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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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

June 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1217, et al.
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, MRS. BESSIE SKINNER alias MRS. BESSIE GREEN, with aliases, accompanied by Mr. Newby, Special Agent McIntire, and the writer, pointed out an apartment house located at 217-221 Kedzie Street in Chicago, where she stated that she and EDDIE GREEN lived together in an apartment on the second floor front in the spring of 1933. In this same building, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, and KATE BARKER lived during the winter of 1932 and she knew that they were there in December, 1932. At that particular time, one of the stores in front of this apartment building, was occupied by a tailor on the 217 Kedzie Street side and the tailor rented these apartments. She stated that the tailor was known as a "right guy" and she advised that DOC SYECCHI of Chicago, directed EDDIE GREEN and herself to this building and she believed he had directed others to the same address.

MRS. GREEN, subsequently, pointed out the establishment of the Bates Motor Company, dealers in Hudson and Essex automobiles, located at 4600 Washington Boulevard. It was at this place, she stated, that she and EDDIE GREEN bought their Terraplane automobile and she understands that a good many of the gangsters in the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS mob get their cars from this establishment as well as from JOE BERGL, a dealer in Chicago. She stated that when, on one occasion, she drove into the garage, Mr. Bates came up to her and, although she had never seen him before, he recognized the car and gave her the certificate of title to it.

Reference is made to previous communications showing that BESSIE had designated Holmes Street in Oak Park, Illinois, as the location of an apartment hotel where the BARKERS lived. In a position

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exactly as she had previously described it, BESSIE pointed out the Home Apartment Hotel, 112-114 Home Street, in Oak Park, Illinois, as the address where DOC, FRED, and KATE BARKER had lived under the alias of DAVIS. She stated that HELEN FERGUSON, or at least a woman now known to her as HELEN FERGUSON, had lived in an apartment directly behind the BARKERS, who had lived in the third floor right front apartment and that HELEN FERGUSON lived with a girl by the name of NINA from St. Louis. This girl, HELEN FERGUSON, she stated had been the girl friend of an individual by the name of EARL, who, with EDDIE GREEN, the BARKERS AND KARPIS, and others, had robbed a bank at Fairbury, Nebraska. During the robbery of this bank, one of the men whose first name was EARL and whose last name she is unable to recall, was shot. They brought him to Kansas City and kept him in the bungalow which VERNE MILLER had used on many occasions and which had been designated by her and identified by her as the bungalow which Division Agents at Kansas City had located as one of the hideouts of the Kansas City Massacre mob. She stated that this bank robbery occurred in March and it was some time in April before EDDIE GREEN returned to St. Paul and although he communicated with BESSIE by telegraph she stated that EDDIE GREEN remained in Kansas City helping to care for EARL; that, later, EARL'S condition grew more serious and they moved him to some place in the country, the location of which is not known to BESSIE and there EARL died and he was buried by members of the mob in an unidentified grave.

BESSIE pointed out an apartment building located at 219 North Second Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, the second floor rear apartment, as the place where VOLNEY DAVIS and his girl friend, GRACE, lived in June, 1933. RAY KARPIS had lived at this same address before VOLNEY DAVIS occupied it. BESSIE stated that after the Kansas City Massacre she recalled that VERNE MILLER came to this apartment building and stopped off there while VI MILLER came on to the Twin Cities to make arrangements about their daughter. It was from this same apartment that VOLNEY DAVIS departed for the Kentucky Derby in 1933.

BESSIE GREEN also pointed out the residence of DOC STECCY at 609 South Seventh Street, Maywood, Illinois.

In previous correspondence, it was reported that BESSIE GREEN stated that there was an outdoor eating place north of Chicago, where RAY KARPIS and his blonde girl friend, DOLORES DELANEY, frequently took their meals and BESSIE GREEN and EDDIE GREEN had dinner with them there one night. This place, she pointed out on a rural highway at 7825 North Avenue and it is known as BUCKLEY'S EATING PLACE.

BESSIE GREEN also pointed out a yellow two-story building on the corner south of the EDWARD HINES, JR., VETERANS' HOSPITAL, south and west of the EDWARD HINES, JR., hospitals and near the air drome of a flying field. This place, the location of which is known to agent McIntire of the Chicago Division Office, has old-fashioned booths and she stated that the individual who ran it was known as BUCK who usually took his place behind the bar and the sign on the outside of this place indicates that it is the Riverside Inn. It is at this place, BESSIE GREEN stated, that DUTCH alias C. D. HARRIS alias CLYDE NIMERICK alias JAMES A. WOODRUFF and also "BIG HOMER" alias the "BIG BOY", frequently hang out.

BESSIE GREEN advised that members of both the BARKER-KARPIS and DILLINGER gangs have patronized the Chicago and Twin Cities stores of MAURICE L. ROTHSCHILD.

BESSIE stated that she doubted that MARION COMFORTI, the girl friend of VAN METER, or JEAN DELANEY CROMPTON, the girl friend of TOMMY CARROLL, would again contact their boy friends but she felt sure that at least within a week or two that HELEN NELSON GILLIS would either contact or be contacted by "BABY FACE" NELSON alias LESTER M. GILLIS as she states that HELEN is the wife of NELSON. These three girls entered pleas of guilty and were placed on probation for a period of eighteen months by the United States District Judge at Madison, Wisconsin. They arrived in Chicago, Saturday evening, May 26, 1934, and the terms of their probation required that all three girls remain in the State of Illinois; that they report in writing weekly to the probation officer at Chicago and that they report personally to this probation office once each month during the period of probation.

I called the attention of BESSIE GREEN to the fact that automobile tags had been found where the naughts had been converted into eights by means of a device which would stamp a line at the proper place in the naught and by addition of paint it was possible to make a naught look like an eight. She stated that she knew this was frequently done and that the work of this sort was usually done at FRED BARKER'S garage located in St. Paul and the work was actually done by EDDIE, who is in charge of this garage. This garage is now under surveillance by Agents of the Division.

Reference is made to the communication dated May 26, 1934, received from the Kansas City Division Office with reference to a raid conducted at Des Moines. Evidently the woman writing the letter, and who signed her name as IDA, is IDA GOLD, whose husband is JACK GOLD alias "GOLDIE", who resides at 1095 Osceola Avenue, in an apartment that is reputed to be a known gangster hideout. The MYRTLE referred to in the correspondence is, undoubtedly, MYRTLE EATON and it is known that IDA GOLDIE and MYRTLE EATON have both, from time to time, engaged in shop lifting, using the old "poor girl - rich girl" trick in stealing fur coats.

Very truly yours,

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H. H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.--JOHN LAZIA, A NORTH SIDE POLITICAL CHIEFTAIN AND POWER IN THE UNDERWORLD, WAS SHOT DOWN BY GANGSTERS EARLY TODAY AS HE STEPPED FROM AN AUTOMOBILE IN FRONT OF THE PARK CENTRAL HOTEL. SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY EIGHT MACHINE GUN AND SHOTGUN SLUGS, LAZIA WAS TAKE TO ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL. A BLOOD TRANSFUSION WAS MADE IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

LAZIA WAS AT LIBERTY ON A STAY FOLLOWING CONVICTION ON TWO COUNTS OF MISDEMEANORS IN CONNECTION WITH INCOME TAX EVASIONS. AN APPEAL OF THE CASE IS SCHEDULED FOR THE OCTOBER TERM OF THE U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN OMAHA, NEB.

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LAZIA WORLD LEADER KANSASCITY REPORTED PUT ON SPOT
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SEVERELY WOUNDED BY MACHINE GUN AND
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July 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephonic request made of Mr. Newby at the Division, there are transmitted herewith a set of photographs of members of the Touhy mob, Ed and Ted Bents, Edward McManara (three views) and Eddie J. Nichols, which photographs are to be exhibited to your informant at Greenville, South Carolina, with a view to possibly identifying a member of an alleged kidnaping ring concerning whom she has furnished information.

It is suggested that you obtain photographs, if available, at the police department, Greensboro, North Carolina, of one Louis Austin, alias Hart Austin, and his associates, and exhibit these to your informant.

You are instructed to return the photographs furnished by the Division when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

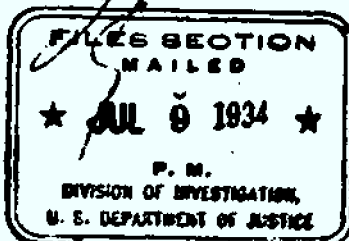
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KANNO LOS ANGELES OFFICE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FURNISH YOU REPORT AGENT
BANK CHICAGO REPORTS RECENTLY OBTAINING INFORMATION BASIS INTERVIEW
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

Buffalo

FILE NO. **62-10 P**

REPORT MADE AT: Buffalo, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/8/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/2/34 7/5, 6/34	REPORT MADE BY: J.D. Cunningham
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases- Deceased RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -FUGITIVE I.O. 1201 et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO BELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONER
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Car parked in front of 20 Lake St. LeRoy, N.Y. bearing California 1934 License 8J965 issued to High McFadden Arlington Hotel, San Francisco, California. Driver does not answer description of Galatas.</p>			
Reference: Report of Special Agent G.V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 6/21/34			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This report is predicated on a letter from Postmaster J. Gleason, LeRoy, N.Y. advising that a Buick Sedan bearing California 1934 License 8J965 was parked in front of 20 Lake St., LeRoy, N.Y. Agent interviewed Gleason and learned that Postman Leo Mooney had made such observation. Mooney informed Agent that the car had been parked there several days, but that he had not been able to see the driver. Permission was secured from him to observe the car from his enclosed porch at 22 1/2 Lake St. Car was discreetly observed and found to be an early model Buick and from its dirty appearance had been driven hard. A picture of the fugitive was shown to Mrs. Mooney, wife of the postman, and she said that she would observe the driver and that if he looked at all suspicious she would notify this office. The office telephone number and address were given her.</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.P. MacFarland</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 12 1934
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Telegraphic communication was immediately had with the San Francisco Office and that Office advised by return wire that California license 8J965 reported brother of Galstas's wife and itinerant sewing machine repairman. License was issued on a 1926 Buick Sedan.

Agent subsequently observed that the car was still parked in front of 20 Lake St. Mrs. Mooney was interviewed and she said that she had had a good opportunity to observe the driver of the car while he was changing a tire on the car and she stated positively that the driver of the car was not the same person as the one whose picture she had seen. She described the driver of the car as being about 30 years old, tall, slender build, dark hair parted on the side and partly bald. She stated further that he limped on his right foot, carried a cane and did not wear glasses.

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

FILE NO. **62-456**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-1-5-34	REPORT MADE BY: Dwight Brantley
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O. #1201 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; Et Al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation conducted at Sallisaw, Oklahoma and list of relatives of Subject Floyd obtained and same set out in this report. Possibility of developing a valuable contact in Sallisaw. Some expressed belief Floyd probably hidden in vicinity not very remote from Sallisaw.

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DETAILS:

It was learned that the wife of Subject Floyd and his son would be in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, the home town of Floyd, beginning July 1, 1934, for the purpose of appearing in a theater there where a movie was to be shown of the baptism of Floyd's son recently at Fort Worth, Texas. One O. V. Black of Ponca City, Oklahoma, according to reports, has been appointed guardian of Floyd's son. I instructed Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office to proceed to Sallisaw to conduct investigation there in an effort to learn whether Floyd had showed up and to obtain the names and addresses of Floyd's relatives. The following investigation was conducted by Agent Hansen at Sallisaw:

DETAILS:

On July 1st O. V. Black of Ponca City, Oklahoma registered at the Bonham Hotel at Sallisaw. Black is the new guardian for Jack Dempsey Floyd, son of Floyd. Black registered in room No. 19. He was observed the night of July 1st and through the morning of July 2nd. On July 2nd Agent Hansen interviewed him, revealing his identity, and talked to him regarding his connection with the Floyd family. Black said that he does not know Subject Floyd but that he has known Mrs. Floyd and their son, Jack Dempsey, for about two years, during which time he has learned to think a great deal of the boy, as he considers him

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1952	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 12 1934
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brilliant and believes he will amount to something if given a chance. He said that he also feels sorry for Mrs. Floyd for the way she has been harassed for the last few years on account of her desperado husband. It is for these reasons, Black said, that he has decided to try and make some money that can be set aside as a trust fund to educate Floyd's son and give him the chance in life that other boys have. He told Agent Hansen that he had just received a telegram indicating that some theater in Boston, Massachusetts is interested in a seven weeks engagement and he feels confident that he is going to make some money in this undertaking. It is Agent Hansen's opinion that Black is more interested in making some money for himself than for the boy.

The writer instructed Agent Hansen to talk plainly to Black and inform him of the consequences should evidence be obtained that he is in any manner harboring, or assisting or abetting in the harboring of Floyd. Agent Hansen said that he gave Black the message, telling him that he was getting mixed up with a tough outfit and if ever it was found that he was harboring Floyd or protecting him in any way, efforts would be made to send him to the Penitentiary. Black assured Agent Hansen that he had no intention of doing this, but wanted to "work this situation out some way." Agent Hansen asked him to what situation he referred and he replied that he had hopes of persuading Floyd to surrender. He was questioned closely regarding this possibility and informed Agent Hansen he is not making any statements to either side at present about what he thought he could do, but wants to get the confidence of Mrs. Walter Floyd, mother of Subject Floyd, as well as other members of the Floyd family, and he felt that he could then convince Floyd through his relatives that it would be better for him to turn himself in. He stated that he feels sure that if he could get to talk to Floyd for thirty minutes, he could convince him that the best thing to do is to come in and give himself up. He said that he would do this by telling Subject Floyd what a wonderful son he has and what possibilities there are for him in life and how he could help his son by even being in the penitentiary rather than being a fugitive from justice. Black claimed that he has never seen Floyd and has no idea as to his whereabouts. From the way he talked to Agent Hansen, when approached, it is Agent Hansen's opinion that Black has a pretty good idea of where Floyd is. He promised to notify the Division office at Oklahoma City of the whereabouts of this fugitive, if learned, but it is not believed that any credence can be put in any such assertions by Black.

It is Agent Hansen's opinion that E. E. Beech, son-in-law of A. W. Comstock, Pawhuska, Oklahoma attorney, is in with Black on the scheme to make some money out of Floyd and son.

Black attempted to impress Agent Hansen that he is a good citizen and reliable in every respect. He said that he pays more taxes in Ponca City than any other individual there. Black's wife was with him in Sallisaw and Agent Hansen stated that they appeared to be rather refined people.

While in Sallisaw the wife of Subject Floyd stopped with Mrs. Martin Maulden, a sister of Mrs. Walter Floyd, the mother of Subject "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Black informed Agent Hansen that he does not believe that Floyd is in touch with his wife at present as he got the idea that they are not on very friendly terms. This appears to be the general feeling in Sallisaw.

Agent Hansen interviewed Mr. R. Wheeler Mayo, Acting Postmaster at Sallisaw, and his Assistant, Hershel McDonald, both of whom appear to be reliable men and both of whom know the Floyd family well. They advised that Floyd has the following immediate relatives:

Mrs. Walter Floyd	Mother	Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Mrs. Martin Maulden	Aunt	Sallisaw, Oklahoma (2 blocks north Post Office)
Mrs. Tom Wofford	Sister	Sallisaw, Oklahoma (Across street from High School)
Mrs. Clarence Leslie	Sister	Sallisaw, Oklahoma (1st house so. of Taylor & Roberts Filling Station, 1 mile east of Sallisaw)
Mrs. Mary Latimer	Sister	Akins, Oklahoma (1 mile N.E. or 9 miles N.E. of Sallisaw)
Mrs. Ray Spear	Sister	Okmulgee, Oklahoma (Route #3)
E. W. Floyd	Brother	Akins, Oklahoma (1 mile out)
Bradley Floyd	Brother	On oil lease near Sasakwa, Konawa, or Shawnee, Okla.
Grandpa Floyd	Grandfather	Sallisaw, Oklahoma (7 miles N.E. at Sloan Chapel on Doug Cheek farm)
Burley Floyd	Uncle	Akins, Oklahoma (A little west of Akins)
Beauman Floyd	Uncle	Sallisaw, Oklahoma (7 miles N.E. at Sloan Chapel)
Mrs. Wylie Lingerfeld	Aunt	Gore, Oklahoma (9 miles up Ill. river from Hoags Fish stand, which is 3 miles east of Gore.)

The following is quoted from a memorandum submitted by Agent Hansen in this respect:

"Mr. Mayo said that Mrs. Walter Floyd stays part of the time with each of her daughters and spends most of her time at Sallisaw. She recently returned from visiting Mrs. Spear at Okmulgee.

"Floyd, Mayo said, is more likely to stay with Mrs. Tom Wofford, Mrs. Clarence Leslie, Mrs. Mary Latimer, or Grandpa Floyd. The latter, whose first name could not be learned without making too many inquiries, is reported to be exceedingly

fond of this fugitive and will willingly harbor him. All other relatives are apparently friendly with him and are afraid of telling anything about him for fear he will kill them. Until the Kansas City massacre Floyd was frequently seen in Akins, Hanson, and even Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Hanson is populated mostly with people who have come from Georgia and seem to be very friendly with the Floyd family. Until the past year Floyd would occasionally come to Akins and watch or referee baseball games. During the past year, however, he has been very quiet, but it is the general opinion in Sallisaw that he is not far from home. Mayo said that during a conversation with V. H. Wofford, father of Tom, and who is known as "Uncle Bud" and "Grandpa Wofford", he was told that he, Wofford, had told Floyd to get out of the country where he was not so well known and Floyd told him that he would never do that for he would be sure to be picked up if he ever got among strange people. Mayo said that he is satisfied that more than fifty families in and around Sallisaw would willingly harbor this desperado. A few months ago the Floyd family, Mayo said, seemed to be worried about Floyd, but during the past two months they seem to be relieved and have no apparent great concern about him and Mayo therefore thinks that they know where he is.

"All mail that comes for Floyd is put with that of Mrs. Tom Wofford. About a month ago a letter was received for Floyd which had been mailed at Hot Springs, Arkansas, but there was no return address on it. Mayo will keep a close watch on all mail received by any relative and if he gets any information of any apparent value he will notify the Oklahoma City office.

"Floyd is known in Sallisaw and vicinity as "Choc" and "Charlie".

"Mayo said that he is sure the Sheriff's office and Police in Sallisaw could not be depended upon to help catch Floyd and advised that the only trusted officers there are Joe Wilson, Auto Theft Department of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, and Willie Scott, Auto License Tag Agent at Sallisaw.

"These two officers confirmed practically everything that was said by Mayo and his assistant, McDonald. It is felt that they are good contacts at Sallisaw. All four of these men cautioned the writer again interviewing any of Floyd's relative as they said that no good could be accomplished and it may put them on their guard more, or scare Floyd and make him move. Each of them felt that Floyd would stay around his old stomping-ground unless he were frightened away by a Government Agent and this would give a confidential informant a better opportunity to locate him.

"Wilson said that about two years ago Allen Boland, who lives about six miles east of Sallisaw, agreed to put Floyd on the spot for a former Sheriff and did, but when he came in with the definite information about where this fugitive was, the Sheriff didn't want to catch him. Boland is a bootlegger and Wilson feels that it is very possible that he can put Floyd on the spot again and will probably be willing to do it for a good sum of money, if he is handled right and protected by keeping his name confidential. If Boland will not do this for an Agent of this

Division and Wilson - for the money he would get - it is Wilson's opinion that the deal might be worked through Geo. Mitchell, a former County Commissioner and close friend of Boland.

"Wilson also advised me that about a year ago a man, whose name he could not remember but which name he feels he can get, went to Governor Murray and told him that he would put Floyd on the spot for \$1,000. Murray said that he would pay it and to take the matter up with O. P. Ray. The man told him that he would have nothing to do with the State Bureau and Murray thereupon told him that he was not interested. Wilson will try and get the name of this man.

"Fred Wilson is the city mail carrier in Sallisaw and is a son of the above mentioned Joe Wilson. He will always know where his father is, if he is not in town.

"Burt Green, Wilson says, is the Postmaster at Akins and the father of the present County Attorney. He has said that he is friendly with Floyd and that he would not turn him in and would protect him. Green's partner in a small mercantile store at Akins is Jim Wickett and he is the father-in-law of E. W. Floyd. This is just one angle which will show that inquiries in Akins would do more harm than good unless one knew the man he is going to interview and what to expect from him.

"Mr. Mayo said that Clyde Chuculate, a gambler in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a close friend of Floyd and was probably the third man with Floyd and Birdwell in the shooting in Tulsa two or three years ago.

"He also advised that 'Cap' Ellis of Chelsea, Oklahoma is a gambler, formerly of Sallisaw, and is a close friend of Floyd and Clyde Chuculate.

"Mayo said that Bert Cotton, Chief of Police of Sallisaw, told him that a widow of some gangster operated what is known as the State Line Filling Station near Siloam Springs, Arkansas, is friendly with Floyd and that he calls in there frequently.

"As I see it the only apparent value to this investigation is that a further effort be made to develop an informant through at least one of the three sources mentioned above."

It is the opinion of the writer that at this time the relatives of Floyd should not be interviewed.

This matter is being followed up at Sallisaw and every effort will be made to form a contact there in an effort to locate the whereabouts of this fugitive.

A. W. Comstock, attorney, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, called this office on Saturday night, June 30th, and again on July 1, 1934, informing that Ruby Floyd and her son and O. V. Black would be in Sallisaw on July 1, 2 and 3, 1934.

During the afternoon of June 30th, Special Agent R. B. Nathan of the Kansas City office called and stated that an informant of the Police Department at Kansas City had received a telegram sent from Tulsa, reading as follows:

"J Port and Smith meet me there Fourth without fail

(Signed) C. F. Wilson"

That it was thought that this telegram might have been sent by Subject Floyd. The Kansas City office desired a photograph of one Earl Eno of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, as said Eno was the informant in this matter. Arrangements were made with the Penitentiary officials at McAlester to forward photographs of Eno direct to the Kansas City office. Investigation was made at Tulsa with reference to the party sending the telegram and it was found that the person who sent it does not resemble the description of Subject Floyd. Details concerning this telegram will be covered in another report.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 9, 1934.



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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman^o Calatas, w.a. -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of Division letter dated
7/5/34 transmitting copies of an anonymous communication
dated 6/29/34 addressed to The Attorney General, wherein
the letter indicates the presence of Floyd at Arlington,
Texas. This matter is receiving appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJD:LMT
cc 62-410-

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Form No. 1

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

St. Paul FILE NO. **62-898**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-10-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. N. Notastrom
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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al.	CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN GIBSON, parents of VIVIAN MATHIS, consort of VERNON MILLER deceased, interviewed at Parkersville, Minnesota, and emphatically disclaim any further knowledge concerning names or locations of persons visited by "BETTY", daughter of VIVIAN MATHIS, in May, 1933, or the names of other associates of MILLER in Kansas City and Chicago. Mrs. GIBSON hysterical and charges Government with persecution of herself and family in connection with this investigation. Claims "BETTY" has further information in the case. Personal interview with "BETTY" refused.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, Missouri, 4-12-34.

DETAILS:

At Parkersville, Minnesota.

This agent, together with Special Agent [redacted], called at the GIBSON home at Parkersville, Minnesota, on July 3, 1934, and were identified as representatives of the United States Department of Justice. Mrs. GIBSON immediately became hysterical and stated that her family had been "crossed" by agents of the Division; that her husband, John Gibson, and Betty, Vivian's daughter, had previously given all the information.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

[Signature]

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in their possession in connection with this case; that due to the activities of agents of the Division the family had been ostracized in the community. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. GIBSON would give details or specific instances upon which they based their charge of persecution.

Effort was made by agents to placate Mrs. GIBSON, but MRS. GIBSON stated repeatedly that BETTY had already told everything she knew, as had both Mr. and Mrs. GIBSON; that if the Division desired any further information it should go to the gossips in the locality "who knew everything and much more than was known by the family". MRS. GIBSON would not enlarge upon this statement except to say that everyone in the neighborhood knew all about the "MILLER CASE" and that the "gossips" knew a "lot that never happened".

"BETTY" was not at home when agents called and MRS. GIBSON would not state where she was or whether she was out of town or when she would return. She further stated that agents should not talk to "BETTY"; that BETTY had told everything she knew when agents had interviewed her before; that neither Mr. nor Mrs. GIBSON had been able to gain any additional information from her and that she, Mrs. Gibson, would not allow BETTY to be further persecuted. MRS. GIBSON advised that neither she nor BETTY knew anything further concerning the visitors and associates of MILLER in Kansas City and Chicago or the address and name of the woman whom BETTY visited with her mother in May, 1933. Relative to the names STACCI and JOHNNIE, MRS. GIBSON indicated that she had no information concerning these parties.

It is believed that MRS. GIBSON has no further information of value to this case; that her attitude and hysterical condition at the time of this interview are due in most part to the fact that she has felt very keenly the talk among the neighbors concerning the matter; that she is satisfied in her own mind that they (the GIBSON family) have done all in their power to assist the Government.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building

Kansas City, Missouri

July 9, 1934

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Tamm.....

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

b7D Please refer to Division letter of July 5, 1934, concerning [redacted] who you authorized this office to use as a confidential informant in an effort to locate Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

Pursuant to arrangements made with [redacted] while he was at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, shortly prior to his release, he was contacted at the Eldridge Hotel, Lawrence, Kansas, on July 6, 1934, by Special Agent H. E. Andersen. It was learned that he was staying temporarily with the family of one Caroline Bowen, 624 North 5th Street, Lawrence, Kansas. It should be noted that Caroline Bowen is a very close friend of [redacted]

b7D Agent Andersen discussed with [redacted] the most feasible way in which he might bring about the apprehension of Subjects Floyd and Richetti, and [redacted] stated that he did not see how he could really accomplish much good without the use of an automobile or motorcycle. He pointed out that he intended to proceed to Wewoka, Oklahoma, and might of necessity have to travel to various points inaccessible by common carrier or public automobile. He said that he would forego the use of the motor vehicle if it were desired but reiterated that he could not make his contacts to good advantage in the manner. This information was relayed to the Kansas City office by Agent Andersen and furnished to Mr. Tamm at the Division by telephone. Mr. Tamm advised that the Division would authorize the expenditure of as much as \$150.00 for [redacted] use, but stated that under no consideration should the informant be furnished with a Division automobile. He also stated that it was the desire of the Division that if a car was purchased [redacted] be the purchaser.

b7D On July 7, 1934, Agents W. E. Foxworth and Andersen, [redacted] Lawrence, Kansas, and went with him to Kansas City where he purchased a Whippet Sedan for \$62.50. [redacted] was accompanied by Agents. It should be noted that [redacted] was the purchaser and returned in the machine [redacted]

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On Sunday, July 8, 1934, Agents Trainor and Anderson again contacted [redacted] at Lawrence, Kansas, at which time it was agreed he would purchase license plates for the car in his own name in the State of Kansas. It was deemed advisable to have [redacted] proceed by himself to Wewoka, Oklahoma, where he will endeavor to make a contact with Floyd and Richetti. From there, of course, he may go to various parts of Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. It has been agreed that [redacted] in his travel, when communicating with this office, will use the name [redacted]. Arrangements were made whereby he will furnish this office information regarding his progress by letter addressed to Caroline Bowen, General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri. In connection therewith [redacted] pointed out that even though he were in company with Floyd and his associates he could write in such a manner without arousing any suspicion. Of course this office will pick up the letters and Caroline Bowen is not in Kansas City. Arrangements were also made with [redacted] whereby he may furnish information by telegram by sending his wires to Caroline Bowen, Pickwick Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. The management has agreed to cooperate in accepting the wires and forwarding them to this office immediately. The hotel management, of course, does not know the nature of this investigation or the identity of [redacted]. In addition [redacted] was furnished with the telephone number of the Kansas City office in order that he might communicate direct [redacted] on occasion permit.

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[redacted] expressed the opinion that it should not take him more than a week or ten days to effect a contact with Floyd and Richetti. However, it should be noted that he did not make any definite promise in this respect. [redacted] promised to immediately notify this office and arrange to contact an Agent [redacted] if and when he is successful in locating Floyd and Richetti. He stated that he would seek the most advantageous spot to insure their apprehension with the least possible danger to the Agents and himself. In connection with this statement he remarked that he considered it very undesirable to have more than one or two Agents be used in effecting the apprehension of the subjects. He promised in that connection that he would endeavor to place [redacted] and Richetti at such a disadvantage that it would not be a dangerous thing to effect their apprehension. [redacted] stated that in his mind he was certain that Floyd will not be taken alive. He stated that he would take every precaution to insure the safety of the Agent who might work with him, as his own life when the apprehension is planned.

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[redacted] was furnished with \$55.00 to be used for expenses. [redacted] stated that prior to his release he had been furnished with \$50.00 to defray his expenses while awaiting a contact with Agent [redacted] at Lawrence.

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██████████ telephoned this morning from Lawrence and advised that he was leaving for Topeka, Kansas, to get a license for his car, after which he will proceed to Wewoka.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WE WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

1201-S

BY THE SENDER OF THIS
MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE
IT TO THE MESSENGER
OR TELEPHONE IT TO

WESTERN UNION

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S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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KANMO REFER REPORT RAMSEY SANFRANCISCO JULY 1934
REQUEST AUTHORITY AGENT ANDERSEN PROCEED SANFRANCISCO FOR
INTERVIEW IRENE DORSEY BECAUSE HIS KNOWLEDGE
ASSOCIATES=

NATHAN.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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806 Fletcher Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

July 10, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,
(Deceased) ET AL.

Dear Sir:

Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to Kansas City letter of July 3, regarding a letter postmarked Terre Haute, Indiana, June 18, and addressed to "Mr. Bill Dumate, Route 1, Dillonvale, Ohio."

Special Agent Ross has submitted a memorandum, which reads as follows:

"In accordance with letter from R. B. Nathan, S.A.C. Kansas City Office, I contacted Don Superior, Room #8, Twelve Point Hotel, Terre Haute, Indiana, at 10:30 P.M. tonight, after several hours' wait.

"Don Superior, 48 years old, laborer, has been living at the Twelve Point Hotel for four years. For the first two years of that time he was employed in the Saxon Coal Mines, just outside of Terre Haute, but 27 months ago they installed loading machinery and he was laid off and has not worked since.

"He is of Italian parentage and states that he has been able to live because his sister sends him \$5.00 per week. She is Mrs. E. Kraft, 2510 Southwestern Ave., Chicago, Illinois. In addition he gets about \$6.00 per month from the union at the mine.

"He states that he has been writing to old friends in different parts of the country but does not know, and never did write to Mr. Bill Dumate, Route 1, Dillonvale, Ohio. He did, however, about three or four weeks ago, write to Bill Zeegler and Bill Brownlee, Route 1, Dillonvale, Ohio, regarding work but as he did not get a reply he assumed they no longer lived there. He claims that he has not seen either of them since 1924.

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"Although of Italian origin, Superior does not look it and is a quiet, unassuming person. He states that he does not necessarily associate with Italian people.

"The proprietors of the Twelve Point Hotel and Restaurant were interviewed. They are Mrs. E. J. Holcomb and Charles Small. They state that they have operated the hotel for one year and that Don Superior has lived there all the time they have been there, and that he is a very good tenant and causes no trouble and is very quiet. They advised Agent that he has been out of work for some time and that they understood he got financial help from his sister in Chicago.

"The Twelve Point Hotel is in the outlying part of Terre Haute -- has 20 rooms and is more or less of a rooming place for working men. The rooms rent for \$2.00 per week.

"Superior was shown a picture of Adam Richetti, but he could not remember ever seeing the man and knows no one by that name."

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNOR C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, Identification
Order #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRATT
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Identification
Order #1124, et al; CONSPIRACY TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

The Division has given consideration to the request contained in your telegram dated July 9, 1934 that authority be granted Special Agent E. E. Andersen to proceed to San Francisco for the purpose of interviewing Irene Lorsey, alias of Fred Goetz. The Division is aware of the importance of information to be developed through an interview with Irene Lorsey regarding the above entitled case, but is of the opinion that Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane can conduct the interview in a more proper manner in view of his past experience in the San Francisco Office. Therefore, it is suggested that the Division conduct a preliminary interview with Irene Lorsey to determine that she is in possession of information that will be of value in further developing the case. This matter will give further consideration to

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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J. C. Unions,
San Francisco.

THE COMPANY WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

OF SERVICE
This is a full-rate telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION (15)

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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KANMO DOCTOR NEWMAN ADVISES CONDITION IRENE GOETZ IS SUCH
THAT INTERVIEW BY ME MIGHT RESULT SERIOUSLY OR MIGHT
POSSIBLY IMPROVE HER CONDITION BUT IN HIS OPINION INTERVIEW
WOULD RESULT IN TEMPORARY RELAPSE AT ANY RATE AND STATES
THAT HE PROMISED LEE BEVANS WHO IS PAYING HOSPITAL BILL
THAT NO INTERVIEWS WOULD BE PERMITTED THERE UNLESS
PERMISSION RECEIVED FROM BEVANS STOP OR HAS GIVEN FULL
COOPERATION BUT DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SUPERIORS AND FEELS
HE WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE IF INTERVIEW HAS SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES DOCTOR PERFECTLY WILLING TO DISCHARGE HER
FROM HOSPITAL FOR NONPAYMENT WILL SO THAT SHE CAN
INTERVIEW HER UPON HER RELEASE THIS FULLY UNDERSTOOD
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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

EFFECTS PROBABLY IN BEVANS ROOM STOP OUR INFORMATION
INDICATES BEVANS TRANSPORTED IRENE FROM WILMINGTON
ILLINOIS TO SANFRANCISCO ABOUT JUNE SECOND AND RESIDED
HERE AS MAN AND WIFE FOR SHORT TIME AT LARNE HOTEL STOP
I BELIEVE ADVISABLE TO PICK UP BEVANS AND IF HE IS NOT
FULLY COOPERATIVE REGARDING INTERVIEW TO ARREST HIM ON
SEARCH HIS ROOMS FOR IRENE'S EFFECTS AND HAVE IRENE
DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL AND HELD AS MATERIAL WITNESS OR
POSSIBLY CONSPIRATOR IF SHE DOES NOT COOPERATE DOCTOR
ALSO HER MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION BAD SHE
CANNOT TALK RATIONALLY STOP UNLESS ADVISED TO
INTERVIEW OBTAINED OTHERWISE WILL TAKE
TODAY JULY FOURTEEN=

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July 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm.

(Pretty Boy) Blake

Mr. Blake telephoned from Muskogee, Oklahoma this afternoon and stated that "that party" went out to talk with "this other party" and they are just about the same; that he got the impression they are receptive but they will have to confer with "Number One"; that they said they would do that immediately, so he, Mr. Blake presumes there is nothing more to be done there. He stated they are going to let him know but they did not give any definite time.

I stated it looks as though this crowd is giving us a "run-around" and Mr. Blake remarked he is inclined to think so, too. He further stated he did not go out there as they thought it would be better not to put themselves in the position of seeking it, but rather be ready to accept it, if they desired.

I stated I thought we had better stop hoping that that thing is going to take place, and endeavor to capture this fellow. Mr. Blake stated he agreed with me and had made it plain to the one he is dealing with that that is what we are going to do. I stated he should "tie in" with the rest of the group at Oklahoma City and Mr. Nathan and endeavor to capture this man.

Mr. Blake stated there was a development today which indicated that he is not injured. I stated I had suspected that all along. Mr. Blake stated he did not know where that story first originated.

I instructed Mr. Blake to immediately contact Mr. Nathan and Mr. Bentley and lay plans for closing in on him, and take him either dead or alive, and say these are my orders.

Mr. Blake advised he will be at the hotel until midnight tonight, as that is when the first train leaves.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
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Mr. Lester.....
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P. M.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
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Very truly yours,
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

July 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. 1201;
Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, with
aliases, I.O. 1194;
Bernard Phillips, with aliases, I.O. 1196.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

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Please refer to your letter of June 11, 1934 addressed to the San Antonio office, reply to which was made by this office on June 25th and on July 3rd you requested further investigative work of this office in connection with the subject matter.

Interview was had with Mrs. Sarah LaMotte, 39-12 20th Road, Astoria, L.I. She advised that she is from New England; has never been in the middle west and has lived with Mr. and Mrs. John Curry for the past few years. She said she is not related to the Gurrys'. Questioned about phone calls coming from Kansas City, Mo. to the home in the summer of 1933, she said that these calls must have come from the Sadlos'. She explained that Mrs. John Curry is the sister of George Sadlo, and that last summer Mrs. Curry was apprehensive of a cyst on her chin which had been running for a year, and her brother, George Sadlo, was also apprehensive and telephoned her frequently to ascertain her condition. She said that so far as she knows the Gurrys' have not received a telephone call from the Sadlos' for about ten months. She went on to relate that Mrs. George Sadlo used to visit New York frequently, and she met her here a few years ago in New York. She said that Mrs. Sadlo is an actress, her maiden name being Claire Dearing; that so far as she knew, she has not appeared on the stage since her marriage to Sadlo. She said that on her visits to New York City Mrs. Sadlo stayed in uptown New York with some theatrical friends of hers, the names of which she does not now recall, however, George Sadlo was not in the habit of coming to New York and so far as she could find out Mrs. Sadlo merely came to New York City in order to "show off." She said that she has heard discussions between the Gurrys' with respect to the gambling places the Sadlos' operated in Kansas City and has also heard Mrs. Curry mention the fact that John Lazia is a very close friend of George Sadlo.

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Letter to Kansas City office.

She also said that from what she can learn, the Sadles' are now somewhere in Texas, she believes, Brownsville.

Mrs. LaMotte also said that her husband has been dead for almost twenty years; that she has a son named Ray who is living with her. She said that last summer her father was at the point of death in Boston, Mass. and she went there to take care of him and her son, Ray, was to go to South Bend, Indiana to visit an uncle of his, and that he and two other boys secured an old car and drove out to South Bend, and after visiting this uncle, started to tour around the middle West but broke down and went to Mrs. George Sadle for assistance. She said that her son, Ray, met Mrs. George Sadle a number of times in New York City and when the three boys arrived in Kansas City, George Sadle gave her son a car to give to the Gurrys' and her son with the two other boys drove back to New York City and gave the car to the Gurrys' and that some few months later her son Ray again went to South Bend, Indiana in that car to visit his uncle for a few days. She said, however, that at no time has her son worked for Sadle.

Mrs. LaMotte also said that the Gurrys' are very quiet people; that Mr. Gurry is employed by the A & P. as previously reported; that Mrs. Gurry is a teacher, and some times works at it, and that they have no visitors and very infrequently undertake traveling to New York City.

Very truly yours,

F. K. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
cc Chicago
cc St. Paul
cc San Antonio

REH:AKK

62-28315-1961

July 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased),
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order #1194,
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201, ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

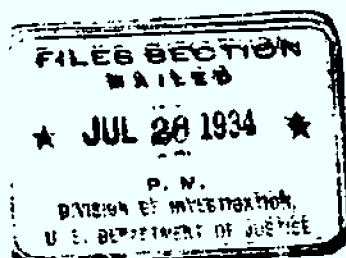
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
W. F. Trainer, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 10, 1934,
setting forth the results of a contact had with Earl Eno,
ex-convict, from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma,

There are transmitted herewith copies of a
photograph of this individual together with a transcript of
the criminal record as reflected by the files of the Identifica-
tion Unit of the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City (with incl.)
Little Rock (with incl.)
Incl. #515176



UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY

FILE NO. 62-760

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-10-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-30-34 to 7-4-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. TRAINOR	B
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194 RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER	

**HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1189, et al**
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Earl Eno, ex-convict from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, informant of Detective William McMullen, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, asserted his definite ability to cause the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on 7-4-34, where he claimed to have an appointed meeting with them. McMullen appears to have cooperated with the informant possibly without sincere motives. Investigation at Fort Smith by appropriate Special Agents made and all indications point to insincerity of the informant. No developments whatever occurred. Investigation discontinued.

P.

DETAILS:

Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, after conference with Jack Jenkins, Acting Chief of Detectives at Kansas City, Kansas, on 6-30-34, rendered the following memorandum:

"On 6-30-34, Mr. Jack Jenkins, Acting Chief of Detectives, Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, was interviewed at his office in pursuance to a telephonic request received from him.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Nathan</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1761	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 13 1934
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With Mr. Jenkins were Detectives McMullen, Downes and Hartung, of that department. These individuals indicated that they had recently had contact with an informant who was supposed to be close to Floyd and was expecting to meet Floyd at an early date and agreed to tip off Floyd's presence to officers. They declined to give me the name of the informant at this time but stated they considered him reliable and exhibited to me a telegram showing it had been sent at Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 12:21 P.M., 6-29-34, the name of the addressee being deleted, but it appearing to have been addressed to him at the Central Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. This telegram was, in effect, as follows:

J Fort and Smith meet me there fourth
without fail C F Wilson.

"I was informed that C. F. Wilson is a name which Floyd has used in the past. They further advised me that the informant interpreted the telegram to mean that he should meet Floyd at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on 7-4-34. These gentlemen indicated to me that they had been working with this informant in the recovery of certain stolen securities, it being stated that they were a part of the same securities which Wilbur Underhill had in his possession at the time of his capture. However, they did not give me the details concerning these negotiations beyond the fact that Kansas City Detectives McMullen and Downes had proceeded to a point in Western Kansas with the informant and had visited a hideout for criminals in that part of the State. It was proposed by McMullen, who had been working closely with the informant, that should we cooperate with the Kansas City, Kansas, Police and Floyd be captured we should agree that he be returned to the Kansas City, Kansas, Jail. They also inquired as to the reward. I advised them I could make no promises of this nature without first consulting Washington.

"I was advised by Mr. Jenkins, in confidence, that McMullen and his partner Downes are known as trouble makers in the Police Department. McMullen was formerly Chief of Police and Jenkins indicated he was trying to run the organization and that there is some friction. It was evident from the conversation that there is some ill feeling between the members of the department. I was also advised by Detective Hartung that he did not trust McMullen and he felt I should be furnished with complete details of the information in their possession. He volunteered to so advise me and arrangements were being made for Hartung to come to

the Kansas City office and fully inform me, which were not completed, however, because of the fact that Hartung received news during our conversation that his son had been killed in an automobile accident. It was intimated to me during various conversations that the informant, who subsequently was divulged to be Earl Eno, is under bond in connection with a charge of robbery of a Katz Drug Store in Kansas City, Kansas. It further appears that Eno has served two previous convictions and it is accordingly surmised that his cooperation with the police has a connection with his desire to avoid conviction as a third offender, which carries life imprisonment in Kansas.

"Arrangements were made for a conference with the informant and he was interviewed by me, accompanied by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor, and in the presence of Detectives McMullen and Downes. Eno appeared to have considerable knowledge concerning Floyd, as well as other underworld characters. He expressed the belief that he could make contact with Floyd at Fort Smith and intimated that he thought Floyd would be accompanied by Adam Richetti, whom he refers to as Joe, and that there was a possibility that Doc and Fred Barker would also be in Fort Smith, as well as Harry Campbell. He apparently does not know Karpis and stated that he did not think Volney Davis was with the parties. He stated that Floyd is not injured as has been reported and advised that Floyd always has two .45 automatic pistols on his person and is also supplied with machine guns and other weapons.

"Eno indicated his willingness to cooperate, it being planned he should proceed to Fort Smith prior to 7-4-34, and should contact an Agent of this office at Fort Smith, furnishing such information as might be developed. It was determined that Eno desired certain expense money and he has been furnished with \$75.00. McMullen has at all times indicated his desire to accompany Eno and it has been necessary to agree to this plan. McMullen has been coached to avoid any possible suspicious contact with Eno in Fort Smith or vicinity.

"Negotiations, as made, have been communicated by telephone to Mr. Tamm of the Division and to interested offices. With reference to the telegram, advice has been received from the Oklahoma City office that the telegram was filed at a branch office of the

Western Union in Tulsa by a man in no way resembling Floyd, but that this individual brought the telegram into the office already written out. A comparison of the handwriting on the original message with Floyd's signature by Special Agent O. C. Hall of the Oklahoma City office indicated some similarity.

"It was at first determined that Agent Andersen should proceed to Fort Smith and register at the Goldman Hotel under the name of Rex Page for contact purposes with the informant. Subsequent developments indicating a possible leak in the plan made it desirable to change this name and Agent Andersen is using the name of Harry Andrews at Fort Smith. Special Agent Trainor is at Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the Washington Hotel under his right name and other Agents will gather at Fayetteville to await developments."

It should be noted that Earl Eno is a brother of Clarence and Tony Eno, who are now serving sentences in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, for bank robbery. The Enos are known as former associates of the deceased Wilber Underhill and reputed to have participated with Underhill in the robbery of the bank at Frankfort, Kentucky, shortly before the death of Underhill. Due to the particularly advantageous position of Earl Eno with the underworld of Oklahoma and Arkansas, he was deemed in position to effect the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti if he should have an inclination to do so.

Detective William McMullen was very reluctant to furnish any complete basis of information received by him from Earl Eno and it was suspected by this office that McMullen was probably seeking personal glory which, of course, did not enter into the consideration of this office, but for that reason it was felt that he could not be too closely pressed for information.

Jack Jenkins of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, expressed a personal desire that McMullen be not allowed to go on a trip with Eno and the Agents, stating that he did not consider McMullen sufficiently discreet, however, no action was taken by Jenkins to prevent McMullen accompanying Eno and it was not felt that this office was in a position to take such action in view of the circumstances, since Eno was the personal informant of McMullen.

On 7-2-34 about 11 A.M., Detective McFullen and Earl Eno appeared at the Kansas City office and pursuant to prior authorization, telephonically given by Mr. Tamm of the Division, cash in the amount of \$75.00 was advanced to Eno in McFullen's presence. They both departed from the Kansas City office and it was noted that they were using the personal automobile of McFullen. They indicated that they were then proceeding to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where they would register at the Goldman Hotel, McFullen using the nom-de-plume of Bill Mason, Eno registering under his true name, Eno indicating before departing that he was well known at Fort Smith and, therefore, no contact could be openly had with him by any officer, especially McFullen, who has all the appearance of a police officer and has been so engaged for thirty years, consequently being well acquainted in this section of the country with other officers.

After the departure of McFullen and Eno, Special Agent M. C. Spear received information upon which he rendered the following memorandum:

"Reference is made to memorandum submitted by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, in the above captioned case, under date of 7-3-34, relative to arrangements in an endeavor to take 'Pretty Boy' Floyd into custody at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

"During the afternoon of 7-2-34 while Agents Andersen and Trainor were at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Agent in Charge Nathan being in Topeka, a call was received from Jack Jenkins, Acting Chief of Detectives, Kansas City, Kansas, requesting that the undersigned call at his office immediately. Upon arriving there, with Mr. Jenkins was Mrs. Van Hammer, special investigator for the Ketz Drug Company, and Detectives Roy Farrell and W. F. Cargill.

"Mrs. Van Hammer advised that she had been working on a case involving a recent robbery of the Ketz Drug Company at Kansas City, Kansas, of about nine thousand dollars, and that on the morning of 7-2-34 she had received a telephone call from an unknown individual requesting her to meet him in Kansas City, Missouri, which she refused to do at the time; that thereafter she received several calls from this individual. She later ascertained that numerous attempts had been made by some unknown individual to locate the address of her private telephone number, Harrison 6421. She finally agreed to meet the

unknown individual in Kansas City, Missouri, at 1 P.M., and proceeded to the designated point at Eleventh and Kersey Coates Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, having with her one or two small children. Pursuant to her arrangements, she was followed by Detectives Farrell and Cargill in another car. Upon arriving there about 1 P.M., 7-2-34, an individual about thirty to thirty-five years of age, being well dressed, of the white race, and from Oklahoma, according to his statement, came up to her. It was subsequently ascertained from Mr. Jenkins that this individual drove a green Olds Sedan bearing 1934 Nebraska license #19-81. Mrs. Van Hammer advised that there was another individual who did not come so close to her; Mr. Jenkins subsequently advising that this second individual was in a Ford V-8 Coupe, of black color, bearing 1934 Missouri license plates #199-865. In behind the car of the detectives was a third car, a new Dodge Sedan, the license number of which could not be obtained, with two other individuals, this car being so parked as to prevent a retreat by the detectives or Mrs. Van Hammer. The individual who came up to Mrs. Van Hammer told her that there was not going to be anyone hurt there, but that he wanted to put himself on record in view of the fact that he had come from Oklahoma, together with other individuals, as a part of a gang which had as its plan the kidnaping of Michael Katz. He advised her that although his gang had not perpetrated the robbery at the Katz Drug Company, his gang was apparently supposed to have got some sort of a split out of that robbery, but they did not get such a split and consequently the gang had broken up and split into two factions. This man remarked that she had the right individual on the Katz robbery, indicating that the individual arrested in connection with the case was apparently the individual who had actually perpetrated the robbery. This man told Mrs. Van Hammer of the contemplated hideout where Katz was supposed to be held and from the meager description which she gave, Mr. Jenkins advised that he felt that he knew the place that the individual apparently had in mind, which was on the island in the Missouri River. The individual further stated to Mrs. Van Hammer that he was informing her of this information as he and the members of the small gang with him had found that the kidnaping of Katz would be "too hot" to handle, and hence they wanted to drop out of it and put themselves on record as not being connected with such a kidnaping. This individual added that he did not know whether the remainder of the gang would attempt to go through with the kidnaping.

"Apparently the purpose of this individual's request to see Mrs. Van Hammer was to give her the above information, but after advising her as stated above, he also said that her friend, Bill McMullen, and Eno, who were going to Arkansas in an endeavor to apprehend Floyd were going to be blasted, that their plans were known of and that the car in which they traveled out of Kansas City was to be followed by a Cadillac car; however, the individuals in the Cadillac were not going to be the ones who would kill Eno and his associate in this plan to apprehend Floyd, the killing being some point not designated by the individual talking to Mrs. Van Hammer. The individual also mentioned that McMullen had been down in Kansas regarding some stolen bonds, and that McMullen and Eno had contacted Eno's brother in the penitentiary at Lansing. Mrs. Van Hammer claimed not to have had any previous information relative to the plans to apprehend Floyd at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and hence it appeared that the individual talking to her knew what he was talking about, as he had very good information of all plans concerned, although he gave no information that would indicate that he knew that any of the Agents of this Division were also going to be in on the attempted apprehension of Floyd.

"Mr. Jenkins advised that he desired this information to be furnished immediately, in order that efforts could be made to stop McMullen from running into a trap and being killed. Mr. Jenkins advised that McMullen was traveling with Eno in a 1934 Chevrolet five-passenger coupe, having a black body and black wheels, and carrying 1934 Kansas license plates #1-16914, which were some stolen plates which Jenkins gave to McMullen, these plates having been issued to A. Grove, 636 Garfield, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Jenkins advised that McMullen had left Kansas City about twelve noon, 7-2-34, and was proceeding straight down highway #71.

"Mrs. Van Hammer was unable to give any further information in the above, except to state that the individual who talked to her had indicated that two of the men in the gang were from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, one from Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and no information was given concerning the fourth man. She described the second individual, who did not get as close to her as the first one, as being about six feet in height, rather slender, with straw hat turned down all the way round, dark trousers, light shirt, carrying a coat on his arm over a package about three feet in length. The individual

who talked to her also stated that part of the gang which split away from the gang with him at the time was from Fox Lake, out of Chicago, Illinois.

"In an endeavor to head off McMullen, the undersigned immediately communicated by telephone with Walter Grammer, State Highway Patrolman at Joplin, Missouri, telephone number 4816, and requested him to make an effort to head off McMullen on Highway #71. Similar instructions were furnished to Special Agent in Charge Conroy by telephone at Little Rock, Arkansas, and he advised that he would have a contact made on the Arkansas part of Highway #71 just south of Missouri.

"At 4:55 P.M. McMullen called from Carthage, Missouri, and he was advised that he and Eno were on the spot and instructed to stop at the Drake Hotel until further instructions. In the meantime telephonic communication had been had with Mr. Tarr of the Division and Special Agent in Charge Nathan at Topeka, Kansas. A conference was held with Special Agents Trainor and Andersen, Nathan and the undersigned at the Kansas City Division office in the early evening and Special Agent in Charge Nathan then communicated by telephone with McMullen at Carthage, Missouri, at which time McMullen stated that he was willing to go on through with the deal as planned, and accordingly the plans were carried forward as originally contemplated.

M. C. Spear, Special Agent."

Agent Andersen and the writer proceeded to Carthage, Missouri, about 11 P.M. on the evening of 7-2-34 by auto. Prior to their departure Special Agent in Charge Nathan conferred telephonically with Detective McMullen, who was then at Carthage. McMullen expressed the belief that no credence should be placed in the statements of Mrs. Van Hammer, who is mentioned in Agent Spear's memorandum. He indicated that he believed the plan should go forward as originally intended and requested that the Agents meet him and Eno at Carthage after which the entire party would proceed to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

About 3 A.M. on the morning of 7-3-34 Agent Andersen and the writer met McMullen and Eno at Carthage, explained the entire matter as mentioned

in Agent Spear's memorandum, except that any personal implications of McMullen and other Kansas City, Kansas, police officers were omitted. McMullen did not seem in the least affected when hearing the remarks as to what occurred at Kansas City that afternoon. Eno, likewise, seemed unaffected thereby. They both departed after a few minutes for Fort Smith, Arkansas, in McMullen's car.

The writer, upon arrival at Fayetteville, Arkansas, on the morning of 7-3-34, registered at the Washington Hotel, while Agent Andersen proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and registered under the name Harry Andrews at the Goldman Hotel.

Agent Andersen made contact shortly after his arrival at Fort Smith with Detective McMullen and Eno and was advised by them that nothing probably would take place until the following day. McMullen and Eno then repaired to their beds and arose around 6 P.M., 7-3-34. After 6 P.M., Agent Andersen made further contact with McMullen and Eno on 7-3-34. Eno then expressed the desire to proceed to the vicinity of Poteau, Oklahoma, where, he claimed, he had a contact who is a sister of Floyd Bradshaw, a notorious Oklahoma bank robber and that through her he would pass on the word that he was at the Goldman Hotel at Fort Smith in order that Floyd might make contact with him there. This seemed a rather inconsistent statement on his part in view of the telegram which he had claimed was sent by Floyd with definite understanding that he would meet him at Fort Smith on 7-4-34 "without fail". After discussing the proposed trip to Poteau, Eno and McMullen disappeared for a short time and within a half hour they again conferred with Agent Andersen, stating that Eno had been unable to rent an automobile without some reliable reference at Fort Smith. Agent Andersen, of course, could not afford to disclose his identity in vouching for Eno in the rental of the car and, furthermore, such procedure would not have been followed due to the unreliable character of Eno, who is an ex-convict. McMullen, however, sought to influence Agent Andersen to vouch for the rental of a car, stating that he was positive that Eno was sufficiently reliable. McMullen advised that he himself being known could not, without danger, appear to vouch for Eno. However, McMullen having his personal automobile with him, Agent Andersen then suggested that in view of his faith in Eno he might, with safety, allow Eno to use his car. McMullen waived this suggestion aside.

Special Agent in Charge Nathan and Agent R. H. Simons proceeded from Kansas City to Fayetteville, Arkansas, on 7-3-34, and

on the night of 7-3-34 they were at the Washington Hotel in Fayetteville. Agent Andersen communicated telephonically with Special Agent in Charge Nathan advising of the difficulty being encountered by Kuo in carrying through his plans at Fort Smith for want of an automobile and Agent Andersen then suggested to Mr. Nathan the possible advisability of that Agent accompanying Kuo on the trip to Poteau on the night of 7-3-34 using Agent Andersen's car, since Kuo had already refused to proceed to Poteau with a taxi driver in a hired car. It will be noted that there could have been procured automobiles for hire with a driver which were not painted in a manner to indicate that they were taxis. However, pursuant to the instructions of Special Agent in Charge Nathan, Agent Andersen did not proceed to Poteau on the night of 7-3-34 with Kuo, but Kuo did express the opinion at that time that the matter could be as well handled on the following day. He stated that he expected that Floyd would probably appear at Fort Smith on 7-4-34 between 7 A.M. and 12 noon and that he would undoubtedly have Richetti in a car with him and that they would both appear in front of the Goodman Hotel. He painted a vivid picture as to how the two subjects would appear there, Floyd having a machine gun in his lap and Richetti driving the car. He stated that he would be sitting on the porch of the hotel and would approach the car when the subjects arrived, and would give a signal to the interested Agents by removing his hat upon the arrival of the suspected subjects. He was pressed closely at that instant for the basis of his statements as to this expected appearance and he stated that he knew that such would occur from his experiences with Floyd and Floyd's manner of appearance at any given place.

Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, together with Agents Lawrence, Marshall and Kuhnel, appeared at Fayetteville, Arkansas, late on the night of 7-3-34 and immediately thereafter they, together with Special Agent in Charge Nathan, proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Special Agent in Charge Nathan and Agent Marshall immediately registered at the Goldman Hotel while Special Agent in Charge Conroy and the other Agents from his office registered at the Ward Hotel upon arrival at Fort Smith. About 4 A.M. on 7-4-34 Agent Simons and the writer proceeded from Fayetteville to Fort Smith and registered at the Goldman Hotel. Appropriate plans were laid whereby the Agents would be in opportune positions to effect the apprehension of Floyd and Richetti should they appear at the hotel as indicated by Kuo.

Eno slept until about 8 A.M., 7-4-34, apparently not fearing that he might miss Floyd and Richetti whom he had stated previously might appear between 7 A.M. and 12 noon. Detective McMullen remained in his room and arose around 8 A.M. also.

During the entire forenoon of 7-4-34 nothing occurred which would indicate that Eno or McMullen had any hopes of accomplishment. Neither left their rooms and around noon it was decided to again approach them to determine what might be further expected. McMullen at that time informed Agent Andersen that Eno had told him that on the previous night that he talked by long distance telephone with his, Eno's, supposed wife in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she had begged him not to go forward with the plan since it was extremely dangerous and would surely result in his death and the death of all others connected with the investigation. This was somewhat in conflict with the previous statement of Eno when he had advised Agents Andersen and Trainor that his wife knew nothing whatever concerning the nature of the trip which he was making to Fort Smith; also McMullen advised that Eno had informed him that a local telephone call had come for him at the hotel that morning, 7-4-34, and that the operator had been unable to reach him at his room.

The writer inquired of the clerk at the desk of the Goldman Hotel as to any long distance telephone calls made from the room or charged to the account of Earl Eno and was informed that no long distance call had been made by him; also by conferring with the telephone operator at the hotel it was determined that no one had tried to reach him by telephone. This inquiry was made after considerable deliberation and with the approval of Special Agents in Charge Nathan and Conroy, after the actions of McMullen and Eno had indicated a basis for serious doubt as to their sincerity in the minds of all Agents engaged in this investigation.

About noon of 7-4-34 Eno indicated the desire to proceed to Poteau, Oklahoma, to make a contact with the woman heretofore mentioned. He stated that it would be acceptable to him to have Agent Andersen proceed in Agent Andersen's car with him to the point near Poteau. He was informed through conference with Special Agent in Charge Nathan that this would be done and he was also informed that another automobile, bearing other Agents, would be in the close vicinity and he indicated that this would be entirely satisfactory to him.

With Agent Andersen, Eno proceeded to a point about twelve miles west of Poteau, Oklahoma, about seven miles south of the main highway. After Agent Andersen and Eno proceeded on their journey Agent

Andersen noticed that Eno had a .44 caliber, six inch barrel, revolver concealed in his clothing and he advised Agent Andersen that he had been presented with this weapon by McMullen. Eno directed the way and was driven to the home of one Mrs. Fairfax, which name was mentioned by Eno, but may not be correct. Special Agent in Charge Nathan and the writer, in another automobile, proceeded to the vicinity of the spot where Mrs. Fairfax resides, but did not approach the place closer than four miles, after noting the exact road that Agent Andersen and Eno had taken outside of Poteau. When Agent Andersen and Eno had been gone about forty minutes Special Agent in Charge Nathan and the writer drove in that direction and met them on their return. Agent Andersen did not converse with the woman known as Mrs. Fairfax since Eno had advised against it and had requested Agent Andersen to remain in the car. Eno first spoke with the woman at the farm and then conversed with a man behind the barn at the farm. Upon returning to the car he advised Agent Andersen, as he also advised Special Agent in Charge Nathan and the writer, that he had been informed by the Fairfax family that Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, together with some unidentified man, had been at the farm of the Fairfaxes on the previous night and had left that morning for Fort Smith to make contact with him, therefore, a speedy return to Fort Smith was made and further developments were awaited.

Upon arriving back at the Goldman Hotel in Fort Smith the writer heard McMullen, then in McMullen's room with Eno, remark in a low tone to Eno that it would be advisable for him to walk out on the street for awhile and see what was going on. Eno then put on a pair of white shoes which were noted as being newly purchased and proceeded out on the street. After remaining away for about fifteen minutes the writer noted his return to the lobby of the hotel and saw him proceed upstairs by elevator. Within three minutes from the time of his proceeding up the elevator the Agent was called to the desk in the lobby and advised by the clerk that a local telephone call from outside the hotel had just been received in room 236 which was the room of Detective McMullen and that the following words were stated by the caller, "Your friends will be in Muskogee, Oklahoma, go there to the Turner Hotel and wait further instructions." In this connection it will be noted that Eno's room was 336 and that he had informed the room clerk that if any calls should come for him he might be reached in room 236. Agent Simons was present in room 236 at the time the telephone call came and noted that Detective McMullen answered the phone. McMullen turned to Agent Simons and stated in an apparently excited whisper, "It's him." He then informed Agent Simons and later Special Agent in Charge Nathan, the substance of the call which corresponded exactly with the words mentioned a few moments before to the writer by the clerk at the desk. Eno had departed about one minute before the call came to McMullen and was apparently on his way to room 336 when the call came in. Agent Simons had noted that the shoes

worn by Eno when he returned to the hotel, being a fancy combination leather, had been freshly cleaned and polished. He saw him a few minutes later and remarked to him that the shoes he had had on a few minutes before, noting that he had changed, had just been polished and Eno denied that such was the case. This apparently has some significance and it is the belief of the Agents, who were present, that Eno had gone to a shoe shining parlor and had caused someone to place a call to the hotel in regard to his "friends" going to Muskogee, Oklahoma.

A conference was held by Special Agents in Charge Nathan and Conroy, Agents Andersen, Lawrence and the writer when it was finally decided, immediately after the telephone episode, that Eno and McMullen were evidently seeking to impress the Agents with a farcical show, possibly for the purpose of getting more money and prolonging this investigation which appeared to have absolutely no hope of accomplishment due to the developments as above noted. It was decided that for courtesy sake McMullen should be personally called into the conference and asked to explain or express his opinion of the prospects of Eno accomplishing the desired result. McMullen was called in and when shown the incongruities of Eno's activities and remarks, he still failed to see any reason why Eno could not accomplish what he had said he could do. He stated that he could not understand why the Agents could possibly lose faith in Eno, averring that he himself trusted Eno implicitly, pointing out the fact that for the last four years Floyd's apprehension has been sought. He was then asked his intentions or proposals in the matter and he stated, "Well, Eno wants me and him to go on with it even though you fellows don't do it." All present immediately wondered whether he and Eno had been discussing the improbability of the Agents going to Muskogee since no such statement had been made to them by any Agent up to that moment and Eno was not present during this conference. After some moments discussion Special Agent in Charge Conroy asked McMullen, in a tactful manner, to explain that statement and he was unable to do so.

Special Agent in Charge Nathan then communicated with the Division, speaking telephonically with Mr. Tamm, advising of the developments and status of this matter in the vicinity of Fort Smith and elsewhere in connection with Eno and McMullen. Mr. Tamm stated that it would be the desire of the Division that McMullen be advised that should he go to Muskogee, Oklahoma, he could depend upon cooperation and support of the Division should the occasion arise therefor and that McMullen should be furnished with the telephone number of the Oklahoma City office for

that purpose. Mr. Tamm was, of course, advised by Mr. Nathan to the effect that from all appearances the informant was not reliable and, therefore, authorization was given to discontinue active investigation.

McMullen was advised in accordance with the instructions of Mr. Tamm and Special Agent in Charge Conroy with the Agents from his office and Special Agent in Charge Nathan with the Agents from this office proceeded to their respective headquarters on the night of 7-4-34.

Before leaving Fort Smith, Arkansas, Special Agent in Charge Nathan communicated with Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley of the Oklahoma City office, furnishing him with the gist of the facts here noted and advising that communication might be had with him by McMullen or Eno from Muskogee, Oklahoma.

For the information of the Division and any other office that may ever be again approached by Earl Eno, his description and prison number are given as follows:

Age - about 37 years
 Height - 5 feet 11 inches
 Weight - 150 pounds
 Complexion - florid
 Build - slender
 Hair - dark brown, slightly streaked with gray
 Eyes - brown
 Teeth - considerable porcelain bridge work and fillings in front
 Nationality - American, possibly part Indian
 Peculiarities - heavy black eyebrows, appears somewhat on the order of an Italian
 Oklahoma State Penitentiary #27105
 Criminal record - not definitely known, but known to have served a sentence, for issuance of fraudulent checks, in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, released about April, 1934.

Also said to have served a penitentiary sentence at Canon City, Colorado, and at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. The sentence at Leavenworth believed to have been for sale of narcotics.

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The complete criminal record of Eno is being secured from the Division for the purpose of the record here.

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REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-11-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-28-34 7-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. TRAINOR
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194 RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201 HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1182, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information from local residents at Brownington, Missouri, indicates the probability that Charles Arthur Floyd may have relatives named Ring near Brownington and may have appeared driving a car bearing Tennessee license tags #11-483, 7-3-34.



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DETAILS: Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan rendered the following memorandum in connection with this case on 6-28-34:

"On 6-28-34, L. A. Woodley, 3215 Myrtle, Kansas City, Missouri, called at this office and advised as follows:

DETAILS:

"He was formerly connected with the Narcotic Division of the Treasury Department, resigning in 1927. Since that time he has been employed as a private investigator and did considerable work for Ronald Finney involved in certain bond and bank cases in Kansas.

"Woodley advised that he, together with his brother, owns property at a point near Brownington, Missouri, in Henry County, and it is his custom to go there occasionally to see

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R. B. Nathan SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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"About two years ago while employed by the Burns Agency, Woodley arrested two negroes in Brownington, they being prosecuted for murder. At that time, he became acquainted with the telephone operator at Brownington. About three weeks ago, he passed through Brownington on a fishing trip and this telephone operator hailed him and in a subsequent conversation advised him that a short time prior to the date of the conversation Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd had come through Brownington at about 5:00 A.M. driving a Ford V-8 automobile. Subsequently Floyd returned through Brownington, at which time he was accompanied by a resident of that section named either Fink or Link. According to Mr. Woodley, this man is an uncle of Floyd and Floyd is supposed to have cousins in that vicinity.

"Mr. Woodley advised that the road on which Floyd is supposed to have traveled at the time he was seen in Brownington goes in a southerly direction near a small town named Zion, east of Brownington, and crosses the Osage River. This road is not the regular road between Brownington and Warsaw, Missouri, but it can be traveled in making the trip between these two points. He states that it is known that Floyd used this road at the time he kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar in June, 1933.

"The property which Mr. Woodley owns is near the river in the vicinity of the road in question.

"Mr. Woodley advised that he took this proposition up with Mr. Dutton of the Burns Agency, who advised that he would have to take it up with his New York office before taking any action. He also discussed it with Chief of Detectives Higgins of the Kansas City Police Department, who indicated that it would not be possible to send any men from his department to make an investigation. He was today advised by Mr. Dutton to report to this office. He stated that he is naturally interested in the reward reported to have been offered by the Department for the apprehension of Floyd.

"Mr. Woodley suggested that he could go to Henry County on a fishing trip and could be accompanied by representatives of this office in order that any available information might be obtained. He expressed a desire to be 'in' on the arrest if Floyd was located.

"I advised Mr. Woodley that we would like to have an opportunity to talk to his informant and determine the possibilities of the information being valuable. He then volunteered that he would call his informant, whose name he could not remember, and ask her as to whether there had been any further developments, and at the same time inform her that a representative of this office would see her.

"Mr. Woodley did talk to his informant, who gave her name as Mrs. Prossie. According to Mr. Woodley, she advised him that she had found out that Floyd has been there since the occasion mentioned, and that she knows the identity of the person Floyd has been seen with in that section.

"Mr. Woodley told the operator that someone would call on her within the next two days and properly identify himself and give his, Woodley's, name. She was cautioned against discussing the matter with anyone."

Because of other activities at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and vicinity in connection with the location of Floyd and Richetti on 7/2-3-4/34 and preparation for activity there, it was not possible for an Agent to call on Mrs. Prossie immediately after interview with Mr. Woodley by Special Agent in Charge Nathan.

While at Clinton, Missouri, Special Agent L. A. Quindry of this office made inquiries of Sheriff Sterling Harness and rendered a memorandum, dated 6-28-34, quoted as follows:

"At Clinton, Missouri, it was ascertained through Sheriff Sterling Harness that a negro bootlegger, Harry Avery, who lives on North Main Street, Clinton, Missouri, between numbers 800 and 900, had told him that he knew 'Pretty Boy'

Floyd and had seen him often. He stated that Floyd had two aunts who had married brothers named Bob and Zeb Ring, who had been living around Harris Bend on the Osage River since 1910. They also spent a great deal of time around Salisaw, Oklahoma, where one of the brothers once had a job paying \$80.00 a month.

Avery stated that he had played the banjo for the Rings at a red barn located on Jim Harris' place but the Rings have since moved. On these occasions 'Pretty Boy' Floyd was often present. He was invited to return this week to play for some visitors from Kansas City and Avery thought Floyd might be one of them. Avery did not make the trip as suggested, although the Sheriff promised him one hundred dollars if he would turn Floyd in. The Rings are not now located on Jim Harris' land, but are now located in the same vicinity. Sheriff Harness knew no one in that part of the county who would give the necessary information to locate Floyd and advised against contacting Avery.

Lester Buchanan, tin shop operator, who is located on the northwest corner of the square at Clinton, Missouri, owns a cottage near the Rings in the vicinity of Harris Bend and told Agent that he was fishing there last evening. He saw no cars in the vicinity but did see several men across the river from him sitting on a bluff on the west side of the river north of the Osage County line bridge. He could only see them by the lights from cigarettes and matches about three hundred yards away. Mr. Buchanan is considered reliable by Sheriff Harness and had previously reported hearing a machine gun being used at the Rings' place some time ago.

Sheriff Harness had received numerous reports of machine guns and high-powered rifles being used in that vicinity and had requested several to watch for ejected cartridges but as yet none have been located.

It appears that the information shown in the memoranda of Special Agent in Charge Nathan and that of Agent Quindry concerns the same data. Therefore, on 7-3-34, Agents Quindry and W. E. Miller proceeded to Clinton, Missouri, where they made further contact with Sheriff Harness. Sheriff Harness advised that he believed Floyd has relatives in the vicinity of Brownington and indicated that he had heard that those relatives are the wives of Zeibe or Zeb Ring and the brother of Zeb Ring, who reside about eighteen miles from Brownington in St. Clair County, Missouri.

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Agents Miller and Quindry interviewed Mrs. Prossie at the telephone office at Brownington, Missouri, in company with Sheriff Harness. She related facts to indicate that a man, whom she believes from descriptions and after having seen the photograph whom she identifies as Charles Arthur Floyd, has been passing through Brownington for the past two months on various occasions. She stated that he travels out in the direction of the residence of the Ring family and she also informed that a party named Tudor, who is a neighbor of the Rings, had informed her that the man is Charles Arthur Floyd. She stated that she told Tudor the next time he saw Floyd to tell him that she would like to have Floyd stop and see her when he came past the telephone office. She stated that while the individual believed to be Floyd has not conversed with her, he has driven past the telephone office and has waived at her as he passed. She furnished a license number of a car which she stated had been observed at Brownington on 7-3-34 by various local residents and which she claimed was on a car driven by the same individual that has been making appearances there. This license number as given by her was Indiana 1934 tags #11647. She stated that the car on which the license tags were used was a dark colored sedan, but she was unable to furnish the model or make of same.

A telegram was sent to the Indianapolis office and on 7-5-34 a reply was received to the effect that the Indiana license plates were issued to an Indianapolis policeman named Homer J. Lee for an Oldsmobile Sedan and that the plates are still on Lee's car.

Agent R. H. Simons and the writer proceeded to Clinton, Missouri, on 7-6-34 to make further investigation of this matter.

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Sheriff Sterling Harness, upon further interview, advised that [redacted] has without doubt gone to see the Ring family near Brownington since he has not been around Clinton for two or three days. He stated that [redacted] is a very reliable negro informant. When questioned, however, in regard to the record of [redacted] Harness advised that [redacted] served a term in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. [redacted] He was requested to seek to locate [redacted] in order that he might be interviewed by the Agents and after proceeding to the home of the mother of [redacted] he advised that the negro woman had informed him that [redacted] went to the home of Pete Sweat about eight miles north of Clinton the previous evening and had not returned. The Agents, together with Deputy Sheriff Dalton Davis of Clinton, Missouri, then drove to the home of

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Pete Sweet and learned that [REDACTED] had departed sometime the previous night and his whereabouts were unknown. There is no definite indication that [REDACTED] has gone to the home of Zeb Ring except from the assumption of Sheriff Harness. It was not deemed advisable to proceed to the Ring home at that time since that is the place from which [REDACTED] is presumed to be seeking information as to the location of Floyd, however, Sheriff Harness, who has the telephone number of the Kansas City office, promised to notify this office immediately should he hear from [REDACTED] who has promised to notify him from the neighborhood of the Ring home if he sees Charles Arthur Floyd there.

Through conversation with Mr. Harness it was indicated that he has no definite reason to believe that Charles Arthur Floyd has been in that vicinity recently except from the information that he secured from Mrs. Prosise of Brownington. He stated that he does not know that the Rings are in any manner related to Floyd, but he secured such a report from Mrs. Prosise. However, he did state that on 7-3-34 he and Dalton Davis received a call from Mrs. Prosise at Brownington to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd and two other men were driving in a car around the public square at Brownington and that he and Davis traveled toward Brownington when they met a car on the highway which they believed to be a 1934 model Plymouth or Buick Sedan. He stated that the car bore a license tag with a blue background and white numerals, but he could not secure the license numbers except that he knew the first two numerals were "11". He stated that he observed a man driving the car and he would say without hesitation that the man's appearance fit that of Charles Arthur Floyd identically. He stated that the car met him and Dalton Davis and passed on. He did not explain why he did not take action to apprehend Floyd if he believed this to be him.

Agent Simons and the writer interviewed Mrs. Prosise at the telephone office at Brownington. She reiterated her statement such as the one made to Agents Miller and Quindry. She was asked whether she definitely knew that the Rings are related to Charles Arthur Floyd and stated that she is positive that they are because one of the Ring boys, first name unknown, who is about 19 years of age, "looks exactly like Pretty Boy." She stated that the Ring boy was sitting on the curb at Brownington several months ago when she and J. W. Moore, an elderly resident of Brownington, happened to be present. At that time she asked the Ring boy whether he was related to Charles Arthur Floyd and he replied in the affirmative. She stated to him at that time, "You sure look exactly like the pictures of Floyd which I have seen in the newspaper" and the Ring boy replied that he could bring her a better photograph than

that of "Pretty Boy". She stated, however, that she has not seen the Ring boy since. This is her only basis for believing that the Rings are related to Charles Arthur Floyd although she stated that by inference she concluded that the wives of the two Ring brothers who reside near Brownington were probably aunts of Floyd since it was known to her that Zeb Ring and his brother, whose first name she does not know, married several years ago in the State of Oklahoma. When asked as to where she got the license tag number originally furnished as Indiana auto license tag #11647, she stated that was reported to her by the banker at Brownington who happened to be on the street at the time the car was seen circling the square on 7-3-34. She stated, however, that she has since learned that another party named W. W. Simms of Brownington got the license number of the car which she believes to be reliable and which differed from the license number previously furnished.

Interview was had with J. W. Moore regarding the information as to relationship of the Rings to Charles Arthur Floyd. He stated facts identical with those mentioned by Mrs. Prossie and advised that it is rumored around Brownington that the Rings are related to Charles Arthur Floyd through their wives. He could furnish no other source of information except the son of one of the Rings who had "admitted" that he was related to Floyd.

Interview was had with W. W. Simms and wife at Brownington. They stated that in 7-3-34 sometime on the forenoon a dark colored, new looking sedan of black color, had circled the public square passing their house seven times. They became suspicious and noted the license number of the car on a card which they still had in their possession. They produced the card which bore the following inscription, Tennessee, 1934, 11-483. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simms stated that they could not be mistaken in this license number as they saw it plainly the number of times mentioned above. Mr. and Mrs. Simms were shown photographs of various suspects without any names being given and from the photographs they both chose that of Charles Arthur Floyd as a likeness of the man who drove the car from which they copied the license number. They stated that there were one or two other men in the car, they saw no woman at that time, they did not see any other car join the car in question.

It was learned from Mrs. Prossie when she was interviewed that the car in which the man, presumed by her to be Charles Arthur Floyd, was riding was driven around the town, it was finally joined by another smaller car and when this happened both cars immediately left and were not seen thereafter.

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It is well to note that Brownington, Missouri, is in the wooded mountainous section of Missouri where there are many tourist camps and fishing resorts. A great number of tourists go to that section of the State and there are cars passing through Brownington hourly to and from those camps. It was not deemed advisable to make any further inquiry at Brownington at this time because of the fact that the town is very small and its inhabitants are prone to discuss the arrival of any strangers there. It may be further noted that the entire vicinity of Clinton, Missouri, is "Floyd conscious" due to the fact that on 6-16-33 Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti kidnaped the Sheriff at Bolivar, Missouri, in a bar and drove as far as Deepwater, 3 miles from Brownington, where they kidnaped Walter Griffith, a resident of Clinton, taking him and the Sheriff of Bolivar in Griffith's car as far as Kansas City, Missouri. Since that time many rumors to the effect that Floyd has been here have been received from sources around Clinton and they have been investigated with negative results in each instance. However, it is possible that the information herein set out concerning the appearance of Floyd at Brownington may be correct and every possible effort will be made to avail this office of such value as the information may have. The informant of Sheriff Harness, namely, [REDACTED] has promised to report the presence of Floyd at Rings near Brownington should he appear there and the Sheriff will notify the Kansas City office.

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The Nashville office was furnished with information concerning the 1934 Tennessee license tags #11-483 on 7-6-34 and requested to trace the same.

On 7-7-34 a telegram was received from the Nashville office stating that these license tags were issued for 1933 model Plymouth four door sedan, motor #PD168688 of dark blue color, black wire wheels, said car having been purchased by Mrs. Lottie Dorr, age 35 years to 40 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 135 pounds, brunette hair, residing at 1875 Nelson Street, Memphis, Tennessee. She is reported to be a former waitress at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, and at the time of wire she was said to be in Fulton, Kentucky, returning to Memphis, Tennessee, on or about 7-9-34 when she would be interviewed.

By telephone on the evening of 7-7-34 Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons was furnished by the writer with the basic facts upon which to interview Mrs. Lottie Dorr should it appear advisable to the Nashville

office that she be interviewed. It will be borne in mind that the photograph of Floyd has been identified by parties at Brownington, Missouri, as the driver of the car bearing the Tennessee license tags issued to Mrs. Dorr and it is entirely possible that she could be a friend and companion of Floyd.

Upon further development of the identity of the driver of the car after interview or surveillance of Mrs. Dorr at Memphis, such further action as appears advisable will be taken at Brownington, Missouri.

At this time a letter is being addressed to the Postmaster at Brownington with request that a cover be maintained on the mail of Zeb Ring in order that the location in the State of Oklahoma from which the wives of the Rings come may be determined through possible correspondence and at that time an investigation will be made to determine whether those women are related to Floyd.

The Nashville office is being furnished with photographs of Rose and Beulah Baird, who are women confederates of Floyd, in order that these likenesses may be compared with that of Mrs. Lottie Dorr of Memphis, Tennessee, in the event her identity and history is not definitely known at Memphis.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 11, 1934

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased,
et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

<u>Name (inc. aliases)</u>	<u>City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.</u>	<u>Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.</u>	<u>Fingerprint Classifica- tion.</u>
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Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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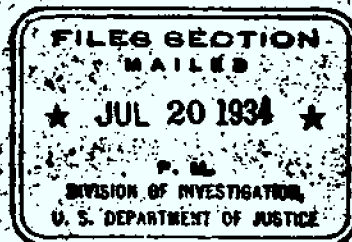
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Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased, et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated July 11, 1934,
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the case of the
following:

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✓ John Edgar Hoover,
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WIDEMAN.

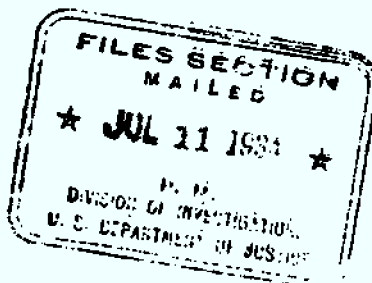
Reference is made to my memorandum of June 26, 1934, advising you of the close connection between John Lazia, Political Boss of Kansas City, Missouri and Charles Gargotta, recently convicted in Federal Court for the illegal possession of Government property. William L. Vandeventer, formerly United States Attorney at Kansas City, successfully prosecuted Lazia for income tax evasions as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General and subsequently appeared as of defense counsel in behalf of Gargotta in this case.

Word has been received through teletype press release and telegram from the Kansas City Office of this Division that Lazia died shortly after 2:00 P. M. on July 10, 1934, the victim of machine gun bullets fired at him from ambush by two gangsters.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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June 8, 1934

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DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum submitted under date of June 7, 1934, by Special Agent L. A. Quindry.

Agent Quindry advises me that Captain Baxter informed him that recently the State Highway Patrol had one of its men in an establishment near Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd. According to Captain Baxter, a representative of this Division from the Oklahoma City Office came to this establishment and, while in an intoxicated condition, so accosted the Highway Patrol representative that his identity was exposed and his usefulness on the particular assignment was ended. As indicated in the memorandum, Captain Baxter informed Agent Quindry that the name of this Agent is on file at the headquarters of the Highway Patrol at Jefferson City. Captain Baxter himself had no further information in this regard.

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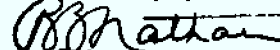
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June 8, 1934

From the circumstances as related by Captain Baxter, I do not believe that the individual referred to was a representative of this Division, it being noted that there would apparently be no reason for an agent from the Oklahoma City Office to be at Springfield, Missouri. However, I am sure that you will wish this matter entirely cleared up and, if you so desire, I will proceed to Jefferson City for this purpose, upon advice from you.

Very truly yours



R. B. NATHAN
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City, Missouri
June 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. B. NATHAN:

In conversation with Captain Baxter, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, information has been received to the effect that an undercover man, who was working in the vicinity of Springfield, Missouri for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, was exposed by one of the men from the Division of Investigation, from the Oklahoma City Office, while he was drunk. Captain Baxter stated that the name of this man is known and is on file at the headquarters of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, but that it had not been reported.

Respectfully submitted:

L. A. QUINDRY
SPECIAL AGENT (A)

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Mr. R. B. Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

I am in receipt of your communication of June 8, 1934, transmitting a memorandum submitted by Special Agent L. A. Quindry, pertaining to the alleged appearance in an establishment near Springfield, Missouri, where the State Highway Patrol had one of its men assigned in an undercover capacity, of a Division Agent in an intoxicated condition. It is further noted that this Agent who was reported to be attached to the Oklahoma City Division Office, so accosted a Highway Patrol representative that his identity on an undercover assignment was exposed, and his usefulness on this particular assignment ended.

I desire that you proceed immediately to Jefferson City, Missouri, for the purpose of ascertaining the full facts in this matter, together with the identity of the person who the State Highway Patrol officers believe was a Division Agent.

Please submit a complete report upon this matter to me as soon as is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Air Mail
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of June 5, 1934, and your reply of June 11, 1934, concerning a report made to Special Agent L. A. Quindry, of this office, as to the alleged intoxication of a Division Agent and the resulting exposure of a representative of the Missouri State Highway Patrol engaged in an undercover assignment.

On receipt of your letter I endeavored to communicate with Col. B. L. Casteel, Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Jefferson City, but was advised he was at St. Joseph, Missouri. I reached him by telephone at that point for the purpose of making an appointment to see him and he advised he would be glad to come to Kansas City inasmuch as he had other matters here requiring his attention. He did call at this office on the afternoon of June 14, 1934.

Upon being advised concerning my information in the matter he indicated that the incident referred to must have occurred at Fort Smith, Arkansas, rather than Springfield, Missouri, and advised that Major Lewis L. Leans, Commander of Troop B of the Highway Patrol, and stationed at Lacon, Missouri, would have full information. He suggested that I see Major Leans and advised he had none of the details but that I could obtain them from Leans. Col. Casteel informed me that he expected Leans to be in Kansas City on June 15, 1934, and would have him call at this office. He stated that the incident in question occurred when Leans and Sergeant Lassie, of the Highway Patrol now stationed at Willow Springs, Missouri, were working in Fort Smith in an effort to locate Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, suspected by the Highway Patrol of implication in the murder of one of their men in June 1933. On June 15, 1934, I received a telephone call from Major Leans to the effect that he would not be in Kansas City and I arranged for an appointment with him at Lacon, Missouri, on June 16, 1934.

At the inception of my interview with Major Leans I advised
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vised him fully concerning all the information which I had in this matter, indicating to him that Col. Casteel had informed me that he had the full details and could furnish them to me. I found Means to be most uncooperative and to apparently harbor a personal grudge against the Division and certain of its Agents. During the course of the interview, which lasted for over three hours, he would volunteer no information concerning the matter in question, and the only information I was able to obtain was elicited by constant questioning and the reconstruction of inferences from Means' conversation. I will set out in detail the results of the interview in order that the Division may be fully informed.

In the first place, the Division is advised that I am informed that Major Means was assigned during the Summer or Fall of 1933 to seek the apprehension of Floyd as a special matter. In carrying out this assignment Means has traveled considerably not only in Missouri but in Oklahoma and Arkansas, and has from time to time been in contact with Division offices covering these states.

With reference to the alleged intoxication of a Division Agent, Means states he has no information concerning an occurrence of this nature at or near Springfield, Missouri. He intimated that he does have information as to a similar occurrence at Fort Smith, Arkansas. However, he states that he does not care to divulge the details of the occurrence inasmuch as he has no desire to get anyone into trouble and since the consequences of the alleged actions were not, apparently, serious. He further stated to me that he considers other actions on the part of Agents of the Division to be of much more serious character. Means would not give me the names of any persons involved or any dates. He indicated that any facts which he has are also within the possession of representatives of the Division, intimating, though not specifically stating, that a Division representative of "equal rank" to the writer is advised concerning the occurrence.

As near as I can get to the alleged occurrence from remarks made by Means, the representative of the Highway Patrol was stationed undercover in an underworld establishment in Fort Smith for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain information concerning Floyd through a woman believed to be associated with him. This establishment, according to Means, is in a section of Fort Smith known to be occupied by vicious underworld characters. The presence of the representative of the Highway Patrol in this establishment was known to a Division Agent. This Agent is reported to have either been known in Fort Smith or to have, through injudicious conversations about the city, made

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himself known as a Division representative. Despite this fact the Agent is alleged to have gone to the establishment and to have contacted the undercover representative of the Highway Patrol. By this contact Means apparently feels that persons in the establishment were made aware of the undercover capacity of the Highway Patrolman and he had to call off his assignment. Further, the inference is drawn by Means that this man was placed in unnecessary danger by reason of his identity being exposed. Means would not definitely state that this supposed contact was had by our Agent when in an intoxicated condition, but did state that the Agent had been in an intoxicated condition in Fort Smith and that this fact was known to other Division Agents. Means stated that no harm came to the Highway Patrolman by reason of the alleged exposure, and further indicated that the anticipated results of the undercover assignment would probably not have been obtained even had he continued his assignment. (2)

Concerning this occurrence Means stated that he talked to a fellow officer of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Captain Leigh, of St. Louis, Missouri, and that Captain Leigh advised him to report the matter to you. However, he determined against this procedure. In view of this reference to Captain Leigh I briefly discussed the situation with Special Agent in Charge Reed and Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, of the St. Louis Office, while there on June 17th. Agent Yearsley informed me that sometime ago an inference of the complaint of Means had reached the St. Louis Office and that an effort had been made to have Means communicate the facts in his possession to the Division or to one of our offices. He advised that Captain Leigh is very friendly to the Division, and, accordingly, a brief interview was had by Reed, Yearsley and the writer with Captain Leigh.

Captain Leigh stated that his recollection is that the man to whom Means refers in the Division is named Perkins, and I, accordingly, assume that he refers to Special Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City Office. In this connection it is noted from the file in the Kansas City massacre case that Agent Perkins has made some investigations in association with Major Means, although I am unable to locate any report or memorandum which would in any way bear out the statements of Means. (2)

As indicated in the first part of this communication, Means stated that he did not consider the occurrence outlined above as being of as serious a nature as others within his knowledge. He stated that he felt from contacts which he has had with Peace Officers that a feeling has grown up that this Division, instead of cooperating

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with other law enforcement agencies is, in many instances, endeavoring to seek glory and publicity from its activities. Means would not or could not cite any instances in support of his statements in this regard, nor would he give the names of any individuals connected with the Division who have created such an impression. He advised that if a survey could be made by contact with law enforcement agencies without these offices being informed that the person inquiring was connected with the Division his contentions in this regard would be borne out. Means further stated that he felt that the Division has failed to cooperate with him and his organization in efforts to locate Floyd.

Means stated that when he was assigned to the task of locating this individual he had contact with Division offices both at Kansas City and at St. Louis. At that time he was advised that the Division was not actively seeking the location of Floyd although an Identification Order had been issued because of the possible connection of Floyd with the Union Station Massacre. He stated that he brought to the attention of Mr. Ladd, of St. Louis, the possibility of connecting Floyd with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act concerning automobiles transported into Bolivar, Missouri, and from Bolivar to Kansas City, Kansas, at the time Sheriff Killingsworth, of Bolivar, was allegedly kidnaped by Floyd and Adam Gichetti. He states that he has visited Division offices on numerous occasions and has furnished a number of leads which have either not been followed out, or, if followed out, he has never been informed as to the results thereof and is consequently unable to determine whether the original information received by him had any value. He states that he determined the connection between Floyd and one Beulah Baird and her sister, Rose Baird, and suggested to one of the Division offices, apparently the Kansas City Office, that photographs of these women could be obtained from the Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department. He understood that these photographs would be obtained and that he would be furnished with copies but waited six weeks without hearing and then obtained the photographs direct from the Georgetown Police Department within three days by correspondence, subsequently furnishing them to our St. Louis Office in order that copies might be made. (3)

He cites as a further lack of cooperation in connection with the Baird women an incident alleged to have taken place at Fort Smith, Arkansas, which he relates as follows: He had a contact at Fort Smith, apparently connected with either the Police Department or the Sheriff's Office, and went into Fort Smith and left with this (3)

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contact a photograph of Beulah Baird. This was done because of the possibility that Floyd might be in Fort Smith and associated with this woman. He then left Fort Smith and proceeded to points in Arkansas, returning to Sikeston, Missouri. While at Sikeston he received a telephone call from his Fort Smith contact to the effect that Beulah Baird was then in Fort Smith registered at a local hotel. The contact told him that her photograph had been definitely identified at the hotel and requested that Means return to Fort Smith. Means states that he felt the information was probably not accurate, but he did return to Fort Smith and was advised by his contact man that Agents of the Division were in Fort Smith and that it was planned that the various forces would work together. Means states that he endeavored to communicate with an Agent but found him to be unavailable. However, he understood from his contact that it was desired that Means and his associate obtain a room in proximity to the room occupied by the woman in question in order to obtain any possible information of interest to the case. He further understood that a conference was to be had concerning the contemplated action, this conference to be held at the office of the United States Marshal. He did obtain a room next to that of the woman supposed to be Beulah Baird. Later he endeavored to ascertain when he would be called into the conference and was advised by someone to whom he talked on the telephone that the conference had been called off. However, he later had contact with an Agent of the Division, possibly Agent Birch, and on going to the Marshal's office or to a hotel room he found the conference in full session. Means was somewhat vague in his details concerning this conference, but indicated that there were a number of Agents of the Division in Fort Smith and that they were well supplied with all types of armament. These Agents are supposed to have engaged a room in a hotel which faced the rooms occupied by the woman and by Means and his associate. Means states that he had by that time determined that the woman was not in fact Beulah Baird but that it was decided to follow the matter through and see what information could be developed. It was accordingly arranged that he would give a signal from his room in the event of any developments, and he and his associate arranged to stage a party with the woman and another woman. During the course of this party, which took place in the room occupied by Means and that of the girl in question, a raid was made on the rooms by local officers accompanied by officers from Oklahoma. When these officers recognized Means and his companion they left without making any arrests, but as a result of the raid any possibility of obtaining information from the women was killed.

W.I. asked Means if he had any information indicating that

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the raid he mentioned was the result of information furnished by Agents of the Division, and he stated he had not any such information and did not think that our Agents knew anything about the raid. He feels that it was possibly brought about by information given to the Police of Fort Smith by Oklahoma officers. At a subsequent conference with Division Agents concerning this affair Means states that one of the Agents, name not given, remarked to him that he, Means, had certainly gotten them off on a "wild goose chase". This apparently rankled Means who states that not only had he not called the Division Agents into this matter but that he had been convinced from the time he arrived in Fort Smith that the woman in question was not the Baird woman.

Means states that on another occasion he was blamed for bringing the Division Agents into a matter which developed no information when, as a matter of fact, he had been sick in bed until the date the Agents proceeded to the point in question and had nothing to do with their excursion. He states he knows he received the blame for this trip because he saw a statement to that effect in one of our reports indicating that he happened to see it without in any way attempting to read the contents of the report. He could or would furnish no further details concerning this alleged occurrence.

I endeavored to impress on Means that if, as he intimates, there are men in the Division who are not acting in accordance with your desires and the Division's established policies and rules, he should be entirely willing to give to us full and complete information in order that necessary steps in the way of correction could be taken. His replies would be to the effect that it would get him nowhere and that in an inquiry of this kind we would be inclined to take the word of our representatives as against his. He stated that police officers and those connected with the Sheriff's Office in Fort Smith could bear him out in his statements, but that they would not tell anything they might know to a representative of the Division, having intimated to him that they would not want to be mixed up in anything of this nature involving the Federal Government. He stated, however, that his observations could be corroborated at Fort Smith if inquiry would be made without the identity of the inquirer being revealed. Means further stated that should he at some future date be endeavoring to obtain a position with the Government he felt that it would militate against him were he to register any complaints concerning the Division. Although I assured him that our sole desire was to obtain the true facts and that personalities would not enter into an inquiry of this character I was unable to

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persuade him to be any more definite. He was advised that you are at all times personally interested in any complaints concerning the Division, and would thresh the whole matter out and act fairly towards all persons concerned. During the conversation he suggested to me that probably the best thing to do would be to let the whole matter drop. He was, of course, informed that we had no intention of doing this.

During the course of the conversation Means asked me a hypothetical question in effect as follows: "Do you think it in keeping with the dignity of your organization for one of its representatives to drive along a highway and fire his revolver indiscriminately at birds and other objects along the highway?", and, "Do you think it dignified for one of your men to pick up a street-walker in his automobile, having the car full of guns and ammunition, and within ten minutes inform her of his identity and connections?". I asked Means if such things had ever occurred to his knowledge. His reply, which he refused to elaborate upon, was that he "did not dream it".

I urged Major Means that he reconsider his attitude and fully disclose any information which he might have. He stated that he did not intend to further elaborate on the information furnished, but that he expected to be in Kansas City on either June 18 or 19 and would call to see me if he were in the city. I advised him I would not be here on the 18th but would be glad to see him on the 19th, or any subsequent date.

It is noted that Means also advised me that he determined about six weeks or two months ago that he could not work with the Division, and consequently made a connection with another Federal Agency from whom he has received excellent cooperation. Although he did not so state my impression is that the agency referred to is the Inspection Division of the Post Office Department, this inference being gathered from remarks about mail tracings. Means further stated that he had issued an order to members of his troop not to go out of their way in any respect to cooperate with representatives of our Division, indicating that in the past the men in his organization had driven our representatives many hundreds of miles and had at all times endeavored to give complete cooperation. He further stated, however, that he had subsequently rescinded this order.

I have gone through the file in this case relating to the Kansas City massacre in order to endeavor to determine whether there appears to be any sound basis for Means' complaints. In this in-

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spection of the file I have been assisted by Special Agent Trainor who is entirely familiar with the case. It appears to me that Means has been afforded cooperation in connection with his efforts to locate Floyd insofar as it seems desirable. Agent Trainor tells me that when Means first interested himself in the case he was furnished with all facts in our possession relating strictly to Floyd, and was put in contact with Sheriff Bash, of Jackson County, by this office. From time to time information reaching this office indicating a possible connection with Floyd was transmitted to Means by letter, and I am advised that he has called personally at this office on numerous occasions and has at all times been extended our cooperation. I do not find in the file any information which would verify Means' insinuations, and I am sure that had Agents of the Oklahoma City Office been concentrated at Fort Smith, as Means states, a report as to their activities would have been rendered. The file contains two communications to this office from Means, one dated at Fort Smith, Arkansas, October 20, 1933, and one dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, November 6, 1933, copies of which have apparently not been previously forwarded to the Division, and are, accordingly, being attached hereto in order that the Division may have complete information.

Agent set out this interview with Means in such great detail in order that the Division may be fully informed as to the attitude which he takes. I am not impressed with the fact that the statements which he makes can be verified or that the occurrences did in fact happen. It is possible that the Division has further information in connection with the activities of Means in Oklahoma and Arkansas which have not been communicated to this office, and I accordingly plan to make no further contact with Means or other members of his organization until I have had the benefit of your advice in this regard.

I might state that Means impresses me as being a super-sensitive individual and that the alleged lack of cooperation and alights afforded him by our representatives may be entirely the products of his imagination. In this connection it is noted that Means related one further incident which I have failed to set out. He states he has recently been advised that a representative of the Kansas City Office of the Division has been making an investigation directly concerning the location of Floyd at a point within the territory covered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop over which he has command. However, this Agent has not only not had contact with Means, but, according to Means, came into this section

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with specific instructions to "stay away from Means". Means states he cannot prove this occurrence but feels sure that it is correct. I may add that I have no information of such an investigation or that such instructions have been issued to a representative of this office, although it is quite possible that inquiries may have been made in the vicinity, and that it might not have been desirable to contact Major Means.

I might also add that I have had occasion to personally talk to Col. Casteel, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, on two occasions, and so far as I could judge from his outward actions he is entirely cooperative with the Division. It is possible that, if the Division deems it advisable, Col. Casteel can take the necessary action to have Means elaborate on the information supposed to be in his possession.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Letterhead of MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Jefferson City, Mo.

Fort Smith, Ark.
Oct. 20, 1933.

Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Am enclosing copy of a report on the Calico Rock Ark., lead, written by Sgt. Moore of Troop C State Highway Patrol. I detailed Sgt. Moore and Trooper Massie to make this investigation and both are competent men therefore you may rely on the accuracy of the information.

Regarding my investigation in the Floyd case in this territory, will give you a brief summary for your information.

On Oct. 5th I called on John Wolsey, Chief of Detectives of Muskogee Ok., on the recommendation of your department in Kansas City, who put me in touch with the informant of whom he wrote you. This man is a school mate of Floyd but now employed in Muskogee, he is a young man of good reputation but 'crazy' about automobiles and wants one himself. He figures that Floyd's days are numbered and that he might as well cash in on the reward as for someone else to get it. I made arrangements for him to work with one of my men, and immediately went on to Oklahoma City to make contact with your department there. Upon my arrival which was on the morning that the verdict on Bailey, Bates and the Shannons was rendered Mr. Colvin was of course very busy but finally got an interview with him and he promised all assistance possible from that office.

I then returned to Muskogee and spent a few days there while in the meantime my man assigned to work with the informant easily worked into the confidence of the people at Aiken (Floyds home) and Sallisaw, in fact so well that inside a week he was in the plot to take a series of Banks in eastern Ok. the first at Webbers Falls. He met and became friendly with E.W. Floyd, brother of Chas. his sister and several other relatives. He went to Bixby and visited the father of Floyds wife and played with Jackie Floyd, while there he learned that Ruby Floyd was in Ft. Smith. I came on here and after some delay located the place where she is staying. And on the night that I located the place, Floyd visited the house.

Upon being informed that he was coming I tried to make contact with Mr. Colvin and secure help, but I believe the information was not understood for he wired me that it would be impossible to make contact with me at Ft. Smith.

The place where Ruby Floyd is staying is an old fashioned brick two story and a half house located at 223 N.E. St. The place is occupied by one W. L. Menthery, presumably a tie contractor. Irene Less his housekeeper who cooks for him and does his night work also, his daughter and occasionally his son

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When I came here they were living in the ground floor but since I came and since the 'leak' which has developed they have moved out of the ground floor and are on the second floor. I have been informed that Floyd was back there for a short time last Thursday night but can't verify that as I was in Okla. City that day trying to get lined up with the Fed. authorities.

There is a little store on the same lot with this house and it is operated by old man Collins, whose son 'Rabbit' Collins married and lives with a cousin of Floyd. The old man is drunk most of the time and in addition to his grocery business deals in liquor and drugs. Rabbit Collins lives across the street and peddles drugs, his wife is with Ruby Floyd constantly. Two daughters of Collins sisters of Rabbitt live in the same block and they hustle and run a liquor joint the liquor business being the principle business, as they do not solicit either there or on the street for the other phase of the enterprise.

'Gripe' McCune is laying up with another of the Collins girls a half block away and he is also peddling dope.

Ketheny is being paid by Floyd to take care of Ruby and I believe takes her to meet Floyd at hangouts not far away as they go away frequently late in the afternoon usually, though sometimes as early as one p.m. and are gone usually till midnight or one a.m. but occasionally staying for two days.

Ruby and all the Collins tribe are on the dope, and to the best of my belief from the information I have Floyd is also on it.

The man I had working over near Sallisaw is here now and has worked in to the gang far enough that he is planning a party with Ruby Floyd, the purpose being to get her drunk under which conditions I understand she will talk her head off. He has free access to all the Collins' joints but has not yet tried to enter the Lentheny place.

Floyd has a hangout near Hitchita and another near Nicut, the location of which I believe I have fixed. Am working on the Hitchita joint and have the location of that I believe.

From some angles the story which appeared yesterday about him being wounded checks as probable.

Mr. Perkins is giving every assistance possible, however, I wish it were possible to have one or two of your crack specialists in this kind of work to drop in here for I feel that it would result in his apprehension at an early date. I have a great deal of other information which I believe of value and if this thing could be pressed right now he can be located. At a later date I will furnish you with a copy of my entire report on the case which I cannot do today.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Lewis M. Mears,

present address.

Mr. L. M. Mears, Ward Hotel, Ft. Smith, Ark. Capt. Mo. State Highway Patrol.

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Jefferson City, Mo.
Nov. 6, 1933.

U. S. Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Attention-Mr. Conroy

Dear Mr. Conroy:

Have just returned from the neighborhood of Ft. Smith and Muskogee it being necessary for me to come in for the purpose of attending to some business up here. While there I was given a little information concerning Underhill which I did not have the opportunity to check, therefore do not know how accurate it is but believe you will be able to check very quickly, I was informed that Underhill is associated with a Blanch Göttner and that they are openly driving about the country in what is presumed a legitimate car, a VB 4door gray sedan bearing Ok lic No 344-251. This may be old to your department since we saw a member of the Ok City office on a spot four or five days in the locality of the Göttner girls home. Also the same informant tells me that they have a hangout which they frequent that is located south of Scranton Ark. which is I believe between Ft. Smith and Hot Springs.

Part of the information I gave you regarding the Hitchhike angle does not check, I found after going in there but part of it is accurate.

I will be very much interested to hear whether or not you had success on your trip to Washington. For I believe we can be of mutual help to each other. But I believe you will see my viewpoint when I tell you that I see absolutely no future in trying to work together so long as we get nothing from the Ok City office. There was for example the past week with both of us in the spot there, we knew he was there, but I doubt whether he knew we were there although he probably saw one of us. But if you succeed in getting the assignment and care of our help I will be very glad to give every cooperation.

I received the confidential communication sent me at Springfield and will return the one concerning the K.C.K.s informant. We have had a hundred like him and none of them any good. We are checking the other although we have had rumbles concerning that spot for some time. We have checked out the spot near Warsaw that I told you of and it without doubt a stopping place but due to road conditions it could not be used in unfavorable weather. The people are from Sallisaw neighborhood and I believe are relatives by marriage. If you should care to communicate with me a letter will reach me either at Macon (forwarded) or Gen. Del. Ft. Smith. Or if interested I will keep you informed at all times where I can be reached by wire.

Sincerely,
(Sgd.) Lewis L. Leans.
Lewis L. Leans,
Caption No. State Hwy Patrol.

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P.S. We were informed of the Okmulgee Bank before it was pulled and I was within ten miles of there when it was pulled off. Did not know the time set but expected to get over there and watch it. From that fact I believe Floyd and Underhill are working together.

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Mr. R. B. Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I have received your communication of June 20, 1934 pertaining to the allegations of misconduct on the part of Special Agents of the Division, originating with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Because of the reluctance of Major Lewis M. Means to supply specific information concerning the basis for his dissatisfaction with the Division's representatives, I believe you should contact Colonel B. M. Casteel and diplomatically endeavor to have him instruct Major Means to furnish complete details regarding the various matters concerning which Major Means has furnished general information. This contact with Colonel Casteel should be, of course, handled in such a way that the friendly relations existing between the Division and other officers and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol will not be jeopardized. I believe you should advise Colonel Casteel of Major Means' statement that "he had issued an order to members of his troop not to go out of their way in any respect to cooperate with representatives of our Division".

Please advise me promptly of the results obtained from your further inquiries in this matter. For your information, I am attaching hereto copies of letters addressed to the Special Agents in Charge of the Oklahoma City and St. Louis Division Offices.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Dwight Brantley,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

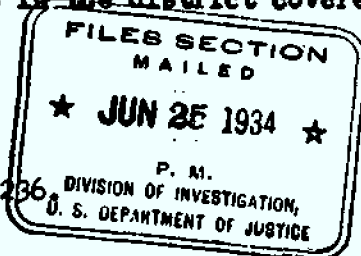
Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto a copy of a communication addressed to me under date of June 20, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office pertaining to allegations of misconduct on the part of one or more Division Agents, said allegations originating with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Your attention is particularly invited to paragraph two, page three of Mr. Nathan's letter pertaining to the allegation that Special Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City Office was in an intoxicated condition at Fort Smith, Arkansas and that his conduct proved embarrassing to representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

I desire to have a thorough investigation into this allegation made by you and upon completion of your inquiries, you should obtain a signed statement from Agent Perkins concerning the charges made herein.

It is further requested that you submit your comments upon other items appearing in the charges of Major Means which refer specifically to conditions in the district covered by your office.



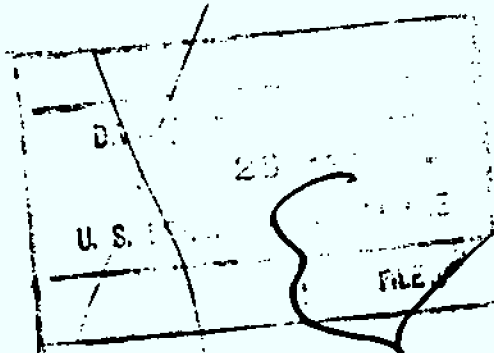
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Mr. L. B. Reed,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In a recent contact of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of the Kansas City Office with Major Lewis M. Means, Commander of Troop B. of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Major Means stated that in connection with efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd, Major Means obtained information concerning a purported relationship between Floyd and one Beulah Baird and her sister, Rose Baird, and suggested to one of the Division Offices, apparently the Kansas City Office, that photographs of these women could be obtained from the Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department. Major Means stated he waited six weeks without hearing from the Division Field Office and then obtained the photographs direct from the Georgetown Police Department by correspondence in a period of about three days. Major Means stated that he subsequently furnished photographs of these individuals to the St. Louis Office in order that copies thereof might be made.

Kindly review your file in this matter and advise whether there is included therein any record of any correspondence with Major Means concerning the photographs of Beulah Baird and Rose Baird.

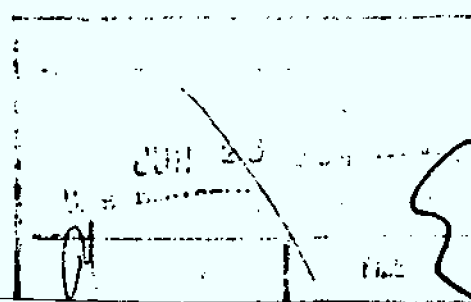
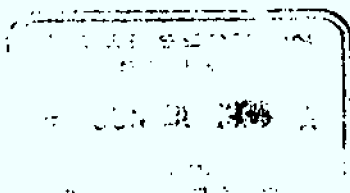
Please give this matter your immediate personal attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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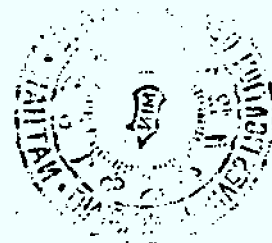
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the letter which we received from Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City Office, covering a conference which he had with various members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and in particular, Major Means, I note that you have prepared a number of letters to our field offices relative to this matter. I would like to have this given very careful attention. I want all of the allegations made by Major Means to be definitely run down, and either proven or disproven in order that we can take appropriate action. If any of his allegations are true in so far as they affect our personnel, the proper disciplinary action will be taken. If they aren't true, I think we should then arrange for a representative of this Division to officially contact Major Means' superior, in order to endeavor to straighten out this situation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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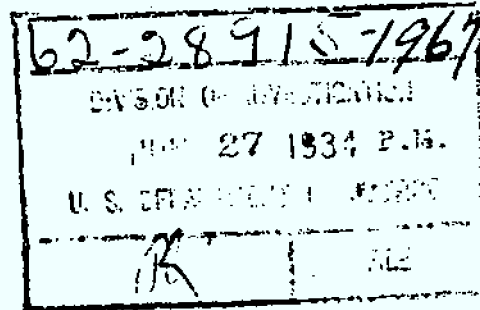
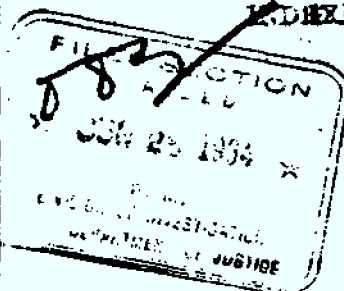


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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 25, 1934, concerning a recent interview by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan of the Kansas City Office with Major Lewis A. Means, Commander of Troop B, Missouri State Highway Patrol, in connection with Major Means' complaint in obtaining pictures through a Division Office from the Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department.

The files in this office contain a memorandum dated February 22, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, as to the association of Floyd with one Beulah Baird, copy of which memorandum is attached hereto.

On March 2, 1934 Mr. Ladd addressed a letter to Major Means, transmitting fingerprint cards of Juanita Baird, Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department #186, and of Rose Baird, Georgetown, Kentucky Police Department #187. On February 15, 1934 Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy addressed a letter to the Los Angeles Office, based upon information furnished by Means, a Captain at that time, concerning Beulah "Beard." I am unable to determine how Mr. Ladd came into possession of the fingerprint cards of the two Baird women; however, his letter to Major Means of March 2, 1934 uses the term "returning," and I therefore presume Mr. Ladd secured the cards from Major Means.

On March 5, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Ladd addressed a letter to the Director, enclosing photographic copies of the fingerprints and photographs of Rose Baird, alias Rose Ash, and Juanita Baird, alias Beulah Baird. That letter, a copy of which was furnished the Kansas City Office, states that these two girls were alleged by Major Means to be traveling with Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

On March 2, 1934 Mr. Ladd made a memorandum, now in the files of this office, which states that on February 28, 1934 he was furnished the following information by Major Means:

That Major Means had worked for several months looking towards the location and apprehension of Floyd throughout Oklahoma; that Floyd's wife, Ruby, was residing at 223 N. B. Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, at the home of M. L. Metheny; that Stella Collins, employed by Metheny, is a sister of Red Collins, a wholesale junk dealer at Fort Smith, then serving a term at Leavenworth.

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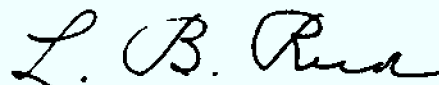
worth Penitentiary; that Red Collins married Fay Hope of Hitchita, Oklahoma, a cousin of Ruby Floyd; that the Metheny family had a connection with one Flaherty of 317 N. 4th Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. This memorandum further records other information with regard to the Collins, the relatives of Floyd, and then states that Floyd was then traveling with and presumably living with one Beulah Baird, nee Golden, and gives the relatives of Beulah Baird. The memorandum also sets forth contacts alleged to have been made by Floyd and Richetti, according to Major Means. Rose Baird was living with one Mike Pitts of 218 1/2 Independence Street, Kansas City, Missouri. This memorandum contains further and additional information submitted by Major Means to Mr. Ladd, which information the Division apparently has, concerning the activities of Floyd.

On March 9, 1934 Mr. Ladd addressed a letter to Major Means, transmitting three photostatic copies of the photographs of Rose Baird and Juanita Baird, together with photostatic reproductions of the signature of each. The negatives of those photographs were retained at the St. Louis Office. The file does not disclose how this office came into possession of the photographs of the two individuals named; however, it is presumed they were delivered to this office in person by Major Means.

In reply to a letter of March 16, 1934 from the Kansas City Office the Division, under date of March 24, 1934, transmitted to the Kansas City, St. Louis and Oklahoma City Offices a supply of photographs of Rose Baird, Beulah Baird, and others. Later the Division furnished the same photographs to the Chicago Office.

I have made a careful review of the St. Louis Office file in this matter, and do not find any record of correspondence with Major Means concerning this matter other than as above stated.

Very truly yours,



L. B. REED,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 3, 1934.

62-28915-1968

Mr. D. M. Ladd,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto copies of a communication addressed to me under date of June 27, 1934 by Special Agent in Charge L. B. Reed of the St. Louis, Missouri Office. Mr. Tamm has orally advised you of Major Means' attitude toward the Division and has requested that you furnish the Division with a complete statement of your dealings with Major Means in so far as you now recall them.

Please submit this information to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH E. HOOVER

Director.

Incl. 32415L.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Miss Gandy.....

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 3, 1934

DB:CG

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Tamm.....

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of June 25, 1934 under personal and confidential cover with which was transmitted a letter from Special Agent in Charge Nathan of the Kansas City office alleging that Special Agent J. J. Perkins was in an intoxicated condition at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and that his conduct proved embarrassing to representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

It is observed in the letter from Mr. Nathan referred to that he has been unable to locate in the Kansas City file titled "Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, et al. - Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash" any report or other communication relating to any investigation conducted by Agent Perkins in this capacity at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Oklahoma City file in this case indicates that on November 23, 1933 Special Agent Perkins submitted a report in this case covering his investigation at Fort Smith, and in which he indicates that he was in contact with Major Means and other representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Further inquiry by me discloses that the only other occasion on which Agents of this office had contacted Major Means or any of his representatives in this district since I have been here was in March, 1934 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He, at that time, was contacted by Special Agents T. M. Birch, K. D. Deaderick and G. A. Stevens in respect to the Floyd matter. I am obtaining signed statements from all of those agents in respect thereto.

It will be necessary for me to proceed to Fort Smith to complete this investigation which I shall do at the very earliest possible moment, and my report will be submitted as promptly as I can render it. I shall not, of course, interview Agent Perkins until my other inquiries are completed.

For your information, I have not, since I have been in the Oklahoma City office, contacted Major Means in the territory covered by this district in any manner. The occasion at Fort Smith in March of this year is the only time, to my knowledge, that he has been in the district since I have been

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here. I was in Kansas City, Missouri during the month of May attending the trial in the State Court of Charles Gargotta for murder. While there, I met Major Means in the Kansas City office where I assumed he had called on official matters. I was introduced to him by either Mr. Conroy or Mr. Spears. It was late in the afternoon. I was not in his presence more than five minutes. The conversation was general, and if I recall correctly, Floyd's name might have been mentioned, and he might have said that he was still seeking him, but that he did not know where he is and would like to find out. I assume that I told him that the Division is probably more eager to locate Floyd than is his organization, and would do anything within reason to apprehend him. That is the first and only time that I have ever been in the presence of Major Means.

It is my understanding that Major Means contacted Special Agent in Charge Colvin of the Oklahoma City office sometime last fall with respect to enlisting the cooperation on some matter of an Agent in the State of Arkansas (not the Fort Smith matter as I understand it), and the files show a copy of a letter by Special Agent in Charge Colvin to Special Agent Chipman at Little Rock, Arkansas introducing Major Means to Chipman and requesting that Mr. Chipman extend to him all cooperation possible.

I have already obtained from Special Agent T. M. Birch a signed statement concerning his contact with Major Means at Fort Smith in March, 1934, at which time, the only complaint of any nature made by Means with respect to any representative of the Division was to the effect that Mr. Conroy of the Kansas City office wanted to get all the information he could concerning Floyd, but apparently did not desire to furnish all information that the Division has about him.

With respect to the veiled allegations of Major Means concerning conditions alleged to exist in the district covered by this office, I have to say that I have not come into possession of any information to the effect that peace officers and others are unfavorably disposed to us because we seek glorification and try to "hog the whole show" in matters investigated by us. It has been my experience since I have been in the Oklahoma City office that I am able to obtain the cooperation of practically any peace officer by long distance telephone or by the sending of an Agent into his city, town or country. In the dead of night I have called various peace officers by long distance telephone for information of various kinds and within a very short time, I would receive a response thereto by telephone or otherwise, furnishing me the desired information. I recently attended a meeting of the Oklahoma State Peace Officers Association in Guthrie, Oklahoma and there met many of the officers of the State, all of whom seemed to

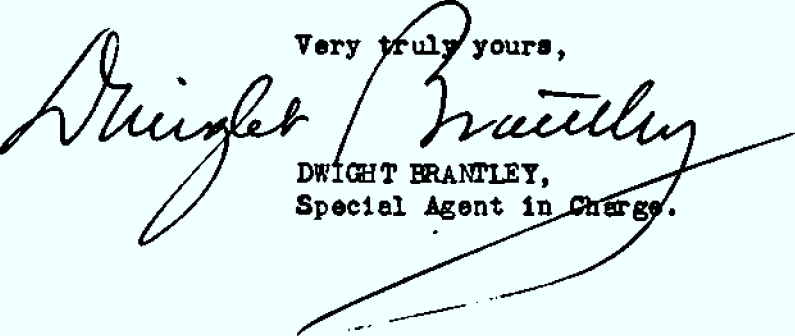
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be cordial, glad to meet representatives of the Division, and their actions and attitude indicated that they had a wholesome respect for us. These and many other things seem to controvert certain allegations, if allegations they be, made by Major Means.

The report of Agent Perkins referred to in the Vernon C. Miller, et al. case indicates that Means had with him certain associates at Fort Smith last fall. At the conclusion of this investigation, it would appear to me to be entirely proper that these two associates of Means who are members of the State Highway Patrol of Missouri, as well as Means, be interviewed and asked to make specific charges against our personnel, and if they are unable to do so or will not do so, that they be requested to discontinue their remarks about us.

If the Division will permit, I would suggest that in view of the fact that Means apparently had some contact with Mr. Colvin here last fall and has also had contact with Mr. Conroy at Kansas City, that these two gentlemen be called upon for their comments concerning their experiences with Major Means.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 9, 1934.

62-28915-1969

Mr. E. E. Conroy,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
501 Rector Office Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sirs

I am attaching hereto a copy of each of the following communications which pertain to allegations of irregularities on the part of Division personnel made by Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol:

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Letter dated November 6, 1933 from Lewis M. Means to the Kansas City Office.

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Letter dated June 25, 1934 from the Division to Dwight Brantley.

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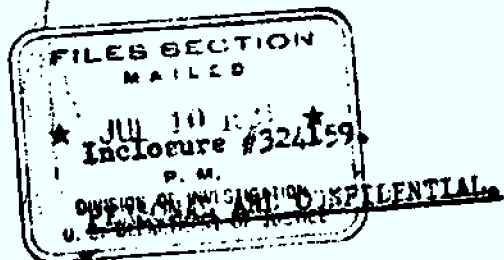
Letter dated July 3, 1934 from Dwight Brantley to the Division.

I desire that you review all of the above correspondence and advise me immediately of any contacts you have had with Major Means which would indicate the basis for his attitude and accusations. I would also appreciate your commenting upon the charges of Major Means and pointing out any motive which may be known to you.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Tamm.....



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July 9, 1934.

62-27915-1769
Mr. R. H. Colvin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Building,
El Paso, Texas.

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P. M.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Enclosure #32460.

Very truly yours,
Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 12, 1934.

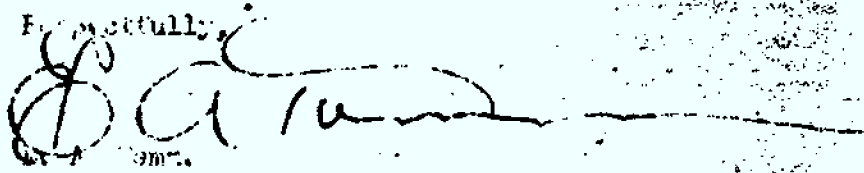
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RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Guinane I advised him that his ideas with reference to Liene/Loels were good ones. He stated that the doctor is very cooperative but states that he can not let us interview her and be responsible for her reactions. I told Mr. Guinane that if this fellow did not cooperate with us, we would pick him up on a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Mr. Guinane stated he would give this case his attention and advised that he had all the necessary serials in his files.

Respectfully,


J. Edgar Hoover

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

July 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: St. Paul File No. 62-888

Reference is made to letter from this office dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) et al; Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

These shells which were found following the robbery of the Security National Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on March 6, 1934, have been returned to this office by the Kansas City Office.

I am, therefore, forwarding to the Division, under separate registered mail, the various shells listed in the letter above referred to in order that they may be examined in the Division's laboratory.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

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Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases, (Deceased) et al; Number: 62-28915-1973
Obstruction of Justice.

Specimens: Six empty cartridge cases and one loaded cartridge case.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office.

Date received: July 17, 1934

Examination requested: Ballistic.

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7/27

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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45p
Three marked with stinger lines:
A not like not Thompson
B Thompson
C. Thompson not like B. not like
162 in Norton's Collection. ~~D~~

D Thompson - not like B or C

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351 not like one in Lab. (2/17)

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July 26, 1934.
Dillinger with aliases et al
John Herbert D. Vehicle Theft Act and Fugitive
National Motor V.

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Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al
Justice
Obstruction

62-28915-1973

Dillinger

Nine .45 calibre shells, five of which are Remington make, three U.S.
Cartridge Company and one Western .45 automatic.
Two fragments of bullets. These specimens recovered at Fostoria.
One .45 calibre automatic Western shell and one .351 W.R.A. Co. shell.
One fragment of a bullet. These specimens recovered at Galien.

**See below

Dillinger: Cincinnati Office
Miller: St. Paul Office

Dillinger: July 18, 1934.
Miller: July 17, 1934.

Miller:

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ⁰VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F.S. Dunn dated at Dallas, Texas, 6-30-34, where it is shown on page 2 that a contract, purported to have been signed by Charles Arthur Floyd, is in possession of Mr. Levy of the Publix Theatres at Fort Worth, Texas.

It is suggested that an effort be made to secure the contract in order to determine whether same was actually signed by Floyd by comparison of the handwriting, and if such be the case further interrogation of the individuals connected with the signing of the contract is recommended.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JULY 12, 1934. D

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ^DVERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Relative to the report by Special Agent in Charge
Dwight Brentley dated at Oklahoma City, July 9, 1934, listing
the known relatives of Charles Arthur Floyd, it is suggested
that you immediately cause mail covers to be placed on the
correspondence of each of those relatives.

It is noted that the relatives listed are those who are
Floyd's closest kin. An analysis of the correspondence of those
individuals will, no doubt, develop names and addresses of other
relatives of more remote kinship. The principal purpose for the
request here made for the mail covers is to establish the names
and addresses of all possible relatives of Charles Arthur Floyd
in order to definitely fix these identities and to eliminate any
conjecture as to the possible relationships of other individuals.
It is noted that in the course of this investigation there have
been numerous reports received, the authenticity of which has
not been known, that this party and that is a relative of Charles
Arthur Floyd.

Very truly yours,

R. B. KATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

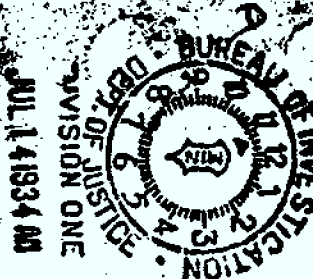
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
JULY 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
601 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recently the Chicago Office furnished to this office a photostatic copy of a photograph believed to be a likeness of Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, wife of Subject Richard Tallman Galatas, which is a Chicago Police Department photograph, file number 88762.

This photograph is being transmitted to your office with request that it be shown to reliable parties at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who are acquainted with the wife of Richard Tallman Galatas in order to have it identified.

Kindly return this photograph to the Kansas City Office when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

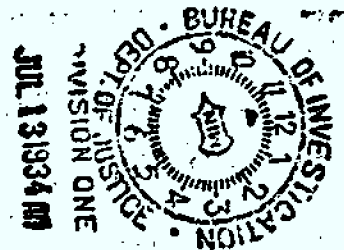
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
July 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.



Dear Sir:

Under date of June 6, 1934, I wrote you to the effect that Section 5 of Salt Lake City File 62-474 entitled VERNON C. MILLER ET AL., CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, had been loaned to your office, and I asked for its return.

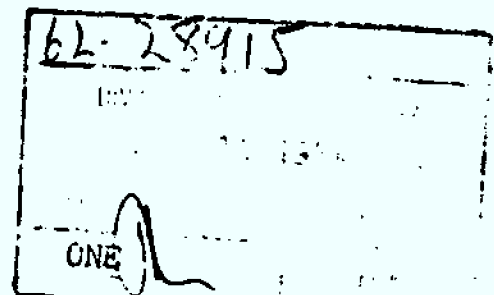
Under date of June 12th, 1934, I received copy of your letter to the Director, in which you referred to my letter of June 6, and requested that the Division consider the advisability of furnishing your office with sufficient serials containing the history and complete background of the case, so that you could construct a file.

I would appreciate the return of Section five of the Salt Lake City file above named, at as early a date as is practicable.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division. ✓



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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

July 11, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your file 62-1649, in the matter of Richard Tallman^D Calatas with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1201; Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy)^B Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194, and Bernard Phillips, Fugitive, I.O. 1196, which file was reviewed and it is noted that letter from this office dated April 28, 1933 requested that further interview be had with Winnie Williams.

Kindly expedite this requested investigation.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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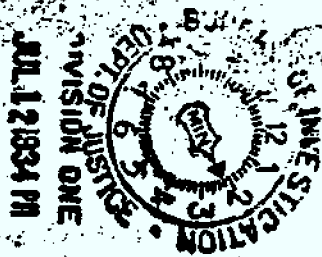
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P.O.Box 315, St.Paul, Minn.

July 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O.Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases,
I.O. #1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul File No. 62-888

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received from the Jacksonville Office, dated July 6, 1934, which contains a request for investigation at Belleville, Illinois, which is in the territory covered by your office.

It is requested that the necessary inquiry be made at Belleville, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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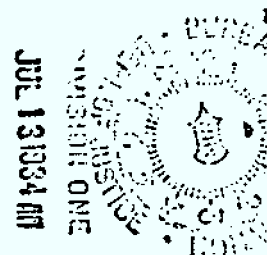
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July 10, 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 11, 1934

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Postmaster
Brownington, Missouri

Dear Sir:

For official reasons this office desires that you favor it by maintaining a cover on all mail addressed to Zeib or Zeb Ring and his brother, whose first name is not known, which parties reside about fifteen miles southeast of Brownington, according to the best information available at this office. It is requested that letters received by those individuals be examined and that the date and place of postmark and any return address appearing thereon be recorded, and such information furnished to this office.

Kindly maintain such cover for a period of thirty days.

I will thank you sincerely for your kind cooperation in this matter. In sending the desired information to this office, please mention Kansas City file #62-760.

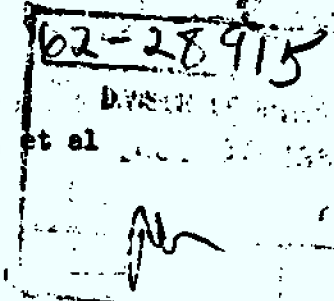
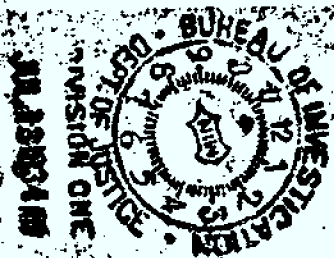
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R. B. MATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER



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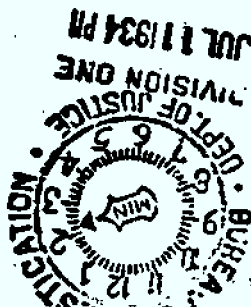
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

P.O. Box 867,
San Francisco, California.

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July 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 64,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - Fugitive,
I.O. 1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your wire of July 2, 1934, wherein you request the name and identity of the owner of 1934 California license 8-J-965.

Confirming my wire to you of July 3, 1934, a check with the National Automobile Theft Bureau in San Francisco developed that the above noted license number was issued on March 24, 1934, to one Hugh McFadden, 480 Ellis St., San Francisco, California, as sole owner. It is indicated that this license number is for a 1928 Buick Sedan, Motor No. 1571323, and that prior to the California registration, it had been licensed in the District of Columbia.

Examination of the files in this office in connection with this case, particularly report of Special Agent E. B. Montgomery, dated April 5, 1934, reflect that one H. A. McFadden of the Arlington Hotel, San Francisco, the address of which is 480 Ellis St., was under surveillance in San Francisco at that time, inasmuch as he was reported to be a brother of Subject Galatas' wife. It was further indicated that this individual was occupied as an itinerant sewing machine repair man, and there was no indication that he was in contact with Subject Galatas.

It is further noted from the files of this office, and particularly report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Mich., date: Jan. 23, 1934, reporting joint investigation of that Agent

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and Special Agent Harold Anderson; that it had been determined that
Hi McFadden referred to in that report was undoubtedly Hugh McFadden,
the brother of Betty McFadden, Subject Galatas' wife.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Guinane,
Special Agent in Charge.

✓ c.c. Division.

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
El Paso, Texas.

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased)
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your telegram of this date,
requesting this office forward enclosures mentioned in the
report of Agent Dowd dated 7/5/34; the following are trans-
mitted herewith:

Report of Spl. Agt. R.C. Suran dated
at Chicago, Ill. 6/28/34
Letter from the Kansas City office to
Dallas office dated 6/26/34
Memorandum of Agent D.S. Hostetter
dated at Birmingham, Ala. 6/21/34.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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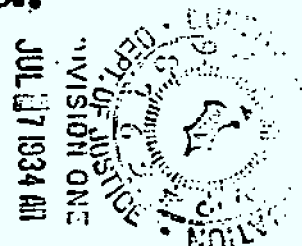
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.
July 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1331 First National Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases
I. O. #1217, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Obstruction of Justice

VERNON G. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALIMAN CALAZAS, with aliases,
Fugitive
I. O. #1201, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. W. Merrill, Acting Assistant District Supervisor, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, Denver, Colorado, has turned over to this office a copy of a letter dated June 23, 1934, from M. G. Short, Investigator of the Alcohol Tax Unit at Silver City, New Mexico. In this letter Mr. Short states that while in Magdalena, New Mexico recently, H. W. Lewis, Tom Marshall, who was also a Deputy Sheriff at Magdalena, informed him that before the capture of Dillinger at Tucson, Arizona, that he, Dillinger, came thru Magdalena and while there conversed with Lewis.

In the above letter, Mr. Short also mentions that Mr. Lewis informed him that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been reported as being in hideouts near there along with other noted criminals.

Mr. Short also mentions in his letter that while in Magdalena, New Mexico on June 21, 1934, he saw a one-eyed stranger sitting in a poker game with about \$800.00 in front of him. This person, according to Short, had with him a certified check for \$1200. Short mentioned that no one in Magdalena apparently knew where this person gets his money but he is reported to be a bank robber.

It is further outlined in Mr. Short's letter, that Magdalena, New Mexico is located miles from the mainline railroad and in a very rough country.

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It is suggested that investigation be made at
Magdalena, New Mexico in an effort to secure helpful information
as to the present whereabouts of Dillinger and Charles "Pretty
Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 9, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ⁰VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN ⁰GALATAS, with aliases, I.O.
#1201 - FUGITIVE;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" ⁰FLOYD, with
aliases, I.O. #1194 - FUGITIVE; et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. McKee, Jr., Jacksonville, Florida dated July 2, 1934 following certain information furnished by one Henry Dobbins, Police character at Miami, Florida.

It is believed that perhaps the information furnished by Dobbins is not reliable for it is observed that he states he saw George Birdwell, a companion of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, in Fort Lauderdale in April of 1934. It occurs to the writer that possibly Dobbins might have been suffering from delirium tremens, as it is noted that he was taken to the hospital with acute alcoholism and for the further reason that George Birdwell was a companion of Floyd, but was killed more than a year ago when he was attempting to rob a bank at Boley, Oklahoma.

The undeveloped lead for this office at Antlers, Oklahoma, however, will be given attention at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City

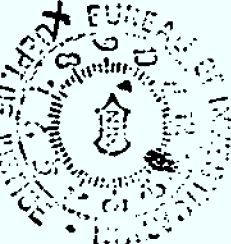
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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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DIVISION ONE



July 11, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.,
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, w.a.
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1194; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

I met Dr. J. Frank Morris at Muskogee, Oklahoma on 7/10/34 and after a short conference he proceeded to Sallisaw, Oklahoma for the purpose of interviewing Mrs. Walter Floyd, mother of Charles Arthur Floyd. Mrs. Walter Floyd was not at home, so he proceeded - accompanied by Mrs. Tom Wofford, a sister of Charles Floyd - to the home of Mrs. Mary Latimer, another sister, near Akins, Oklahoma. E. J. Floyd, a brother of Charles, was present at the interview which was attended by Mrs. Walter Floyd, Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Wofford.

The immediate family consists of 3 brothers, 4 sisters, and the mother. The names and addresses of all these are set out in report of SAC Dwight Brantley of Oklahoma City, dated 7/9/34. The father of Floyd was killed some 3 or 4 years ago at Sallisaw by a man who was in some degree related by marriage to the Floyds. Walter Floyd moved to Sallisaw from Georgia about 1881 and prior to his death operated a small store at Sallisaw. A dispute arose between Walter Floyd and his killer over some cord wood. A trial was held, which "Pretty Boy" attended, but the killer was acquitted and 2 days later disappeared and has not been seen since. The inference is that the killing of Walter Floyd was avenged. This might open a field for a source of information at Sallisaw, as the killer of Walter Floyd must have some friends or relatives there who, if it be true that the killer was killed, may furnish information as to Charles Floyd.

It is evident that the relatives of Floyd do not consider him a criminal, as they say he has done nothing but kill some laws who were disturbing him, and robbed some banks.

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It is said that on Mothers Day one year ago Floyd visited his mother at Sallisaw and attended the Baptist Church with her, after which he accompanied her to the cemetery, where flowers were placed on the grave of his father. In this connection, it is evident that the Baptist minister at Sallisaw - Rev. W.D. Rockett - sympathizes with the family and could not be depended upon to assist.

It developed that Floyd is not wounded as previously reported, and is said to be using a V-8 Ford. That about 9 months ago Floyd and another man robbed the bank at Sallisaw and obtained about \$700.00. The impression was that Floyd is not far from the Cookson Hills and that he is related to the Sheriff, who will not disturb him.

There was considerable discussion about O.V. Black and his guardianship of young Floyd and his associations with Ruby Floyd, Charles' wife. The family are quite resentful of this and believe that Black is motivated by mercenary purposes and that he and Ruby are endeavoring to so arrange matters that Charles Floyd will attempt to see his son, of whom he is said to be very fond, at which time he will be killed or captured. It appears that they distrust Ruby as well as Black. It was the impression of the family that Ruby, Black, et al had gone to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, but from there would return to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Black is presumably domiciled.

With respect to the surrender of Floyd, the family was advised that the Government will guarantee that he will not be killed and will be immediately removed to Leavenworth, where hospital facilities will be available; that nothing else can be promised, as the attitude of the Government would be influenced by Floyd's actions subsequent to surrender.

The family expressed a conviction that it was only a question of time until he would be apprehended or killed and desired his surrender, but said they could give no assurance that he would do so; that a message would be sent to him conveying the terms of surrender and his reply furnished Dr. Norris. The family claimed that they could not communicate directly with him but would send a message by E.W. Floyd, brother, to C.E. (Bradley) Floyd at Earlsboro, Oklahoma - who could contact him.

It developed that Clyde Barrow had (according to the family) been at the Floyd home in Sallisaw subsequent to April 1, 1934, on which date he killed 2 Texas State Highway Patrolmen near Ft. Worth; that Floyd talked to him and Clyde said the killing of the patrolmen was a mistake and was done by Bonnie Parker. This is important only to indicate that Floyd has been in or near Sallisaw between 4/1/34 and 5/23/34 - the latter being the date of Barrow's death.

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Mrs. Walter Floyd claimed that Charles was not implicated in the Kansas City Massacre, as he was with her for 2 days preceding that affair and was with her on the day it occurred. We know this to be incorrect. The information previously furnished to the effect that Floyd was a participant in that affair came from E.E. Beech - mentioned in previous correspondence.

It appears that Mrs. Tom Wofford and Mrs. Walter Floyd are the controlling spirits in this clan, which is numerous and closely bound in the common purpose of shielding and protecting Floyd.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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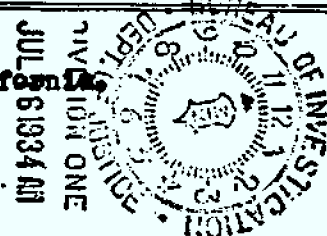
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San Francisco, California,
July 9, 1934.



R. B. Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

EXPEDITE IDENTIFICATION ASSOCIATES OF IRENE DORSEY HERE AS IRENE MAY LEAVE
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 1457
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It is requested that a cover be placed on the mail of the relatives of Beulah Baird and Rose Baird, who are known confederates of Charles Arthur Floyd, who are alleged to reside at West Alton, Missouri. The mother of these women, known as Ethel Golden, is said by Captain Louis L. Means to reside there and, according to Captain Means, he himself was successful in effecting a cover on the mail of Mrs. Golden through the cooperation of the Postmaster at West Alton. Her exact street address is not known, and it is requested that your office conduct investigation to determine fully the names and addresses of any of the relatives of the Baird women residing at West Alton, and that you furnish the tracings of mail received to this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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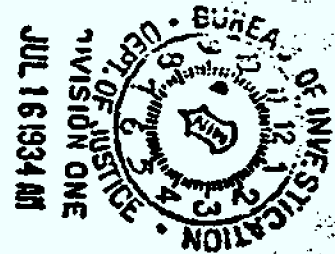
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U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 10, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMANOGALATAS, with aliases,
I. O. #1201 - Fugitive; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I. O.
#1194 - Fugitive, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

At about noon, July 7, 1934, A. W. Comstock, attorney of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, with whom you are undoubtedly familiar in connection with efforts to locate and cause the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, called this office by long distance telephone from Pawhuska, Oklahoma, at which time he talked with Special Agent K. D. Deaderick in my absence. Mr. Comstock stated that for the past several days he had been quite seriously ill and had not been able to do much about this case; that at this time he feels better and feels that within the next few days he will be able to move about and expects to be of assistance to the Government in placing "Pretty Boy" Floyd "on the spot."

Mr. Comstock stated that his former son-in-law, E. E. Beech, is utterly worthless and totally unreliable; that Beech has apparently made a failure in endeavoring to put Ruby Floyd and her son, Charles Dempsey Floyd, on the stage and in the movies; that it is his understanding that Mr. C. V. Black, an attorney of Ponca City, Oklahoma, is now endeavoring to carry out the contract with Mrs. Floyd and her son, originally entered into by E. E. Beech. Comstock stated that he had just learned that Black, Beech and Mrs. Floyd were in the vicinity of the Cookson Hills on Saturday, July 7th, and would be in Oklahoma City during the evening of July 7th and that Black wanted to talk with an Agent of this Division.

Agent Deaderick remained at the office late on Saturday, and finally around 8 o'clock p. m., received a telephone call from Mr. Black, inquiring as to whether or not an Agent of this Division desired to talk with him. He was requested to come to the office for interview, but declined to do so, stating that he was just passing through on his way to

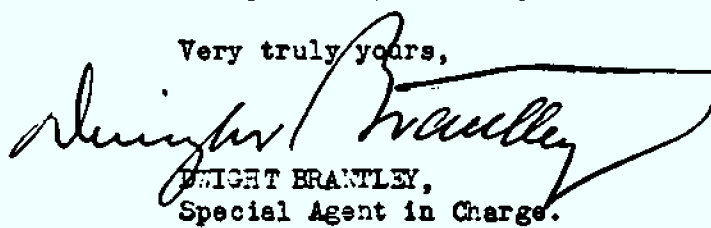
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Ponce City, Oklahoma, and had no additional information other than that previously furnished. He stated, however, that there was a possibility that he might be able to get word to subject Floyd and get him to surrender himself to a representative of this office; that if he were successful in so doing, he would immediately contact the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City and make definite arrangements pertaining thereto.

Very truly yours,


Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

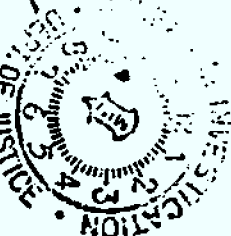
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

On the morning of July 10, 1934, immediately upon receipt of information of the "spot" shooting of John L. Lazia at Kansas City, Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, of this office, were instructed by me to proceed to St. Joseph's Hospital, at Kansas City, for a confidential interview with the Confessor of Lazia in order that all available information might be secured from him before his death, which was believed at that time to be imminent.

The Agents, after approaching the Mother Superior at the Hospital, were introduced to Reverend Father John Burns, a member of the Jesuit Order of Priests, who upon being interviewed was advised as to the nature of the mission and the desires of the Agents. It was indicated to him that it was, of course, realized that he could not furnish any information that might have come to him confidentially from Lazia, but he was requested to approach the wounded man in a suitable manner, if the occasion presented, in order to cause him to state, for the information of others, anything which might clear his conscience that would be beneficial information in this matter. Father Burns appeared by all indications to receive the request in a cooperative and friendly manner, and he assured the Agents of his help should an opportunity present itself. He indicated that Lazia had during the first few hours after his assault spoken in a rational manner, but it was found that he soon lapsed into unconsciousness and Father Burns, and also the Mother Superior, expressed doubt that he would regain his consciousness. Father Burns promised to notify the Agents later if he could secure any information. However, Lazia died at 2:06 P.M. and it is doubted that he did regain consciousness after the conference with Reverend Burns.

Father Burns took the telephone number of this office and the names of the Agents with whom he conferred and stated that

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if he were able to secure any information that could be given and which would be helpful to this Division he would communicate same.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALL.

Reference is made to letter marked confidential from the Kansas City Office, dated July 12, 1934, in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

With regard to the suggestion that the beer bottles be transmitted to the Division from Kansas City for further photography I am of the opinion that this should not be done unless the Kansas City Office believes that some fingerprints have been overlooked when the bottles were photographed commercially. My reason for this is that I am somewhat concerned about moving this evidence and the possibility of injuring it. On the other hand, if they believe some good will come of it the bottles should come in here, in which case, rather than have them transported here by the next agent leaving Kansas City for Washington as suggested in their letter, I believe some special instruction might be given to Agent W. E. Miller of the Kansas City Office who, I understand, is reporting here on the 23rd for the ten day laboratory course, with regard to the preservation of the fingerprint evidence on the bottles by spraying the bottles with coatings of fixatif, thus permitting safe transportation at a later date.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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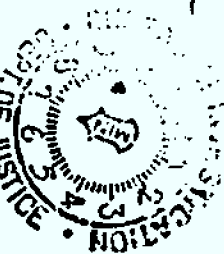
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

After consideration of several important angles of this investigation by the undersigned and discussion of same with Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, who are engaged in the investigation at this office, there have occurred the following points which I believe should be given further consideration at this time:

It is noted that Louis Stacci, according to a letter dated October 28, 1933, from this office to the Division, was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy and Special Agent W. F. Trainor while at the County Jail in Kansas City during September 1933, when Stacci indicated that he had, undoubtedly, an intimate knowledge of the details of this offense, but sought to require a promise of immunity before divulging information. I have been informed by Agent Trainor that at that time Stacci expressed an unusually earnest desire to be free on bond, leaving the impression with the Agents that he believed his return to Chicago would simplify the solution of the case. Since the release of Stacci it will be noted that Vernon C. Miller and James George Zeigler have been slain by "spot" shootings. It is not improbable that Subject Stacci could, if approached in an appropriate manner, having recalled to him certain of his previous statements, explain some of the facts surrounding those deaths and the reasons therefor. It is believed that Stacci could undoubtedly furnish the identity of the individual known as Gus Stone, or Stevens, as well as information pertaining to Charles J. Fitzgerald and "Big Homer".

The Division will note that Stacci has not been approached by various Agents connected with this investigation but has been once interviewed by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy since the date of his letter of October 28, 1933, and it is understood that the procedure intended was that Special Agent in Charge Conroy interview him at intervals. It is suggested that the Division advise its

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desires as to further interviews with Stacci.

With a letter from this office to the Division dated February 13, 1934, were transmitted negative films of latent fingerprints photographed from beer bottles and other objects at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller. The beer bottles are in a case in the vault at the Kansas City Office, appropriately labeled. The other objects, of course, from which the photographs of latent prints were taken were of necessity returned to the premises immediately after being photographed. The photography was done by a local commercial concern, and it is not known to this office whether all impressions on the beer bottles were adequately photographed. The thought has therefore occurred that since the bottles have not been handled and are still preserved with the powder impressions the Division might desire that same be taken to Washington for retention and use in the Laboratory for further analysis as a means to solution of this case.

It is therefore suggested, subject to approval of the Division, that on the next occasion when an Agent proceeds from Kansas City, Missouri, to Washington, D.C., the case of beer bottles be transported personally, since the shipment of such objects would entail danger of destruction of the latent impressions thereon.

It is understood that the father of Vernon C. Miller, and possibly other close relatives, reside at White Lake and Huron, South Dakota. Since the death of Subject Miller it does not appear that interviews with those individuals have been had. It appears possible that a proper approach to those individuals might result beneficially in this investigation since it is understood that they are persons of good reputation. It is suggested that the Division consider the advisability of having such interviews performed and that appropriate instructions be given, if the Division desires such procedure.

Through consideration of the facts in connection with the case of Harold Fontaine, who was convicted at Kansas City, Kansas, for his part in causing the escape of Federal prisoners, and with specific reference to the memorandum by Special Agent R. D. Brown, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 26, 1933, which was recently transmitted to this office with letter from the Chicago Office dated June 9, 1934, it has been noted that Earl Fontaine, believed to be a resident of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, a brother of Harold Fontaine, might possibly be in a position to furnish valuable information as

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to the identity of participants in this massacre. It is noted that Agent Brown has a particularly friendly standing with Earl Fontaine, and it appears that Fontaine has unusual confidence in Agent Brown, who succeeded in securing considerable information of value from him as reflected by his memorandum. Harold Fontaine is no doubt one of the closest connections of the so-called Nash Gang and may have, through penitentiary grapevine sources, received information of a definite nature in this case which might be known to Earl Fontaine. Further, it is noted that Earl Fontaine's residence at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, places him in a position to hear considerable information as to the identities of the assassins of Vernon Miller, who was killed at Detroit, Michigan, several months ago.

It is suggested for the Division's consideration that Agent Brown might be instructed to conduct an interview with Earl Fontaine in this connection.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P.O.Box 815, St.Paul, Minn.

July 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNER O. MILLER, with aliases
(deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATIAS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O.#1801; CHARLES ARTHUR PRETTY
BOY FLOYD, with aliases, I.O.#1194,
et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER. St. Paul File No. 62-938

Reference is made to the letter from the Jacksonville Office
addressed to the Director, dated July 7, 1934, wherein mention is
made of certain stock in the Biscayne Kennel Club at Miami, Florida,
having been owned by an individual by the name of WILSON and later
transferred to a Mrs. McLAUGHLIN, who is thought to reside in Chicago,
Illinois.

It is requested that, when this information is verified by the
Jacksonville Office that appropriate inquiries be made at Chicago,
Illinois, to ascertain whether the owner of this stock is identical
with Mrs. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, or any of her relatives.

Very truly yours,

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D.M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
405 Post Office Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
(CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER)

Reference is made to your letter of June 28, 1934,
transmitting photographs of certain associates of Irene Dorsey
taken at San Francisco, California.

On July 2, 1934, these photographs were displayed by
Special Agent Harold E. Andersen to Eddie Doll, prisoner in the
United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Doll stated
that he could not distinguish any known characteristics of the
individuals shown in the photographs, although most of them are
not sufficiently clear to enable an identification or non-
identification. He said, however, that the men appeared younger
than the party known to him as Gus Stone.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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July 13, 1934.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Tamm.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Miss Thomas in Mr. Stanley's office called and advised that a long time ago they received a memorandum from the Division asking something about extending parole to an individual named Aldridge, who is presently incarcerated in the reformatory at El Reno and who is wanted by the Division to assist in the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd. Miss Thomas wanted to know whether anything had been done on this matter, inasmuch as she was leaving for a week or two and wanted to give this her attention before she left.

I checked up on this and advised Miss Thomas that nothing had ever been done but we are not desirous of doing anything on it at the present time and it would be satisfactory to let this matter remain as it is for the time being.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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Special Agent in Charge
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1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

With reference to the reports of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated at Chicago, Illinois June 21, 1934, and June 28, 1934, it is suggested that open interview be had with Jules Galatas, in an endeavor to secure information as to the whereabouts of Richard Tullman Galatas. It is noted that on a previous occasion Jules Galatas is shown to have furnished information to the Chicago Police Department which caused the apprehension of Richard Tullman Galatas, and under proper circumstances it is believed he might be prevailed upon to do likewise in this instance if he saw that same would be to his own advantage.

With reference to the photograph of Harry Morris, alias "Slim" Moran, transmitted to this office with report of Special Agent Suran dated June 28, 1934, please be advised that this photograph was shown to Eddie Doll at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by Special Agent Harold E. Andersen, and Doll advised that the likeness is that of "Slim" Moran, who was the driver of the car used in the robbery of the First National Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska, wherein he also participated, and that "Slim" Moran was, within the past year, slain in a "spot" shooting at Red Wing, Minnesota. This information had previously been reported at the time that Doll was interviewed at Tampa, Florida by Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt and Special Agents Anderson and Shivers in January 1934.

Very truly yours,

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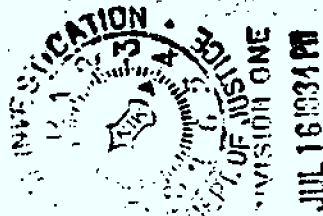
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July 13, 1934.



Director
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Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN
GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases,
I. O. 1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
July 5, 1934, in which you request that a set
of the fingerprints and photograph of Betty
McFadden, Chicago Police Department No. 88762
be obtained and forwarded to the Division.

In accordance with such request,
please find attached hereto photostatic copy
of the fingerprints and a copy of the photo-
graph of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Depart-
ment No. 88762.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
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Special Agent in Charge

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July 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 13, 1934, with which was transmitted a set of fingerprints and photograph of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department No. 88762. It does not appear from a search of the files in the Identification Unit of the Division that the fingerprints taken by the Chicago Police Department have been previously furnished the Division. The search discloses, however, that Betty McFadden, as Mrs. Glenn Morris, alias Mrs. A. A. Perry, alias Mrs. G. T. Richards, No. 1959, was arrested by the Police Department, Miami, Florida, December 10, 1927, charged with investigation - confidence game; forfeited \$100 bond.

The Jacksonville office is instructed to conduct an appropriate inquiry into the above arrest.

Copies of the photograph submitted by the Chicago Division office are transmitted herewith to each of the offices designated below and this photograph should be exhibited to persons acquainted with Betty McFadden, wife of subject Galatas, in order to ascertain whether it resembles her. A temporary wanted notice has been placed in the files of the Identification Unit to show that this woman is wanted for questioning in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

FILE NO. 62-358

REPORT MADE AT: EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/12/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/6/9/34	REPORT MADE BY: J.A. Street
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN GALATES, with aliases, (FUGITIVE) IO 1201 - CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, (FUGITIVE) IO 1124, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information obtained that subject Floyd has friends and relatives living near Clovis, Lakewood, and Elida, N.M.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent Street, El Paso Office, under date of 4/27/34.

DETAILS: AT CLOVIS, N.M.:-

This Agent while in Clovis, N.M., on July 6, 1934, interviewed confidential informant [redacted] better known as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he is well acquainted with John Riddle, referred to in the report of reference; that Riddle's ranch was just over the Texas line between Mile Shoe and Friona, Texas; that he had on several occasions played cards, to-wit: poker, with John Riddle and heard him speak of Subject Floyd as well as of a number of other Oklahoma outlaws.

[redacted] stated that from Riddle's conversation, he came to the conclusion that Riddle is a close friend of Floyd, as well as of any other bank robber or outlaw that might come along; that Riddle had hung around the Elks Club in Clovis and played poker in a small game that was being operated there.

[redacted] stated that there was also another gambler by the name of Doc Long; that he and Riddle seemed to be close friends and were seen together around Clovis quite often; and that on one occasion he was in a poker game with Long and Riddle and they were attempting to cheat the game and he called them down and told them that that was just a small poker game operated by the Elks Club and the boys who played poker there were mostly all Elks and that he would not stand for them cheating; that he had played in this game a long time

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himself and could have cheated if he wanted to but never did and would not permit them to go in and cheat the game since practically all the boys who played there were Elks and acquaintances of his and he thought it would be ungentlemanly to go there, supposed to be an Elk, and attempt to rob the game. Long and Riddle got sore at him about the matter and did not play in the game any lately.

b7D [redacted] further stated that Doc Long owned a small ranch or a farm which was 6 miles south and some 2 or 3 miles west of Grady, N.M., which is situated in Curry County; and that he had received information that there was a stranger seen at that place quite often; that he understood that Long one time lived in Oklahoma and had made some money in the oil game and later moved to California and then returned and was now living at this ranch in Curry County; that Long always seemed to have plenty of money, bought new cars quite often, and seemed to be of a disposition to gamble. However, [redacted] did not know whether Long made this money gambling or still was operating on the money that he obtained in the oil business; that he spent money quite freely and was quite sporty around Clovis.

b7D [redacted] had never heard Doc Long mention Subject Floyd's name or any of the other outlaws; however, he knew from the conversation he had heard between Long and Riddle that Long one time lived in the Cookson Mountains in Oklahoma; therefore, he believed him to be an outlaw or in sympathy with the outlaws, as he had never seen any person who came from that country who was not an outlaw or would not protect outlaws.

b7D [redacted] stated that he would be glad to ascertain any information possible in this matter and confidentially divulge it to this Agent. However, he did not want it to be known that he was giving out information to the Government regarding this matter as he was afraid of Riddle and Long.

AT ARTESIA, N.M.:-

This Agent on July 10 while in Artesia, interviewed [redacted] who resides at Artesia, N.M. It will be remembered that [redacted] gave valuable information and assistance to the Government in solving the Osage Murder Cases and his information has always been reliable.

[redacted] stated that recently an Osage Indian whom he had known several years passed through Artesia, N.M., and visited with him for quite awhile; that he learned from this Indian while he was in Artesia that subject Floyd had an uncle whose name is Floyd, initials unknown at this time, who was residing at Lakewood, N.M., which is south of Artesia, in Eddy County, on the Highway between Artesia, N.M., and Carlsbad, N.M.; also he had a sister whose name is Gushway, married to Bob Gushway, a well-known stock farmer, now residing, so his informant stated, 20 miles east of the filling station called High Lonesome, which is located about 28 miles north of Roswell, in Chavez County, N.M.;

That this Indian informed him that Floyd's sister, Mrs. Gushway, was considerably younger than Gushway. However, they have been married for several years; that he was recently in Bixby, Floyd's home, and that he was informed that Floyd

visited his mother at Bixby, Okla., on mother's day, May 12, this year; that Floyd was recovering from a gunshot wound in the hip and still walked with a limp; that this Indian also stated that Floyd had made a statement that he had been in New Mexico recently and visited his sister Mrs. Bob Gushway, located as above stated.

b7d [redacted] stated that after receiving this information from his Indian informant, he had checked the matter and found that there was a man by the name of Floyd living at Lakewood, N.M. However, up to this time, he had been unable to obtain Mr. Floyd's initials; but would do so later; that he had also checked and found that there is a man by the name of Bob Gushway, a rancher and farmer, living in what he believed to be Roosevelt County, near Elida, N.M., which would be possibly north some 15 or 20 miles of the locality which his Indian informant had told him; and that he had also obtained information that Gushway's wife was some 15 years younger than Gushway is, which corroborated the statement of his Indian informant.

b7d [redacted] stated that he would attempt to ascertain the exact locality where Gushway lived and also ascertain if possible information as to whether subject Floyd had visited them lately and would so inform the El Paso Office of any information he might obtain in the matter.

AT ROSWELL, N.M.:-

Sam McCue, Deputy Sheriff at Roswell, was interviewed and stated that he is well acquainted with Bob Gushway and that Gushway lived some 3 or 4 miles east of Elida, N.M., which would be in Roosevelt County. However, he had never heard of Gushway's wife being a relative of Subject Floyd; but he had seen her quite often and knew that she was much younger than Mr. Gushway. If Mr. McCue is right in the location of Gushway's ranch, it would be some 20 miles south and east of Portales, N.M. Mr. McCue stated that he would obtain the exact location of the Gushway ranch and inform the El Paso Office of all information he might obtain regarding this matter.

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b7d EL PASO OFFICE - At Artesia, N.M. - Will keep in touch with [redacted] relative to any information that he might obtain regarding the definite location of Bob Gushway's ranch and any information regarding the alleged visit of Subject Floyd to the Gushway ranch.

EL PASO OFFICE - At Lakewood, N.M. - Will ascertain from the Post Office the initials of the man Floyd residing there and any information relative to subject's visiting Lakewood or the Bob Gushway ranch.

EL PASO OFFICE - At Roswell, N.M. - Will contact Sam McCue, Deputy Sheriff, with reference to the location of the Gushway ranch and any information he might obtain relative to subject Floyd's visit in that part recently.

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Portland, Ind. RR 5.
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Attorney General Homer S. Cummings

Sir:

I see in the Portland Jay Co. Indiana daily Paper a picture called Pretty boy. I know a boy by the name of Orvil Fuller that looks like the picture he lives 2 1/2 mi. South East of a little town by the name of Parker in Randolph Co. Indiana with his grandmother Ida Lang. He run a way from home with another boy who came back said they quarreled. he was gon ten mo. he left home when he was 14 yrs old he will be 16 yrs old in next mo said he was in several of the southern and western states he seems to know about Pretty boy said he red of him he also talked bout having a gun and would shoot guns from other peoples hands. His father lives north of Muncie Ind and his mother is dead. his father's name Jesse Fuller. this may not be the boy that you are looking for but the picture looks just like him. He came home last July.

Mrs. Della Sutton
Portland, Indiana
R.F.D. #5

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July 13, 1934.

Mrs. Della Sutton,
R. F. D. #5,
Portland, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Your letter dated July 2, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, has been referred to this Division for consideration and reply.

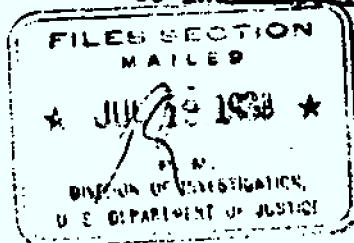
It is noted from your letter that a young man named Orvil Fuller, who resides southeast of Parker, Indiana, somewhat resembles the photograph of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I am referring this matter to Mr. R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 506 Fletcher Savings and Trust Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, who will assign an agent to interview you relative to this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Indianapolis (Enclosure: Letter from Della Sutton
July 2, 1934.)



UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **62-22**

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Ind.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/11/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/5/34	REPORT MADE BY: Bliss Morton
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) with aliases; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Indiana License plated 11-647 were issued to Indianapolis, Ind., Policeman Omar J. Lee, for a 1931 Oldsmobile Sedan. The plates have not been stolen.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from the Kansas City Office 7/5/34.

DETAILS: AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

At the Indiana State Automobile License Bureau agent ascertained that 1934 License plates 11-647 were issued to Omar J. Lee, 230 N. Pershing St., Indianapolis, Ind., for 1931 Oldsmobile Sedan, motor #273363, serial #5461, covered by India title #1707388. The Indianapolis City Directory gives the occupation of Lee as Policeman.

Agent called at the residence, and Richard Lee, son of Omar J. Lee, informed agent that his father is on night duty, and was asleep when agent called. Mr. Lee was not awakened, but agent asked to be shown the car, and was shown the Oldsmobile car, and noted that the license plates, 11-647 were on the front and rear of the car. A suitable wire was dispatched to the Kansas City Office.

DETAILS:

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Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 12, 1934.

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller, w.a. (deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, w.a.-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; etal
ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a letter
addressed by Rev. J. Frank Morris of Fort Worth, Texas to
C.B. Floyd at Earlsboro, Oklahoma. C.B. Floyd is a
brother of Charles Arthur Floyd.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. FRANK NORRIS

Pastor First Baptist Church
Fourth and Throckmorton Streets
Fort Worth, Texas.

July 11, 1934.

Mr. C. B. Floyd,
Earlsboro, Okla.

My Dear Mr. Floyd:

No doubt you are familiar with my relation to your nephew Jack Dampsey Floyd, having received him and his mother into the church here recently--find enclosed account.

There came to me a bunch of promoters that I have little confidence in, and there purpose to exploit my relationship to your family and hoping to bring about the surrender of Charles your brother in order that they might get the reward. I have no connection with these exploitations, and in fact it is very reprehensible.

But having become very greatly interested in little Jack Dampsey, I took the matter up with the Department of Justice straight at Washington to see what can be done, and I have dealt frankly with the department, and I felt keen enough interest in the matter that I went direct to your mother, brother, sister and relations at Sallisaw and Akin.

I had a very delightful visit with your relatives yesterday.

In case of Charles voluntarily giving up there would be no reward paid, therefore, neither myself nor anyone else could receive any profit.

I have the assurance from the Department of Justice at Washington that Charles would be given every kind consideration and would be taken direct to Leavenworth.

In addition to this promise of the government I will personally assure you in addition that he would be given every kind consideration, and I would go my limit for him, even to taking the matter to the Attorney General at Washington.

Of course all this is conditioned upon Charles coming clean and showing a genuine change of heart and attitude.

Of course you are sensible enough to know that sooner or later they will catch him. He has thus far been able to successfully evade the state officials, but now the government at Washington has taken over the whole matter of enforcement, and Congress has recently appropriated two million dollars and given it to the Attorney General with full power to act. They are putting six hundred new young men on the Department of Justice force, and they are offering very heavy rewards and will go the limit of twenty-five thousand dollars.

The fate that came to Clyde Barrow will come to all who are hunted sooner or later. The proposition was made to Clyde Barrow to surrender, and it would have been far better for him.

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What I am writing you is in strictest confidence; that is, I don't want any publicity or discussion about it.

I have no interest in the matter except for the interest of little Dempsey and your family. It would be nothing to me financially or otherwise regardless of the outcome.

My interest was enlisted when I received the following letter from your brother's wife:

"Dr. J. Frank Norris,
Care, First Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas.

"Dear Dr. Norris:

"I am writing about Jack Dempsey Floyd, son of Pretty Boy Floyd.

"It is his father's desire and wish for him to join your church and live the life of a Christian and be obedient, honorable and upright to his mother, his fellow-men and his God.

"This letter is from a girl twenty-seven years old, whose mother died when I was but eighteen months old. God knows I have had my share of grief, sadness, bitterness and heartaches. I have been misled, anguished, harrassed, although I love and cherish the father of my child.

"I have lots to talk over with you when I arrive in Fort Worth. I can truthfully say I have placed a wreath upon the memories and the grave of the past. I am looking forward and upward to higher and nobler deeds.

"My husband has heard you preach the gospel over the radio and for that reason he wants his son to become a member of your church.

"I expect to join with my son as I feel there is only one life to live and that is a Christian life.

"I am asking for a prayer next Sunday night.

"Sincerely,

"Mrs. Charles A. Floyd."

Any information you or members of the family may give me will be regarded in confidence. If you desire to get in touch with me you can call me by long distance telephone, and I will be glad to meet you any time and place.

Yours very sincerely,

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