408 W. 10th Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, and is employed as a waitress at the Coffee Shop, Texas Hotel. She stated that Ed Davis is her uncle and while he was confined in the Lansing Penitentiary she corresponded with him but since his escape she has neither seen nor heard from him. Referring to the list of names taken from the correspondence record at the penitentiary, she stated that J. W. Davis, Minnetonka, Oklahoma, is Davis' brother. Bernard or Fred Allred, Quail, Texas, is his cousin; that Mrs. Ruby Purser (?) of Chickasha, Okla., is meant for her and that the name is spelled wrong; that she believes if Davis contacts any of his relatives it will be Mrs. Maude Long, his sister, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

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Mrs. Purser further stated that about three weeks ago, H. W. Rhodes, Deputy Sheriff, Ft. Worth, Texas, whom she had known for a long time, had inquired of her relative to Davis, and she had promised to give him any information she could but emphatically stated she had heard nothing; that she received a letter from Mrs. Maude Long which stated she had not heard from Davis since his escape and did not know his whereabouts.

Deputy Sheriff Rhodes stated he was the house man for the Worth Hotel prior to his appointment as Deputy Sheriff, and became acquainted with Ruby Holcomb at that time; that Mr. Nance was the room clerk and often gave him valuable information; that later Nance was transferred to the Texas Hotel as room clerk and about a month ago he informed Rhodes that one of the bell boys, Jesse Purser, with whom he was quite friendly, asked him if it could be arranged to place some currency in one of the safety boxes at the hotel; that in questioning the boy he learned that Ed Davis was in town and he had planned to rob a Plainview, Texas, bank; that upon receipt of this information he went to Ruby Holcomb, who is the wife of Jesse Purser, for the purpose of securing information concerning Davis' whereabouts, and without divulging to her the above information, told her if she would assist him in the apprehension of Davis he would agree that any reward paid to him for Davis' capture would be given to her and her name would not be mentioned.

Mr. Rhodes stated he had not contacted this woman since his interview with her a month ago, but that he would renew his efforts and see what could be developed and communicate with the Dallas Division Office in the next few days.

Special Agent C. B. Winstead contacted J. H. Elder, confidential informant referred to in reference report, at Gladewater, Texas, who stated that a woman whose name he would not divulge, who lives at Gladewater, Texas, and has known Ed Davis for years, as she formerly operated a second hand furniture store at Wink, Crane and Odessa, Texas, whose brother-in-law, committed suicide at Breckenridge, Texas, went to Breckenridge for the funeral, and visited other places in West Texas.

Elder stated that this woman upon her return informed him that she saw Ed Davis three times in Ranger, Texas; twice in Breckenridge and once in Caddo, while on her visit in West Texas, between the first and tenth of January, 1934; that this woman stated Ed now has his hair dyed coal black and is wearing a rather long moustache, black; that he does not appear to fear detection as she saw him in a cafe in Breckenridge; that he was in company with another man each time she saw him, but he did not ask her what the other man's description is.

Elder also stated that Cliff Hale, brother of Loma Davis, Ed's wife, is the man who informed the officers when Davis was arrested at Overton or Arp, several years ago, and that he was wrong about the Hale address in Oklahoma City, when he talked with Agent Winstead last; that the correct address of Cliff Hale is Route 8, Box G-340, Oklahoma City.

Elder further advised that his wife had written to her relatives, the Hale family at Oklahoma City to ascertain Loma's address, but had received no reply as yet.

Elder stated that recently a woman who lives in Breckenridge, Texas, came to Gladewater to visit the woman he first referred to, and this last lady stated she had seen Ed Davis.

Special Agent D. L. McCormack interviewed J. B. Parker, Postmaster at Quail, Texas, and he stated that Fred Allred lives about five miles out from Quail and is a nephew of Mollie Davis Allred. B. T. (Tom) Allred married Ed Davis' sister, Mollie. They have two children - Bernard, age 16 and Jack age 25. Fred Allred has two brothers, Sol and Van. Fred killed a man named John R. Daves in 1933, and was acquitted, pleading defense of home. Jack Allred, Ed Davis' nephew is now in Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. He joined Davis' gang and was captured after the gang had killed a sheriff at Marlow, Okla.

The Allred family is a close corporation and would harbor Ed Davis. They release no information. All live near each other on small farms. Mrs. Davis, Ed's mother, visits them often and it is thought probable Ed hides out on the farm at times. He is believed to have been there last Fall but no indications he has been there recently.

Postmaster, Parker agreed to render all cooperation possible and was furnished an I. O. on Davis.

The Sheriff's Office at Memphis, Texas, has been notified, and, although not expected to actively work on it, will be in a position to act if Mr. Parker notifies them Davis is there. Parker has promised to notify this office of any developments. The Allreds were not interviewed since their reputation makes it unlikely a useful purpose could be served.

A letter from Postmaster Parker, Quail, Texas, dated February 2, 1934, in which he stated that no developments had taken place since Agent McCormack was last there, and furnished this office with a map showing the locations of the farms occupied by the Allreds and a list of their names as follows:

B. T. Allred is Jack Allred's uncle
Orb Allred is Jack's cousin
T. B. Allred is Jack's uncle
Tom Allred is Jack's father

Troy Rackley, Deputy Sheriff, Gilmer, Texas, who has furnished Agent Winstead in the past with information indicating he had a good informant on Ed Davis, telephonically advised the Dallas Division Office on February 12, 1934, that his informant had told him where Davis now is located. Rackley desired that an Agent assist him. He stated he was proceeding to Duncan, Oklahoma the next day - February 13 - and would meet an Agent at the best hotel there at 5: PM. He felt confident he knew where to locate Davis.

The Oklahoma City Division Office was immediately communicated with and arrangements made for Agents from that office to meet Deputy Sheriff Rackley in Duncan, Oklahoma.

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Director
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to Division letter of January 31, 1934, and to reply of Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 3, 1934, regarding the concern of the Division in connection with the handling of the entitled case.

There is being transmitted to the Division this date a review of the accomplishments of the Division in connection with this investigation, which was prepared by me with the aid of Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor. I am inclined to believe that this digest will be of material aid to the various Division Offices which have not on file complete data regarding the case. It is also quite possible that it may be of some aid to the Division in directing the investigation of the case in the future. It certainly affords even this office a ready reference to the names and activities of each person prominently mentioned in connection with the investigation.

It will be noted that from a review of the digest referred to above that there is only one person at large who has been indicted, namely - Richard Tallman Galatas. The only other person for whom process has been issued is Charles Arthur Floyd, a Commissioner's Warrant having been secured at the instance of the Oklahoma City Division Office. I am of the impression that investigation leading to the apprehension of Galatas should have emphasis at the present time. Of course, investigation should continue in an effort to bring into custody the other four persons for whom Identification Orders have been issued but who were not indicted. I am holding in mind, however, that the Identification Order has not been reissued against James Clark. In addition to those mentioned it is noted Identification Orders are outstanding against Bernard Phillips and Ed Davis.

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During the past five months the attention of the Kansas City Office has been specifically directed towards the apprehension of various Fugitives in connection with this case. In view of the dangerous character of the individuals involved it appears that the Division has been quite effective along these lines, inasmuch as there is only one Fugitive remaining who is under indictment. Of course, there should be no relaxation whatsoever with regard to investigation to determine the whereabouts of Galatas. However, I am inclined to believe that there may be much mis-directed effort in the event the investigation in the future is directed towards the apprehension of various persons whose names have been mentioned in connection with the case, but against whom we have no specific evidence at the present time. By all means the question of the probability of connecting these persons with the massacre should not be overlooked, but I feel the primary object is the question of evidence.

When the investigation first commenced it is quite apparent that due to the vicious circumstances surrounding the case that the investigation was more or less of a feverish nature. Because of this, and because of the fact that time may have given various witnesses an opportunity to give seasoned thought to their experiences, it appears advisable to make a complete review of the file and reinterview many witnesses. This procedure has already been put into effect. It has resulted in two developments of primary importance. It was found that photographs of latent fingerprints developed from objects in the house occupied by Vernon Miller were never transmitted to the Division to be checked against the single fingerprint file and the fingerprints of various suspects. The negatives of the photographs have recently been transmitted to the Division. They have great potential value.

In addition, it may be noted that while reinterviewing one of the witnesses the names of two eye witnesses to the massacre, who were probably not more than fifty feet from Agent Caffrey's automobile, have been found. Arrangements have already been made to interview them in the very near future. It appears that the file reflected that these two witnesses had been interviewed immediately after the shooting and had given statements of negligible value; that the significance of their potential value as witnesses was never discovered until the file had been reviewed and the other witnesses reinterviewed. Other discoveries of value will probably be made as the review of the file progresses.

For the information of the Division it may be noted that the file on this case, with exhibits, occupies two filing cabinets

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of four drawers each. The names of various persons in connection therewith had been indexed in the beginning, but due to the pressure of other work this index had been suspended about six months ago. Work is now progressing upon the complete indexing of this file in order that proper reference may be made to all reports contained therein.

The number of leads which have been set out for this office and other offices have been extremely numerous. In the past it has been difficult to keep track of these leads. In order to obviate this situation there has been commenced a tickler system in which a detailed account of leads, both in this district and outside, will be kept.

Some time past I called the attention of the Division to the fact that apparently the file of the Kansas City Office on the massacre case is not complete, due to the fact that various Field Offices communicated with the Division without furnishing this office with copies of the correspondence. I consider it imperative in the conduct of future investigation and in the compilation of evidence that the Kansas City file contain copies of all communications and all memoranda contained in every Field Office in the United States. The Division's attention is directed to the fact that the indictment outstanding charges Conspiracy. The association of any of the defendants in any manner whatsoever is competent evidence. It is quite possible that memoranda in various files in Field Offices in the United States contain evidence not now available to the office of prosecution.

In connection with the furnishing of this office with copies of all communications in connection with this case, I believe it would be advisable for other Field Offices that have instituted prosecution against any person for the harboring of any Fugitive in this case should keep this office fully advised in report form, or otherwise, regarding those prosecutions. An inspection of the files of this office reflects that this has not been the procedure in the past.

Recently a communication has been directed from this office to the Division suggesting the possibility of having ⁰Vi Miller placed in the same penitentiary with Kathryn Kelley. Some Agent of the Division, probably Agent Andersen, should interview Kathryn Kelley prior thereto to determine whether she would be in accord with this procedure. A letter from this office the other day omitted a suggestion on the part of Assistant Director Harold Nathan to

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the effect that Bobbie Moore be transferred at the same time that Vi Miller is transferred in order to avoid arousing any suspicion.

Some time past a communication was directed to the St. Paul Office requesting them to interview the 8 year old daughter of Vi Miller, at Brainerd, Minnesota. I consider this angle of utmost importance to the investigation. I believe also that it would be preferable to have Agent Andersen handle that investigation personally, in view of his knowledge of this case. This child was living with Vern and Vi Miller before the massacre, at the time the massacre took place, and subsequent thereto, and no doubt she could give valuable information regarding the associations of Vern and Vi Miller in the event that proper arrangements can be made.

Some time past when I was talking to Louis Ostacci in an effort to secure some information of value from him he casually remarked that Al Capone could probably name, or at least could find out, the actual identity of each of the assassins at the Union Station Plaza. Agent Andersen is now on his way to St. Petersburg, Florida, on special assignment. He will probably be released from there after a short period of time. It is suggested that the Division consider having Agent Andersen stop at Atlanta, Georgia, upon his return from St. Petersburg to interview Capone. He may not be able to secure information of value from that source. However, I do believe that the effort would be worth while.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ADDRESS ALL DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
100 WASHINGTON ST.
HARTFORD, CONN.

IN REPLY REFER TO
CASE NO. L-6554

February 16, 1934.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE: Albert Silverman alias
O Silvers et cetera

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of your favor of the 14th instant relative to the above subject. Since the time our inquiry was made to you we have contacted the department's agents in both Boston and New York and permit me to say that this office thoroughly appreciates the courtesies that were extended to our investigators.

One of the principal objects of the investigation of the murder of Silverman was to ascertain as to whether or not the big time bootleggers of Boston and Providence and, or, the reputed racketeers of New York had any substantial connections in this State.

Our information indicates at the moment that the murder of Silverman did not occur in the State of Connecticut neither can we find that he or any of his important associates had any important business relations with any of the citizens of Connecticut.

The leaving of his dead body in this state is viewed as an infringement upon the dignity of the State although it does not appear that his passing was a loss to society in general or an act that will materially interfere with the general uplift.

It probably has never occurred to you to note that the State of Connecticut has been and is comparatively free of crime committed by organized gangsters and if there is any one thing that we are opposed to it is that of having crooks and racketeers come into our state from other jurisdictions and commit crime.

The co-operation of your department in the matter first above referred to is highly appreciated and you may be sure that we will always be glad to reciprocate in kind.

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Yours very truly,

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COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

FEBRUARY 17, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL MINN.

KANSAS REPORT TRAINER DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS
SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS
THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR
BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED

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

Re: **VERNON G. MILLER (Deceased),**
RICHARD TALLMAN GALETAS, with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1201,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated February 17, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two complete sets of the photographs of the individuals mentioned in your letter, as follows:

Jo Ann Armour
Fred Barker
Harley Britton
George Burrhead Gady
Harry Campbell
Billie Fitch
Alvin Karpis
George Kelly
Joe Howard

Charlie Johnson
Jewel Johnson
Bertha Slayman
Guy Thompson
George F. Turner
Louis A. Webb
Earl Whinnery
Terry Whinnery
Glen Ray Wright.

Also enclosed herewith are copies of photographs of Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis obtained from the files of the Identification Unit.

A copy of this letter with two complete sets of the photographs is also being forwarded to the offices designated below.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 691771
cc St. Paul
Oklahoma City
Chicago.

U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith two copies of memorandum, dated February 15, 1934, by Special Agent A. E. Farland, in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. The data contained in the memorandum may be of assistance also in the Bremer kidnaping case. One copy of the memorandum in question is also furnished to each of the following offices, with a copy of this letter:

St. Paul, Minnesota
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Chicago, Illinois

There are transmitted to the Division photographs of the following individuals mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Farland:

Jo Ann Armour
Fred Barker
Harley Bratton
George Burrhead Cady
Harry Campbell
Billie Fitch
Alvin Karpis
George Kelley
Joe Howard
Charlie Johnson
Jurel Johnson
Dorothy Slayman
Gug Thompson
George F. Turner
Louis B. Webb
Earl Whinnery
Terry Whinnery
Glen Roy Wright

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It is requested that these photographs be used by the Division for the making of additional copies, two each of which should be furnished to the offices receiving copies of this letter and to the Kansas City office.

The Division has on file more recent photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur R. Barker than those secured by Agent Farland and recently copies of photographs of these two individuals were made by the Division in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al. It is suggested that the photographs now on file in the Division be used for making further copies of these.

Very truly yours,



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

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cc - St. Paul
Oklahoma City
Chicago

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Kansas City, Missouri
February 15, 1934.

Memorandum:

IN RE: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Kansas City File 62-760-

On February 9, 1934, this Agent, acting under instructions, left Kansas City, Missouri, for Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of making a contact with Detective Earl P. Gardner of the Tulsa Police Department on information furnished by Deputy Sheriff Tobler, of Coffeyville, Kansas, who was reported to have information in his possession as to where Karpis, Fred and Doc Barker could be located. Special Agents Hollis and Sorola, of the Oklahoma City Office, were present. On February 10, 1934, a contact was made with Detective Gardner, Captain George W. Stewart, Detective J. E. Porter and Special Agent George E. Carver, of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit in Agent's room at the Mayo Hotel, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Captain George Stewart stated that his department was known as the D.C.I. Department of the Tulsa Police Department.

Captain Stewart stated that Joe Howard, their number 7916, an ex-convict, was now wanted at Okmulgee County, Oklahoma for bond jumping; that he had been in on a jewelry store robbery with ex-convicts Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Sam Coker; that Coker had been apprehended and now serving a 35 year sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. A photograph containing the description and fingerprint classification of Joe Howard is attached to this memorandum. POSTED 2/16/34

Captain Stewart further stated that one Burrhead Gady, alias George Keady, alias G. C. Campbell, Tulsa Police Number 2923 was the go-between in this jewelry robbery case. That after this robbery he went to Chicago where he made a contact with Karpis' mother and got \$6000.00 in jewelry which had been stolen from the Black Jewelry Company, at Henrietta, Oklahoma; that on account of the jewelry being returned Karpis received a suspended sentence of three years at Okmulgee on this charge. That Howard is reported to have a partner named George Brock (believed to be a cripple) reported to be residing in Kansas City, Missouri or St. Joseph, Missouri; that Howard has further connections at Lees Summit, Missouri, where relatives of Brock reside; that Howard is also a friend of Tom Hill, who lives at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, just over the Kansas State line. POSTED 2/16/34

Glenn LeRoy Wright, ex-convict, Oklahoma State Penitentiary

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registration number 17878, Tulsa Police Department Number 1992, now wanted for murder and bank robbery, was shot at Silcoam Springs some time ago where he was accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed at the time of the fight with officers, Wright having been shot in the hand; that he is a personal friend of Karpis and Fred and Doc Barker; that he is tubercular and has false teeth - two sets; one of them has gold inlays in the upper plate and the other plain; has his hair dyed red at this time and is now believed to be with the Barkers and Karpis. Wright has two brothers - Harold (Pat) Wright, who is employed by the World Publishing Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lewis Wright, an ex-taxi driver who has served a jail sentence in Springfield, Missouri and now lives at 722 North Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma; that both brothers are owners of an old Studebaker Sedan, 1928 model, which they use to make contacts with Glenn. He has a sister, Mrs. L. Ferguson, 1336 1/2 North Elwood Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they reside in a two story red frame house garage apartment - they live upstairs. Photograph of Wright containing description and fingerprint classification attached to this memorandum.

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Terry Whinnery, Tulsa Police Department #2546, burglar, hijacker and expert automobile driver, who is used by Barker and Karpis and their gang when they pull a job which necessitates the use of a car. He is well acquainted with the operations of this gang and knows all connected with it.

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Earl Whinnery, Tulsa Police Department Number 1083, friend of the Barkers, Campbell and Karpis, known as a "punk", aspires to be a "big shot" and will be with them as needed to pull a job. Photographs containing descriptions and fingerprint classifications of Earl and Terry Whinnery are attached to this memorandum.

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Dorothy Slayman, alias Saymon, wife of Alvin Karpis, Tulsa Police Department number 8012, now living in Chicago, Illinois, employed by some cosmetic manufacturing company, address unknown. Father and mother reside at Kiefer, Oklahoma. Was arrested at Oklahoma City at 802 North Cheyenne Street and had a large amount of jewelry in her possession which was stolen from a jewelry store at Henrietta, Oklahoma. This is the case where Burrhead Cady went to Chicago, Illinois, where he made a contact with Karpis' mother and returned the jewelry. Captain Stewart stated that if Dorothy was taken into custody she might be able to furnish some very valuable information relative to the present whereabouts of this gang.

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The records at the Tulsa Police Department reflect the following as to the relatives of Alvin Karpis: Father - John Karpis, 1441 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; Mother - Anna Karpis, same address;

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Mrs. A. E. Grooms, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, sister. } POSTED
Mrs. P. E. Newbowl, 1141 North Francisco Street, Chicago; Mrs. R. B. } 2/23/36
Venude, Chicago. } R.F.

Photograph of Dorothy Slayman, with aliases, containing description and fingerprint classification is attached. } POSTED
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Jewell Johnson, Tulsa Police Department number 5842, widow of Gene Johnson, who was killed at Siloam Springs, while with Glenn Wright, knows Karpis, the Barkers and others connected with their gang. She has been hanging around a place at 1433 East Admiral Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her people live at 144 North Union Street, Tulsa. She was shot the same time her husband was killed at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and is reported to be a pretty tough character. Photograph containing her description and fingerprint classification is attached. } POSTED
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Guy Thompson, Tulsa Police Department No. 8351, known as a bootlegger and harbinger of crooks, has been dealing with this gang, Barkers, Karpis, Glenn Wright and others, for years; has served a jail sentence and would not hesitate to help them in any way by furnishing them money or a hideout. His photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached hereto. His father, J. C. Thompson and brother, B. C. Thompson, now reside at Kiefer, Oklahoma. } POSTED
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Harley Bratten, Tulsa Police number 3658, ex-convict, car thief, burglar and hi-jacker, is well known to Karpis, the Barkers, Volney Davis, Wright and Campbell. He has a brother, Andy Bratten, a Justice of the Peace, who lives at 4440 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, reported to be very smart and also to be a contact for all the crooks. Bratten could tell a great deal if he cared to. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached hereto. } POSTED
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Louis B. Webb, Tulsa Police Department 7378, burglar and harbinger of crooks, is very well acquainted with the Barkers, Karpis and others, and they usually stop at his house; that his house has been raided by the police a number of times; that he is often known as a "fence"; that he made a trip to Casper, Wyoming, and took possession of some stolen property which had been stolen there by ex-convict Harry Campbell now wanted for murder. He is known as a "tough egg", and will hide anyone connected with this gang. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached hereto. } POSTED
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Mrs. Frederick Barker, alias JoAnn Armour, alias Jo Ann Scott, Tulsa Police Department Number 8010, is the wife of Freddie Barker, now reported to be living with her mother, Earnestine Akins, Tulsa Police Department #8011, at Commerce, Oklahoma. Jo Ann has a boy about ten years old, has a hair lip. Captain Stewart states that Jo Ann is a stenographer and is a good one and that Freddie } POSTED
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Barker would be in constant touch with her. That she is known to have furnished Freddie with money at the time he escaped from the Claremore, Oklahoma jail; that she comes to Tulsa, Oklahoma occasionally. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification of Mrs. Freddie Barker and Mrs. Earnestine Akins, her mother, who is known as a harbinger of criminals, are attached to this memorandum.

George Keady, alias Burrhead, alias G. C. Campbell, Tulsa Police Department #3923, is an ex-convict having served time at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, is known as a "front" man, bank robber and contact man. Very tough. Friend of the Barkers and Karpis, resides at 230 East Tyler Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma; has a girl friend in Tulsa whose name is not known. Keady would hide these men, feed them or give them money in the event they needed it. His photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached to this memorandum.

George V. Turner, Tulsa Police Department #4924, former partner of George Kelley, now serving a life sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for kidnaping in the Urschel case, known to be "very tough", is well acquainted with the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell, Wright, etc., and is now out on appeal from a state case; was recently indicted for violation of the Indian Laws and is known to furnish information if by doing so it will help him. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached hereto.

Billie Fitch, Tulsa Police Department, 3896, sweetheart of ex-convict Harry Campbell, known to be "very tough" has tattoo on her left forearm "Harry". Has a sister now wanted for murder at Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is an ex-convict, having served time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. Could furnish valuable information if she was so inclined. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached to this memorandum.

Charley Johnson, now serving a sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, a bank robber, has a daughter named Goldie Johnson, either the wife or sweetheart of Jim Clark, Bank robber who recently escaped from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas while serving a life sentence. Goldie is now reported to be with Jim Clark; that at the time Clark had been apprehended by the Sheriff's Department at Tucuman, New Mexico, he was the owner of a Plymouth Coupe and when he and Brady were taken to the penitentiary at Lansing, Goldie Johnson took possession of this coupe and same was stored at Helogany, Oklahoma at her home and until Clark recently escaped again. Clark came to Helogany, took possession of his car and Goldie also disappeared at the same time and has not been seen since. Photograph of Charley Johnson, number 54, obtained at the Sheriff's Office

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is attached to this memorandum. Further information, if possible, will be obtained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, regarding Johnson.

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George E. Carver, Special Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, now located at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was present when Captain Stewart and Detective Gardner gave Agent the above information, and Carver stated that he had a case against ex-convict Harley Bratten and one Homer Good, constables at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and both were indicted recently on a charge of accepting bribes and concealing information, which is a felony; that he believed both these parties had some very valuable information relative to Karpis and the Barkers and that gang; that they even know where Barker and Karpis are now located, or they could easily find out, and that Captain Stewart, Gardner and Carver believed a trade could be made with these two men and have them turn up Karpis and Barker. Carver believed that Karpis and Barker were now hiding out at Tom Hill's place at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, but had nothing to substantiate this belief.

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Carver also stated that he believed George Turner, #4924, could furnish some valuable information if same was wanted.

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Captain Stewart furnished Agent with photographs containing descriptions and fingerprint classifications of the following persons:

✓ Harry Campbell, alias Dave Campbell, Tulsa Police Department Number 1846.

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✓ Fred Barker, Tulsa Police Department #3204; (Captain Stewart states this is a very good likeness of Fred Barker).

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✓ Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller, Tulsa Police Department number 8908;

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✓ Volney Davis, Tulsa Police Department #1025. This is an early photo.

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✓ Arthur Barker, alias Doc, Tulsa Police Department #841; Oklahoma State Penitentiary registration #11906.

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✓ George Kelley, alias "Machine Gun" Kelley, Tulsa Police Department #5298, now serving a life sentence in the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in the Urachel Kidnaping matter.

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Respectfully submitted:

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A. E. FARLAND, SPECIAL AGENT



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Department of Police
City of Tulsa

No. 3204✓

Name Fred Barker Alias _____

Crime Specialty Bank Robbery

Date 2-10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'-5"

Wgt. 135 Build Slender Eyes Blue

Hair Chestnut Corp. F. Local F.P.C. B9-W-I-19
20-W-0-21

Marks & Scars Prominent gold teeth
62-27715-1248

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Department of Police
City of Tulsa

No. 8351✓

Name Geg Thompson Alias _____

Crime Specialty Harboring

Date Feb 10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 6'-1 1/4"

Wgt. 156 Build Slender Eyes Blue

Hair Dark Brown Comp. Medium F.P.C. 1-0-110-11

Marks & Scars Father J. E. Thompson 1-0-110-12

Keifer Okla - B.C. Thompson - Brother
62-27715-1248



Name Bellie Hutch Department of Police City of Tulsa
 Alias Billie Malougo
 Crime Specialty Burglary
 Date 2-10-34 Age 20 Hgt. 5'-4 1/2"
 Wgt. 120 Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Dark Auburn Comp. Fair F.P.C. 1-0-III-4
1-R-III-4
 Marks & Scars
Scars from Harry Campbell
Ex Unit from Oklahoma State Pen
62-28915-1247

Name Gene Johnson Department of Police City of Tulsa No. 5842 ✓
 Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date 2-10-34 Age 28 Hgt. 5'-7"
 Wgt. 125 Build Slender Eyes Light Brown
 Hair Dark Brown Comp. Sallow F.P.C. 1-R-010-6
1-0-110-12
 Marks & Scars
Wife of Gene Johnson Killed in Arkansas
62-28915-1247

4462
 Name Dorothy Layman Department of Police City of Tulsa No. 8012 ✓
 Alias Layman - Karpis
 Crime Specialty Wife of Alvin Karpis
 Date 2-10-34 Age 25 Hgt. 5'-7 1/2"
 Wgt. 145 Build Heavy Eyes Blue
 Hair Red Comp. Fair F.P.C. 17-W-0-17
1-R-1016
 Marks & Scars
Mother lives at Kiefer Okla
address Chicago Illinois
62-28915-1247



Department of Police No. SR98✓
 City of Tulsa
 Name Leo Kelley Alias Machine Gun
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 35 Hgt. 5'-10"
 Wt. 170 Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Chestnut Comp. Fair F.P.C. 27-W-0-
7-W-OI-13
 Scars _____
Serving life Federal Pen Leavenworth
Unsubl Kidnapping
62-28715-1247

Department of Police No. 1083✓
 City of Tulsa
 Name Earl Whinnery Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date R-10-34 Age 32 Hgt. 5'-3"
 Wt. 135 Build Chunky Eyes Blue
 Hair Blond Comp. Medium F.P.C. 14-U-OI-
22-U-II-
 Scars _____
62-28715-1247

Department of Police No. 7916
 City of Tulsa
 Name Joe Howard Alias Earl Love
 Specialty Robbery
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 42 Hgt. 5'-8 1/2"
 Wt. 186 Build Slender Eyes Dark Blue
 Hair Brown Red Comp. Sallow F.P.C. 3-R-OI-16
 Scars Father Earl Howard
Cal- Mid West Hotel N.C. Mo
62-28715-1248



for Name Glen Ray Wright 3-25-37
 Rec'd. C.A. STATE PEN.
 from Tulsa
 Term 10yrs. (Ten-years)
 Crime Robbery
 Disposition C.D. 3-22-32
35 years old
 Previous Terms OSP # 11447
 DECOMPOSITION: Color White
 Age 28 (1927) Nativity ARK.
 Hair blue Eyes dark brown
 Complexion med Build slender
 Weight 5-8 1/2 Height 129
 Marital Status Irreg. Occupation Plumber
 Residence Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Marks & Scars Allen (Hk) Martin
 F.P.C. 1-0-00-9
3-W-0-

50596
 Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 Name Harley Bratten Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'-8 1/4"
 Wgt. 200 Build Sturdy Eyes _____
 Hair Dark Comp. _____ F.P.C. 1-R-II 14
1-R-IO
 Marks & Scars _____
Under indictment in Federal Court
62-28915-1248

for Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 Name Larry Whinnery Alias _____
 Crime Specialty Burglary
 Date 2-10-34 Age 31 Hgt. 5'-8"
 Wgt. 150 Build Slender Eyes Gray Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. Medium F.P.C. 32-M-22
18-U-I-
 Marks & Scars _____
Generally drives car
62-28915-1248



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BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
SERIES OFFICE 57 TULSA, OKLA.

Date Apr 17 1937 F.P.C. 17 W I 15
 Name Charlie Johnson 17 U 0 19
 Age 50 Ht 5'6" Wt 149 C: W 3
 Hair Dark Eyes Grey Build Med.
 Complexion Med.
 Marital Married

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Department of Police No. 8008V
 City of Tulsa

Name Alvin Karpis Alias Geo. Hallen
 Crime Specialty Robbery
 Date 6-10-31 Age 22 Pct. 5 10
 Ht. 130 Build Slender Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. med F.P.C. 1 R 5
U 8
 Scars & Scars

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Department of Police No. 8010
 City of Tulsa

Name Joan Aronow Alias Joan Scott
 Crime Specialty Associate of Fred Barker
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 29 Hgt. 5'-6"
 Wt. 115# Build Medium Eyes Brown
 Hair Red Comp. Fair F.P.C. 25-W-7
R-AT-13
 Scars & Scars

Ernestine Atkins mother Miami Okla
Has Boy about 10 yrs hair left, with her at
62-27915-1247



Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. 1846
 Name Harry Campbell Alias Dave Campbell
 Crime Specialty Robbery
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'-5"
 Wgt. 140# Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. Medium F.P.C. 30-W-0-
 Marks & Scars Scar left eye - other 24-W-I-
818 So Rockford - sister Edith Majors
62-28115-1247

Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. (3963)
 Name Burrhead Cady Alias G.C. Campbell
 Crime Specialty Geo Kady
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 48 Hgt. 5'-10"
 Wgt. 175 Build Medium Eyes Green
 Hair Chestnut Comp. Medium F.P.C. 1-AAAC-13
 Marks & Scars Go between 1-AA2A
Ex convict Bootlegger
62-29915-1248

Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. 7378
 Name Louis B. Webb Alias no
 Crime Specialty Harboring
 Date Feb 10-34 Age 32 Hgt. 5'-10 1/2"
 Wgt. 143 Build Slender Eyes Light Brown
 Hair Brown thin Comp. Medium F.P.C. 3R-W-IIM
3R-W-MII
 Marks & Scars Webb will hide anyone
come out with this gang
62-29915-1247



VOLNEY DAVIS K4214



6-3-4
No. 4984
Department of Police
City of Tulsa
Name Geo. L. Turner Alias _____
Crime Specialty Bootlegger - Hijacker
Date 6-10-34 Age 38 Hgt. 6'-1 1/2"
Wgt. 185 Build Muscular Eyes Blue
Hair Dark Brown Comp. Dark P.P.C. 31-IM-R1
28-OM-20
Marks & Scars _____
Now under indictment Eastern
District - Okla. Partner of Geo. Kelley