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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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Dear Sir:

In 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  
LA File 62-964

Reference is made to your communication dated July 31, 1934, relative to Mr. Ellis C. King of 5956 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

Please be advised that Mr. King was interviewed by Special Agent C. D. White of this office relative to information allegedly in possession of Mr. King, pertaining to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. King in this connection advised Agent White that he had secured his information from an individual whose name and identity he refused to disclose; that the individual mentioned is alleged to have advised Mr. King that Subject Floyd frequents a section of Texas called Shamrock and McLain; that Subject Floyd is alleged to be known to at least one deputy sheriff and a camp gas station operator located about eighteen miles out of Shamrock toward McLain; that his, King's informant is alleged to have stayed eight days at the camp in question in May of this year, and on two occasions observed Subject Floyd accompanied by two male companions in a Nash Coupe at the gas station in question; that Subject FLOYD appeared to be acquainted with the gas station attendant and a deputy sheriff, both of whom spoke to Subject Floyd on the two occasions mentioned.

Agent White advises that upon pressing Mr. King for the name and whereabouts of his Informant, the latter advised that the whereabouts of the individual in question was unknown, and that he refused to disclose his identity; that he, Mr. King, had met the Informant in question at 5956 Hollywood Boulevard, which is a small family hotel of the rooming house type; that Mr. King engaged the informant in question in conversation and the above information was the result of his conversations with the informant in question.

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Agent White expressed the opinion to me that Mr. King is not mentally competent, and that from several remarks made by Mr. King, the above information is being used by Mr. King as an instrument of endeavor for a contemplated connection with this Division. It is the further opinion of Agent White that the information in question is purely a figment of Mr. King's imagination.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J. E. P. DUNN

Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **62-28915-2217**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-15-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-8-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. E. Peterson</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Interview with the employees and a check of registration of the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, Tenn., for the period July 14 to July 23, 1934, did not indicate that Floyd and party were registered there.

**REFERENCE:**

Division telegram dated August 8, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NASHVILLE, TENN.:**

Agent contacted Mr. W. H. Caldwell, Clerk, Hermitage Hotel, and with his aid located the registration of Milford S. Zimmerman, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., which indicated that he registered at that Hotel on July 14, 1934, and checked out on July 23, 1934.

As the reference telegram indicated that Mr. Zimmerman claimed to have observed a person resembling Floyd at this Hotel on July 21, 1934, Agent first checked all registrations for that day and there were only two registrations found of parties consisting of one man and of three women which were as follows:

**DETAILS:**

Woodman B. Estes, Williamsburg, Ky., who registered in Rooms 219 and 416, and was accompanied by Mrs. Joie Mahan, Miss Mabel Ellison and Miss Mary Nau. This party was roomed by Mr. Caldwell between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on July 21st.

The other registration was that of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Culpepper and party, 2855 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Ga., this party being assigned to Rooms 421 and 427. Mr. Caldwell advised that this party was roomed by P. Wells,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-2217	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 17 1934
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Assistant Manager, who is now in California on his vacation.

Agent then checked all other registrations from July 14 to July 23, 1934, inclusive, and the following are the only registrations which possibly could have been the party mentioned by Attorney Zimmerman:

Seymour P. Pryor and party, 1518 Windsor Place, Jacksonville, Fla., registered 7-17-34, assigned to rooms 715 and 716.

Mildred L. Patterson and party, 521 E. Noble, Guthrie, Oklahoma, registered on July 20, 1934, assigned to rooms 522, 523 and 527.

W. A. Philpot, Jr. and party, Dallas, Texas, registered on July 20, 1934, assigned to rooms 615 and 616.

Agent exhibited photographs of Floyd and of Reulah and Rose Baird, also photographs of the various subjects involved in the Dillinger and Bremer cases to Mr. Caldwell and other employees at the hotel but none of them were able to identify any of these people as having stayed at that hotel.

No leads are being set out for the purpose of establishing the identity of the persons listed above who registered at the Hermitage Hotel between the period of July 14th and July 23rd. It is being left up to the discretion of the Division and Office of Origin to determine whether this should be done.

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

August 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a letter dated 8/8/34 at El Dorado, Kansas signed by Mrs. Gertrude S. Preston - in which she complains that she has been defrauded out of her property by her own attorney and a former friend. I am also transmitting a letter from Mrs. Preston dated 8/9/34 written at El Dorado, Kansas, in which she brings the name of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD into the case.

When an agent is in the vicinity of El Dorado, Kansas it might be well to talk to Mrs. Preston to see if there is any basis for her assertion that "Pretty Boy" Floyd associates with the man to whom her place was rented.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

August 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1816 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated August 2, 1934  
addressed to your office in which it was requested that the Chicago  
Office locate and reinterview Maxine Miller.

The last known address of Maxine Miller in Chicago at the  
time of receipt of this letter was 1430 North Dearborn Street, at  
which place it was determined that Maxine Miller no longer resided  
there. It was further determined that Josephine Nyhart no longer  
resided at 1728 North LaSalle Street. However, a forwarding address  
was found for Josephine Nyhart to 4566 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago.  
At this address, Mrs. Ruth Eddy stated that she was the former wife  
of George Eddy, reputed to be a Kansas City, Missouri gangster. Mrs.  
Eddy stated that the last address she had for Maxine Miller was East-  
gate Hotel, 182 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois, where Maxine  
Miller was living under an assumed name, which name she could not  
recall.

Mrs. Eddy stated that she believed Maxine Miller was now  
in New York City, although she had spoken of returning to Kansas City.  
She furnished the further information that Josephine Nyhart, through  
whom Maxine Miller was previously located, was now in Kansas City  
and her name appeared in the telephone directory at that place.

Efforts to identify Maxine Miller at the Eastgate Hotel  
were unsuccessful.

It is thought possible that Josephine Nyhart could be lo-



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ated through Mrs. Marie Goss.

It is requested that your office endeavor to obtain the present address of Maxine Miller through Josephine Nyhart or Marie Goss.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division

P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 14, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your wire of August 12th request-  
ing photographs of Rucchetti, please be advised that on  
August 12th, two photographs of Rucchetti were forwarded to  
you and two to the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

WIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Little Rock

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

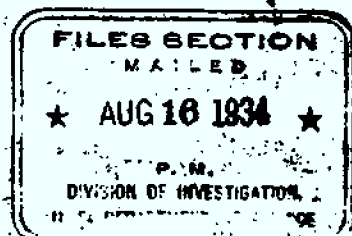
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"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

The Division has not yet received a report covering the interview had with Mr. A. L. Smith, a lawyer of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The Division's letter dated August 4, 1934 instructed that this interview be expedited.

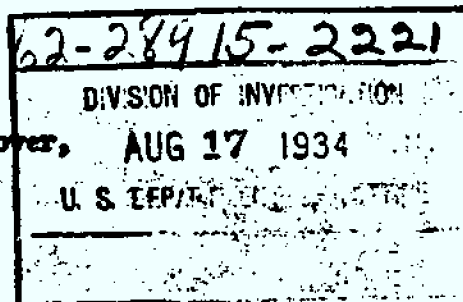
Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
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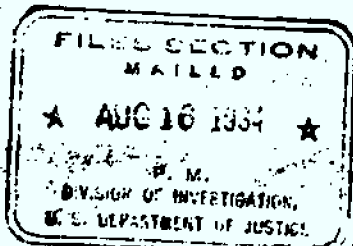
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"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

The Division, under date of July 31, 1934,  
addressed a letter to Mrs. Anna Spencer, 165 West Muskegon  
Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, advising her that an agent of  
your office would interview her concerning any information  
which she may have relative to the whereabouts of Subject  
Floyd.

Kindly advise the Division whether Mrs.  
Spencer has been interviewed regarding this matter.

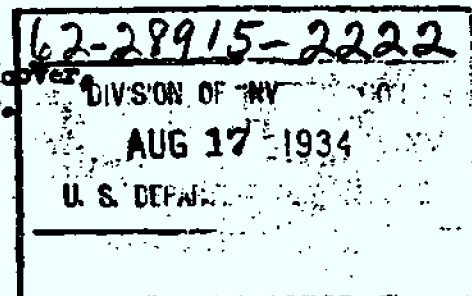
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John Edgar Hoover,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

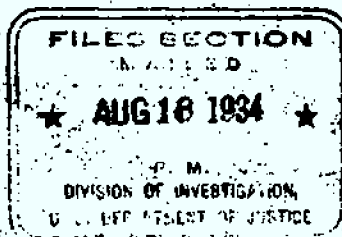
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I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al -  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Under date of August 1, 1934 the Division  
addressed a communication to your office instructing that an  
agent interview W. F. Walker, Chief of Police, Topeka, Kansas,  
with reference to a criminal hideout, which is alleged to  
have been used by Subject Floyd and others.

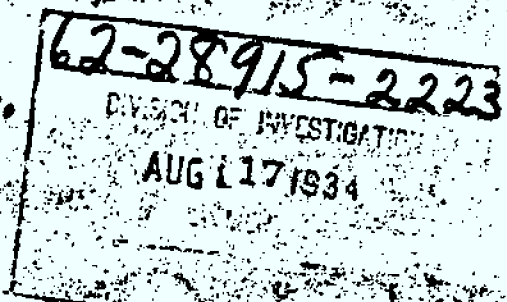
Kindly advise the Division of the status  
of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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August 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

The Division, under date of July 30, 1934,  
addressed a letter to Mr. John A. Neal, Calhoun, Georgia,  
in reply to his letter dated July 26, 1934 and advised him  
that an agent of your office would interview him in the very  
near future.

Kindly advise the Division when a report  
covering the interview will be submitted.

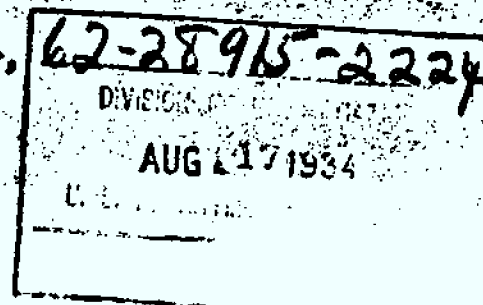


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Chicago, Illinois.

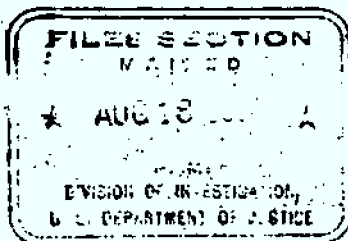
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BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to Division letter dated July  
26, 1934 suggesting that the relatives and other persons listed  
in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City,  
Missouri, February 29, 1934 be interviewed for any information  
which they may have concerning Bernard Phillips.

Kindly advise the Division of the status of  
this investigation.

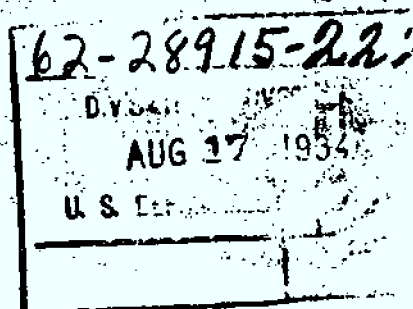
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John Edgar Hoover,  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

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 -**  
**Obstruction of Justice.**

On August 15th, Mr. S. H. Dwyer, Special Agent of the Intelligence Service, Treasury Department, appeared at this office and stated that on Sunday, August 12th, he was in Wichita, Kansas and talked to one Lloyd P. Smith of 333 Sherman Avenue, Wichita, who left that city Sunday night, August 12th, for the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is now a patient. Dwyer said that Smith told him that he had observed a photograph appearing in a New York newspaper of Floyd taken between two women; that the woman on Floyd's left is Ruby Floyd and that the one on Floyd's right is a woman known as Inez M. Loving who goes by the name of Louise Wilson; that she is a prostitute and hustles the McClelland and Coronado Hotels in Wichita, the Higley Hotel at Newton, Kansas, and the principal hotel, the name of which he does not know, at Concordia, Kansas; that this photograph of Floyd was taken in Arkansas City, Kansas in 1932, and he is acquainted with the woman on Floyd's right known as Inez Loving; that this woman at one time lived with Cleo Claspert, 216 West "A" Avenue, Hutchinson, Kansas, and that she knows Inez Loving well. He says that he does not know the present whereabouts of the woman.

He stated that there is a restaurant across the street from Convention Hall in Hutchinson, Kansas operated by three sisters, whose names he does not know, but where he got Floyd through this woman two or three years ago, but at the time, did not know the identity of Floyd. He says that Inez has an uncle who was an auto mechanic at one time with the Ford Agency in Hutchinson; that her father, name unknown, is in a home for the aged some place in Missouri -- he thinks Sedalia, Missouri. He says he does not know the maiden name of Inez Loving, nor does he know

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where her husband is at this time.

Dwyer left with the two photographs given him by Smith, one of which was taken of him and the said Inez Loving and another taken of Inez alone in Arkansas City, Kansas. These photographs are transmitted herewith to the El Paso office. Smith is a married man and does not, of course, want his wife to know that he has been philandering.

For your information, there is in the Oklahoma City office a photograph of which the newspaper photograph is a reproduction. The woman on Floyd's left is Ruby Floyd, and the woman on Floyd's right has been identified as Mrs. George Birdwell, wife of Floyd's partner who was killed at Boley, Oklahoma. There is some resemblance of the woman taken in the pajamas to the woman identified as George Birdwell's wife.

It is thought advisable, however, that Smith be interviewed in the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico and that any and all information be obtained from him concerning his knowledge of Inez Loving, her acquaintance with Floyd and such other and pertinent information as Smith has concerning Floyd. In the event leads are obtained, it is suggested that they be directed to the appropriate offices. The return of all photographs is requested when they have served their purpose in your district.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City

P. O. Box #158,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

August 18, 1934.

Mr. Frank F. Haas,  
Investigator,  
Alcoholic Tax Unit,  
Post Office Building,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Haas:

With further reference to the information you conveyed to me some time ago relative to firearms stolen at Wahpeton, North Dakota, and also relative to Pretty Boy Floyd, will you please inform me of the name of your informant, in order that we may interview him.

Your early attention to this will be appreciated.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

BERNIE HANDEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

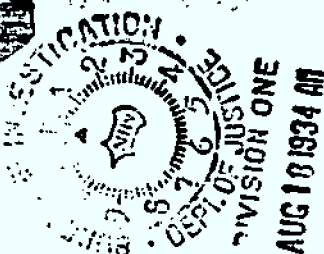
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Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al;  
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Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1934.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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Mr. Harbo .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and advised that he tried to reach you but you were out. He advised that the reports concerning the alleged willingness of Floyd to surrender continue to come in; that they are not paying a lot of attention to them but one specific one came in this morning about an hour before he called along the same lines; that a person by the name of Ben Butler, who is connected with the Oklahoma Gas and Power Company, a fairly reliable person, claims to have indirectly the old proposal of Floyd that he will surrender to the Government provided he is not turned over to the State of Ohio. Mr. Nathan stated that the Division's attitude has been that all the Division can promise is that he will be taken to Leavenworth and that he won't be killed.

Mr. Nathan said he had in mind the following: that while driving up to St. Louis, he went over this matter with Captain Shepherd of the Missouri State Highway Police and he told him that they have a very fine gilt-edge case against Floyd in Missouri and that they can "burn" him there for murder of some kind of a police officer or police officers at Columbia, Missouri; that they seem to think up there that Floyd does not realize how wonderful a case they have against him. Mr. Nathan stated that the Division has a case against Floyd, of course, for obstructing justice; that as he understands it you feel that, if the Division had Floyd in custody and the State authorities with a real capital charge against him put in a request for him, the Division would not be in a position probably to deny it. Mr. Nathan said he wondered if consideration could be given to the possibility of telling Mr. Butler that the Division would not turn him over to the State of Ohio and have in mind the desirability, if the Division does not prosecute him Federally on a rather minor charge, of turning him over to the State of Missouri on the theory that if they don't have a particular good case, the State of Missouri could then, if they so desired, turn him over to the State of Ohio and the Division's agreement would be okay.

I advised Mr. Nathan that I didn't think the Division could validly make any agreements about what will be done with him at all; in other words, if the Division puts him in Leavenworth any one who files a detainer or claim for him there gets him. Mr. Nathan said there would be more than one detainer and the Division could probably hold him with several States filing capital charges but the Division could exercise

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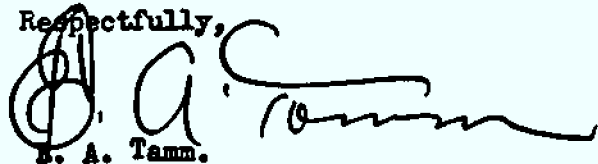
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some discretion as to whom the Division turned him over. I stated that I did not think the Division should make any agreement that it would or would not do anything with him after the Division got him to Leavenworth. Mr. Nathan said that the Division had not, of course, but that that was the thought that occurred to him which you might want to take under consideration.

Mr. Nathan advised that it is not <sup>likely</sup> to go through; that he was going to write; that they seem to be in a hurry for some decision; that so far as they know the Division is not going to do anything about it. I advised him that this was the best attitude to leave them in. Mr. Nathan agreed with me on this and I advised that I would take the matter up with you. Mr. Nathan said that Floyd is afraid of Ohio; that he is not afraid of anything else. We both agreed that the Division would tell him okay, that if he surrenders to the Division he won't be turned over to Ohio by the Division; and that we will turn him over to somebody else first. Mr. Nathan stated that it might not go through but that he might be turned over to Ohio by somebody else. I told Mr. Nathan that the Division could take a proposal of that kind and Mr. Nathan stated that is what he had in mind; that the Missouri State Captain told him what a wonderful case they have on Floyd in Missouri; that the Division can not hold him on a minor charge when major capital charges are against him; that the Division could use some discretion as to which of the two or more states he could be turned over to; that if Missouri finds they haven't a good case, they can turn him over to Ohio.

I told Mr. Nathan to go ahead and take an affirmative attitude in regard to this proposal because the Division has nothing to do with turning him over to anybody.

Respectfully,

  
A. A. Tamm.



**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri**

**August 15, 1934**

**Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sir:**

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

On August 14, 1934, late in the afternoon, Mr. Merle A. Gill, forensic ballisticsian, Kansas City, Missouri, advised this office that Meyer Berman and Phillip T. Lascuolo were believed to be presently at the residence of Lascuolo's sister, Green or Laureen Curry (possibly Perry), 6619½ Main Street, Los Angeles, California. In connection with these men, attention is directed to Division letter dated July 31, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office.

For the information of the interested offices receiving copies of this letter, Meyer Berman, Phillip T. Lascuolo, and James Civella, alias James Dove, are alleged to have participated in the murder and robbery on February 27, 1934, of one Kemmer, a messenger for the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City, Missouri. Subsequently, on July 10, 1934, John Lazia, Italian political leader at Kansas City, Missouri, was killed in a spot murder, his assassins using a Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. It may be noted that a machine gun was not used in the Kemmer murder, but rather a Luger pistol being used at that time.

The Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department has indicated its theory that, in view of the fact John Lazia gave the tip to them that Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo were the participants in the Kemmer murder, these three individuals may have participated in the spot murder of Lazia for revenge. Through an examination by the Division laboratory of ballistic

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evidence in the John Lazia killing and the instant massacre case, the Division has advised that the same Thompson Sub-Machine Gun was used in both the Lazia killing and the massacre. The above circumstances give rise to the possibility that Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo may possibly have participated in the Kansas City Massacre or might have possession of the gun which was used in the massacre, and hence would be in a position to furnish valuable information relative to the participants in the Kansas City Massacre.

Upon receiving the above information from Mr. Gill, telephonic communication was had with Mr. R. E. Newby of the Division on August 15, 1934, and he instructed this office to get in touch with the Los Angeles Office, requesting that office to endeavor to locate and apprehend Meyer Berman and Lascuolo in order that they might be questioned relative to the massacre case. Mr. Newby informed that no information relative to the possible location of these individuals should be furnished to police departments or others, including the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. It may be noted that Mr. Gill, at the time of furnishing the information to the Kansas City Office, specifically requested that the same be not furnished to the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. Mr. Newby further advised that in the event of the apprehension of these individuals at Los Angeles, the Division would give further instructions as to whether Special Agent H. E. Andersen and any other employees of this office should go to Los Angeles, California, to interview these individuals.

This information was furnished by telephone to Mr. B. E. Sackett, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office, on August 15, at which time his attention was called to the July (1934) issue of the American Bankers' Association Protective Bulletin, in view of the fact that on page 4 photographs appear of Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo, as well as descriptive data in connection with their alleged participation in the murder of the employee of the Commerce Trust Company, mentioned above.

Through telephonic communication with Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli at St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Vetterli, after examining the photographs of Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo, as they appear in the above-mentioned American Bankers' Association Protective Bulletin, advised that he was positive that neither Berman nor Civella were identical with the individual participating in the massacre whom he had seen; Mr. Vetterli further stating that it was his opinion that Lascuolo was likewise

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not identical with the participant in the massacre which he saw, although he stated there was a very slight resemblance between Lascuolo and the participant seen by him, but that he could not identify Lascuolo as a participant in the massacre.

Through telegraphic communication with the San Antonio Office, it was ascertained that after Special Agent F. J. Lackey had examined these same photographs of these three individuals in the above-mentioned Bulletin, Agent Lackey was unable to identify any of the three individuals as having participated in the massacre. It will be noted by previous communications in this file that Special Agent Lackey positively identified a photograph of George Ziegler, alias Goetz, as that of the individual whom he witnessed participating in the massacre.

Subsequently, on August 15, Mr. Sackett telephoned from Los Angeles, advising that there was no such address as 6619 $\frac{1}{2}$  Main Street, Los Angeles, California, but that further investigation was being made in an endeavor to locate the alleged relatives of Lascuolo named hereinabove. At this time Mr. Sackett was advised that neither Special Agent in Charge Vetterli or Special Agent Lackey could positively identify any of the three individuals named above as having been witnessed by them as participating in the massacre; however, it was stated that it was very desirable that these individuals be interviewed relative to any knowledge they might have of the massacre and its participants.

At the time of the dictation of this letter, a reply has not been received from a telegram dispatched to the Oklahoma City Office, requesting Special Agent Frank Smith to view the photographs of Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo, for purposes of identification.

The Kansas City Office has not as yet displayed the photographs of these suspected individuals to witnesses of the massacre at Kansas City. However, same is to be done in an effort to secure the opinions of various witnesses who have previously stated that they believed they might be able to identify photographs of the participants, were they to be shown to them. An effort was made today to locate several of these witnesses, but the only one that could be found on this date was Mrs. Lottie West, who plainly saw all of the participants, and she stated very positively, when viewing the photographs, that none of them in any way resembled the participants whom she saw.

A further contact was had with Merle A. Gill in order to secure any additional information relative to the address in Los Angeles. He

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stated that the name of the woman, Oreen or Laureen Curry, he is quite sure, is correct. He stated that the source of the information relative to the address of the Curry woman is through an individual whose name he declined to mention, but who has been in contact with Deputy Sheriff John Kelly of Kansas City, Missouri, and who was a witness in the recent trial of one of the other parties accused in the killing of Mr. Kemmer. On August 16, 1934, further contact will be had by Agents of this office with Mr. Gill and Mr. Kelly. At that time it is hoped that additional information may be obtained. Gill furnishes the information at this time that his reason for believing that Berman, Civella, and Phillip T. Lascuolo may be at the address in question in Los Angeles is the fact that Joe Lascuolo, brother of Phillip T. Lascuolo, is believed to be at the Main Street address in Los Angeles. He stated that the Curry woman, according to his information, is the former wife of Joe Lascuolo. The woman of Joe Lascuolo, who resides in Kansas City, Missouri, at present seems to have "cut out" the Curry woman, and has been living with Joe Lascuolo here until about the time that John Lazia was murdered. Joe Lascuolo left at that time and has not returned since. It is evident that the information which is reaching Mr. Gill may come from the wife or paramour of Joe Lascuolo, who resides in Kansas City. Mr. Gill apparently does not have this information first hand, and an effort will be made on August 16 to thoroughly develop all of the facts regarding his information. He believes that Curry is the maiden name of the woman formerly the wife of Joe Lascuolo, now said to be residing in Los Angeles. He stated that he understands she has two sisters who are probably married, and whose names he would probably not know, and residing in Pasadena, California. He advised that it is his information that Joe Lascuolo and the Curry woman were married in Kansas City, Missouri, the date not being known to him. There will be a possibility of determining the address of her relatives through an inspection of the marriage records at Kansas City, Missouri, and same will be done.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, there is being transmitted herewith wanted circular issued by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department for each of the three above-mentioned individuals, Berman, Civella, and Lascuolo.

Very truly yours,

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

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**FILE NO. **62-28915**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/16/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/8-9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. L. Fagan</b>	<b>CIN</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY" BOY FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.</b>	

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Veterans Administration file No. XC-19,969 examined at offices of Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., for leads regarding the whereabouts of Rose Baird Ash, sister of one Beulah Baird, who is thought to be associating with Subject Floyd. Leads set out accordingly.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio, 7/25/34 and Division letter dated July 28, 1934.

## DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. H. M. Perry, Contact Officer, Veterans Administration, was interviewed and he secured and handed to the writer their file No. XC-19,969 for examination. Mr. Perry, when questioned by the writer after the above file had been examined, stated that he is familiar with the case, having recently reviewed same for his office, and that his office had made very extensive efforts to locate Rose Baird Ash, widow of Veteran William Wallace Ash, without results.

The above mentioned file reflects the last communication to be a letter addressed to Robert M. Coleman, Attorney at Law, Victor Building, Kansas City, Missouri, dated October 29, 1933 from H. L. McCoy, Director of Insurance, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., enclosing a form for Rose Baird Ash to execute in her own handwriting. This letter is in the

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nature of a reply to a letter received by the Veterans Administration on November 25, 1932 from Mr. Coleman requesting the Veterans Administration to forward all correspondence relative to the William Wallace Ash matter to his office, further advising in the letter that he knew the address of Rose Ash. The letter further states that it was Mrs. Ash's desire that he handle the insurance matter as he had always represented her as attorney at law and business counsel.

The record further reflects that Mrs. Sadie Ash, 1410 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri, mother of Veteran Ash, wrote the Veterans Administration under date of September 5, 1931 vigorously protesting any payment of insurance to Rosa Lee Baird divorced wife of Wallace Ash, alleging that she had been divorced prior to his death and had "plotted" his death. Follow-up of this angle of the matter was made and no other pertinent information found in the file. According to the file, Mrs. Sadie Ash died about two years ago.

There appears to be no communication whatever directly from Rose Baird Ash in the entire file. Furthermore, none of the names of persons mentioned in the report of reference except Attorney Coleman appear in the file.

The file further shows that Leonard Ash is the father of William Wallace Ash and resides at Carlinville, Illinois (probably Carlinville) and that Daniels Brothers, 644 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas is the name of the undertaker who prepared Ash for burial. Also, the name of a sister, Mary Joe Ash, appears in the file, her address being given as 1410 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

It is thought that the records of the Court Clerk of Grant County, Williamstown, Kentucky might produce names of witnesses who might give some definite information regarding the whereabouts of Rose Baird Ash.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Cincinnati Division office

At Williamstown, Kentucky will interview the Clerk of the Court and make an examination of the records in any of the cases in which Rose Baird Ash was the defendant for any leads that might be of value in locating Mrs. Ash.

The Kansas City Division office

At Kansas City will consider interviewing Robert M. Coleman, Attorney, with a view of securing from him Mrs. Ash's address, bearing in mind his representations in a letter to the Veterans Administration.

Will further consider having a local person, interested officially or otherwise, question Coleman regarding the forms that were forwarded him by the Veterans Administration to be signed by Rose Ash. In this manner Coleman might disclose Mrs. Ash's whereabouts.

Will make appropriate investigation to ascertain who paid the burial expenses of Veteran William Wallace Ash.

Will discreetly interview Mary Joe Ash, sister of Veteran Ash, for any information she may have regarding the whereabouts of Rose Baird Ash.

The St. Louis Division office

At Carlewille, Illinois (probably Carlinville) will interview Leonard Ash regarding his son's death and also regarding the whereabouts of Rose Baird Ash. Will also obtain from Leonard Ash physical description of Rose Baird Ash.

For the information of the St. Louis office, Rose Baird Ash is the divorced wife of Veteran William Wallace Ash, now deceased. She is a sister of one Boulah Baird, and the latter is supposed to be associating with Subject Floyd.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO. 62-877

REPORT MADE AT Jacksonville, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE Aug. 16, 1934	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE August 14, 1934	REPORT MADE BY C. E. Mohr, Jr.
TITLE VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALIMAN (ALIAS) with aliases FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201 CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. 1196 et al			CHARACTER OF CASE CONSPIRACY TO BELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONERS

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Miami Beach and Tennis Club, which is a gambling house, is closed and will not reopen until the latter part of December. Max Miller lived there last winter until place closed, but has left Miami Beach, and left no forwarding address. Later information obtained that Max Miller is presently operating a gambling joint on Cutsquite Salatoqa, New York.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, August 1, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:**

E. H. Bird, caretaker of the Miami Beach and Tennis Club, advised that Max Miller lived at the club during the last winter but that he left Miami Beach when the club closed and went North. Bird further stated that no mail has come to the club for Max Miller since he has been gone.

**DETAILS:**

At the Miami Beach Post Office, it was ascertained that no forwarding address had been left by Max Miller.

City Detective Charles Pierce of Miami Beach, advised that the Miami Beach and Tennis Club is a very exclusive gambling club that admits members only and is owned by Mort Wortheimer and Ruby Mathews.

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who are both well known in gambling circles in Detroit. Max Miller is not known to Mr. Pierce, or to other police officials of Miami Beach. It is possible that Max Miller is at the present time in Detroit. He is not, however, the owner of the Miami Beach and Tennis Club.

Later information was furnished by above officer that Max Miller is presently operating a gambling joint on the outskirts of Saratoga, New York.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**BUFFALO OFFICE:** At Saratoga, New York, is requested to endeavor to locate Max Miller and obtain the information desired in undeveloped lead in report of reference, copy of which is being enclosed.

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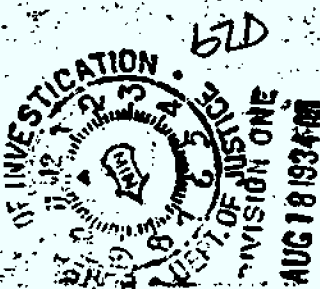
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REPORT MADE AT <b>Buffalo, New York</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-18-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-18-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. V. McKinn</b>
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TITLE <b>VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1801; et al.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**W. G. Allen alias Walter E. Tobey**

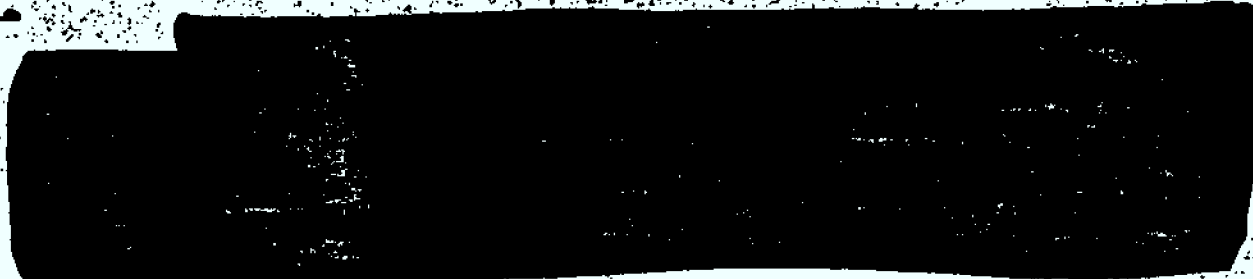


On interview in-  
forms he knew GALATAS as gambler in Hot Springs,  
Ark., prior to October 1931 when he last saw  
him. Allen claims to have been in Detroit,  
Mich., when instant matter arose, and disclaims  
any knowledge of GALATAS' present whereabouts  
or source through which to locate him but states  
if released from present confinement could build  
up contacts. Allen knows Chief Baker, Fort  
Arthur, Texas and indicated he would talk to  
that party but informs he has no present infor-  
mation of value.

**REFERENCE:**

Division Letter dated 8-4-34 with enclosure report  
of Special Agent L. G. Tarrou, New York City, 8-21-34.

**DETAILS:**



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W. G. Allen as Walter E. Tobey was interviewed at the prison in question and informed that the present "rap" that he is serving was a bad one and that he did not care to make any statements relative to his past life and activities. However, after some further conversation, he informed that the criminal record as reported by the Division was correct. That he was arrested at Miami Beach, Florida, about January, 1932, and through this met Chief of Police H. F. Baker, now of Port Arthur, Texas. That he is not positive as to the chief's initials and was of the impression that he had been made Chief of Police at Houston, Texas. That he could not recall that Baker had ever done anything for him but that they were good friends, and that he would be glad to talk with him and would give him any information which he possessed which might be of value.

When questioned regarding the instant matter Allen informed that he formerly operated the "racing racket" at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was known among "con" men as an easy money town. That through this he learned of subject GALATAS who controlled the gambling rackets of that City, but did not become closely acquainted with him, and knew of him only in a general way. That in October, 1931, he returned to Hot Springs and there saw GALATAS at the Cadillac Garage which he operated near the Camp Hotel as a blind for a gambling house. That GALATAS had a man working for him, whose name he declined to furnish, who in turn, he Allen, desired to employ to assist him, but which GALATAS refused to permit. That he subsequently obtained that individual's services anyway, and left Hot Springs immediately thereafter, and that he subsequently learned that GALATAS was pretty sore about the deal and was informed by other "con" men that he, Allen, should not return to Hot Springs as GALATAS had it in for him.

Thereafter he traveled to Sacramento, California, in October, 1932; thence to Port Arthur, Texas in November of the same year; thence to Galveston, El Paso, New Orleans and on to Orlando, Florida, arriving in the Spring of 1933. Here Allen informed that it was at Orlando, Florida, that he met Chief Baker and not Miami. He worked that territory and subsequently proceeded to Detroit, Michigan, where he remained for sometime and read of the Kansas City affair through the newspapers. He left Detroit, Michigan during the last of June, 1933, and proceeded to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, where he was subsequently arrested on 8-21-33 and subsequently sentenced on his present confinement. During the course of the above interview, every effort was made to obtain details thereof, but without results, as Allen stated that he did not recall. Neither did direct questioning of positive facts of this investigation produce any information.

When questioned directly as to the habits, friends, associates, et cetera of GALATAS, Allen informed that he did not know enough about GALATAS to inform in that regard and in so far as he was concerned, he could offer no suggestions which might be of value in ascertaining his present whereabouts.

He stated, however, that if he were released that no doubt he could contact former "con" associates of his and in time, develop information through these sources which would lead to GALATAS, but that he would have to do these things himself as he would be known and that he knew of no individual to whom he might refer Agent or Chief Baker, for such a purpose.

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is being set out to interview his wife, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

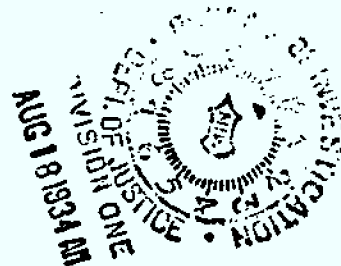
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**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**BUFFALO OFFICE:** - Will complete leads as set forth in report of Special Agent R. C. Vogel, Buffalo, New York, dated 2/10/54.

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Vinita, Oklahoma  
August 7, 1934



Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I live at Ketchum, Oklahoma, in Craig County. I have what I deem certain and reliable information as to the present whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd. I understand there is a reward offered for information leading to his arrest, also a reward for his capture.

I am willing to either give the information which I have, on the condition that in the event of his capture I would receive a compensation offered for such information, or if you should desire to send an agent, I would be glad to work with the agent, provided that in the event of his capture I should receive the reward or a suitable compensation from your office.

Should you desire any reference concerning me you may write the First National Bank of Vinita, Oklahoma.

If you are interested in this you can correspond with me further at my address: Vinita, Route 3.

Sincerely yours,

*O. B. Blackford*

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August 23, 1934

Mr. O. B. Blackford,  
Route 3,  
Vinita, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 7, 1934 wherein you advise that you are in possession of information with respect to the whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

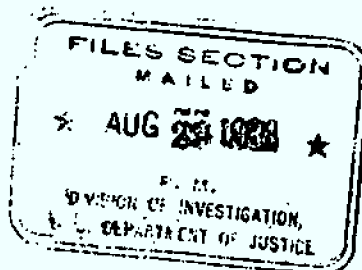
Please be advised that I have referred this matter to Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who will have an Agent interview you in connection therewith, in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City  
Kansas City



Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
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August 14, 1934

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Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
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CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please be advised that Mr. B. H. Thurman, former member of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, made contact with this office on August 11, 1934, and was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan in connection with this case. It may be noted that Mr. Thurman has cooperated with this office since the inception of this investigation in June, 1933, and a recent interview with him, as disclosed by the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, June 5, 1934, was had at which time he offered to secure any and all information possible concerning the massacre, especially with reference to confidential data which he might be able to obtain relative to knowledge of the offense on the part of members of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. The Division was advised by personal and confidential letter as to the latter.

Mr. Thurman informed Special Agent in Charge Nathan that he has received information from a source which he believes entirely reliable, that Charles Arthur Floyd is coming into Kansas City regularly once or twice a month. His informant advised that recently, within a week or ten days ago, Floyd was seen by the informant coming out of a restaurant located east of Troost Avenue on 31st Street, this city. It was Mr. Thurman's information also that Floyd when in Kansas City stays at a residence located on Forest Avenue between 29th and 31st Streets. Also, Mr. Thurman informed Special Agent in Charge Nathan that Floyd is a friend of a party named Bob Parker, who formerly operated a taxi in Kansas City and left here some six months ago. Parker is reported to be some place in Oklahoma, the exact location not now being known. Mr. Thurman promised to pursue the

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information further through his informant and report to this office.

On August 13, 1934, Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor made further contact with Mr. Thurman telephonically and he suggested a meeting away from his place of employment, he being employed by the DeWitt Chevrolet Company, 2900 East 15th Street. The meeting was had and Mr. Thurman advised that his informant is a woman whose name he did not at this time disclose. He stated that through his years of police experience he became well acquainted with the woman in question and that she formerly operated a booze joint, but during recent months she has not been so engaged; that she was well acquainted with him due to his former position as Chief of Detectives in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and that she recently sought his help in straightening out a marital difficulty which her daughter had experienced. Such was the occasion of his recent meeting with her and at that time she asked him why it was that he, while on the Police Department, had not been successful in apprehending Charles Arthur Floyd. He saw his opportunity to secure information from her through this opening, but led her to believe that he was in no way interested. He replied that he did not suppose Floyd ever came to Kansas City, although he reminded her that it had been his experience while in the Police Department to receive false reports that Floyd was here or there and that raids have been made fruitlessly. She informed him very definitely through their discussion, when he advised her of various places that had been raided, that he had not raided the right places and she then told him that she positively knows that Charles Arthur Floyd is in Kansas City, Missouri, frequently at present and that she knows him personally, as well as anyone could know him. She stated in that connection that he formerly frequented her joint with a "Wop", the identity of the latter not being stated by her although it is probably Adam Richetti. She went on to state to Mr. Thurman that within ten days past she personally saw Charles Arthur Floyd during the broad day light, at approximately 9:00 A.M., emerging from a cafe which is the first of such establishments east of Troost Avenue on 31st Street and that when she saw him she definitely recognized him and was somewhat surprised to note that he walked in the open and in the daytime on the streets of Kansas City. She informed him also that Floyd lives when in Kansas City at some residence located between 29th and 31st Streets on Forest Avenue. Mr. Thurman stated that he does not in any way doubt that this woman knows the exact location where Floyd is shielded when in Kansas City and although he did not receive the information from her at that time, he intended to

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and will secure the data from her in a discreet manner. He stated that she is not the type of person to whom he could send any law enforcement officer who desired the apprehension of Floyd for the purpose of securing information. He believes that it is probable that due to his separation from law enforcement matters she has made her statement to him at this time.

Mr. Thurman, who was driving a Chevrolet Coach demonstrator, took Agents Andersen and Trainor with him to the vicinity of 29th to 31st on Forest Avenue and past the cafe mentioned by the informant of Mr. Thurman. The cafe is found to be the Westover Grill, 1109 East 31st Street, telephone Valentine 9279. The establishment is found to be one of apparent decency in every respect. The location from 29th to 31st Street on Forest Avenue is lined with numerous apartment dwellings and boarding houses and is composed of houses of prostitution and other such establishments, according to Mr. Thurman's knowledge. Mr. Thurman stated that he believes that within three or four days he will have been able to secure definitely the information desired from his informant and he will keep in constant touch with this office.

Mr. Thurman advised further that Bob Parker has a criminal record in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and is a narcotic addict.

No record on  
Bob Parker  
1-17-35 [REDACTED] Parker is one of the closest friends of Floyd. 57D

Mr. Thurman stated that it is his definite opinion, based upon knowledge of the workings of Chief of Detectives Thomas Higgins of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, that Floyd is allowed to work unhampered in Kansas City and advised strongly against any disclosure of confidential information or inquiries which might lead thereto to be made by this office to the Kansas City Police. Therefore, at this time no endeavor through that source to secure the record of Parker is being made.

Mr. Thurman furnished a point of information that was new to this office in stating that in his knowledge Chief of Detectives Thomas Higgins was very friendly and aligned with Joe Lusco, an Italian underworld mob leader, and the deceased John Lazia, the opposing Italian underworld leader. Mr. Thurman stated that Bert Haycock, former police detective and now special agent for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Kansas City, Missouri, who worked with Higgins and for Mr. Thurman while he was Chief of Detectives, would be entirely unreliable as a source of information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd. He stated that Haycock was the man who in 1931 dealt with Wallace Ash and William Ash on the occasion when they were killed by Charles Arthur Floyd in Kansas City, Kansas, and that Mr. Haycock had sent the



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deceased Ash brothers to a speakeasy to obtain some bootleg liquor and he believes passed on the information to Floyd as to where they could be found on that particular occasion. This is somewhat corroborated by the statement recently made by Mr. Haycock to Agent Trainor of this office when he informed that he was the man that was dealing with the Ash brothers on the day that they were killed and that they were furnishing to him data which would bring about the apprehension of Floyd and that they had asked him for a bottle of whiskey which he secured and gave to them, and that about one hour thereafter he received a call from the mother of the Ash brothers, who is now deceased, stating that her sons had both been killed by Floyd. Recently when Agents Andersen and Trainor interviewed Freida Ash, sister of the deceased brothers, she also informed that her brothers were on the date of their murder working with some police officer in Kansas City in an effort to "spot" Floyd. This is being made a matter of record for the guidance of this office. It may be noted, however, that Mr. Haycock has never been interviewed specifically with reference to the present location of Floyd due to his long separation from the Police Department. It has been known also that Mr. Haycock is a close friend of Chief of Detectives Higgins. However, Mr. Haycock in his capacity as special agent for the telephone company has been frequently called upon to secure information as to long distance telephone records and other confidential data and has always rendered valuable service. It will be borne in mind, however, that if any telephone tap or other data concerning telephone matters is desired with reference to Floyd in Kansas City, the same should be handled as a matter of precaution without the knowledge of Mr. Haycock.

*New York*

Pursuant to Division instructions this office has, since the identification of the exploded machine gun shell cases found after the murder of John Lazia with the exhibits in the Kansas City massacre case, been interested in locating the machine gun which killed Lazia as a means to solving the instant massacre. It occurred to this office that since Charlie Corolla, a lieutenant of Lazia, was present with him late on the night that he was murdered and arrived at the apartment hotel with him when the shooting took place and was not in any way wounded, there might be some likelihood of an internal plot in the mob of Lazia to cause his death. Shortly after Lazia was killed Mr. Higgins of the Police Department made it known to this office that Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker had tried to operate in Kansas City about two weeks before that and that Lazia had told them to leave the city. Mr. Higgins did not state when the Police Department secured this information, but it should be noted that the Kansas City office did not receive the information until after the death of Lazia, although it was commonly known that Karpis and Fred Barker were being sought by the Government

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on identification orders in possession of the Kansas City Police.

Due to the apparent likelihood of Floyd and Richetti having participated in the Kansas City massacre and the fact that the same machine gun was apparently used in the massacre and the Lazia killing, it is suggested that there is a possibility of Floyd's or Richetti's participation in both. Although no expression of an opinion by this office was given when Mr. Thurman was interviewed, he stated that he believed that Lazia was killed by members of his own mob and that the higher officials in the Police Department, including Mr. Higgins, are aware of the details of the slaying and the identity of the slayers. He expressed the opinion that Floyd and Richetti very probably participated in the slaying. This theory seems quite tenable especially if it is true that Floyd is being allowed to appear unmolested at Kansas City at the present time. In future investigations such possibilities will not be over looked.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

cc - Oklahoma City

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August 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly advise the Division what steps you  
have taken to locate William (Salmon) pursuant to the instructions  
contained in the Division's letter dated July 31, 1934.

Very truly yours,

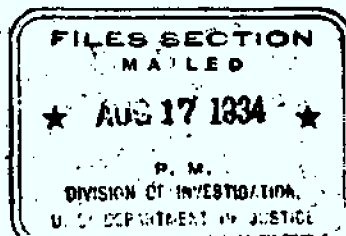
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New York, New York.

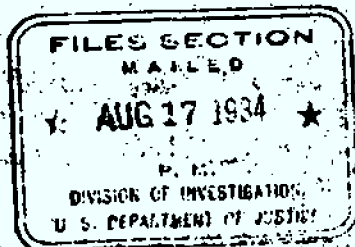
Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter dated  
July 30, 1934 with which was transmitted a letter received at  
the Division July 26, 1934 in an envelope bearing the return  
address Louis Foy, Sales Agent, 2-6 Pacific Street, Brooklyn,  
New York, which contained information respecting suspicious  
persons who occupied the apartment at 294 Pacific Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

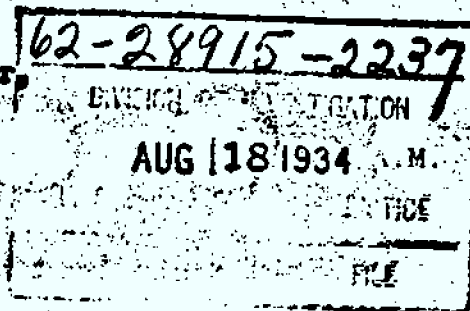
Kindly advise the Division of the status of  
your investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON G. MILLER with aliases  
(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN  
GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al -  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Under date of July 31, 1934 the Division addressed  
a letter to Mr. W. R. Ranch, Box #8, Cabool, Missouri, ad-  
vising him that an agent of your office would interview him  
concerning Subject Floyd.

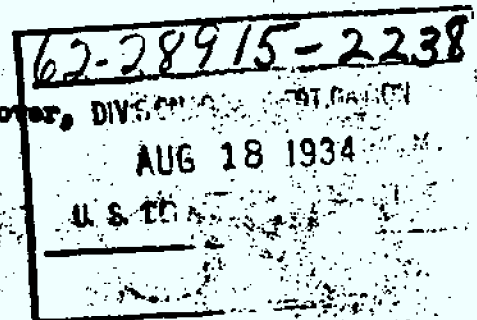
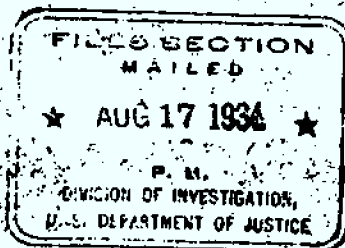
The Division desires that this interview be expedited  
and a report submitted promptly.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

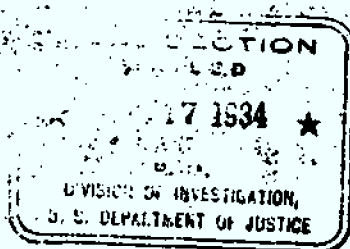
Dear Sir:

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FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated July 28, 1934 wherein you were requested to examine at the Veterans' Bureau file XC-19369, which file makes reference to Rose Baird Ash as beneficiary.

You are instructed to have this investigation expedited inasmuch as the information contained in this file may indicate the present whereabouts of Rose Ash, who is believed to be associating with Subject Floyd.

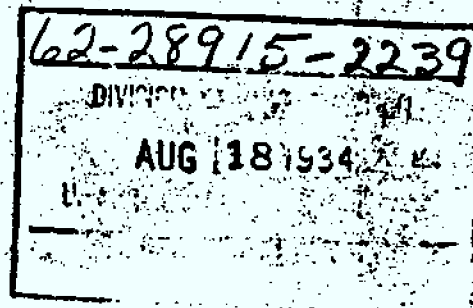
Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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CC Cincinnati  
Kansas City



1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 8, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,  
(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN  
GALATIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL  
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

For your information please be advised that Special Agent Robert Jones of this Office received a personal letter from his brother John Jones, Denton, Missouri, today, pertinent portions of which are copied as follows:

"Some report that may be of use to the department about where 'Pretty Boy' Floyd lives. According to conversation I heard in Drug Store here. Some man who was citizen of Denton several years ago but now residing in town about 40 miles from Earlsboro, Ark. was making the following statement about Floyd: Floyd maintains residence in Earlsboro, Ark. and a man by the name of McNatt is with Floyd at all times when away from this residence. The population of the Earlsboro community seem to be in sympathy with Floyd and furnish him with much protection. This man claims to have seen Floyd and McNatt in a cafe in Earlsboro about four weeks ago he having known McNatt several years. McNatt has been employed by oil production co. some time back."

The above information is being forwarded to your office for consideration in connection with the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge. AUG 11 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

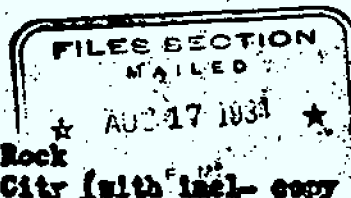
Reference is made to your letter dated August 6,  
1934, addressed to the Little Rock Office, setting forth  
information received in a personal letter by Special Agent  
Robert Jones attached to your office from his brother, John Jones,  
of Denton, Missouri, with respect to subject Floyd.

It appears that a copy of this letter was not  
furnished to the Kansas City Office, the office of origin in  
the above entitled case, in accordance with the rules promulgated  
by this Division.

A copy of the letter in question is being furnished  
to the Kansas City Office with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



cc - Little Rock  
Kansas City (with incl- copy  
letter 8/8/34 Chicago  
to Little Rock)



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

**N.Y. FILE NO. 62-4940**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>New York City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/17/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/15-16/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. J. HARRY</b>
TITLE: <b>RICHARD TALYMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1801. CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194. BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194. ET AL.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>True Detective Mysteries Magazine, issues of October, November, December, 1933, January, February, March and April, 1934, containing series of articles on Charles Arthur Floyd secured and forwarded to Kansas City office. Material for same having been furnished mostly by C. F. Wiers, reporter on the Kansas City "Star" newspaper.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Telegram of the Kansas City office dated August 15, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Mr. JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH, Editor of True Detective Mysteries Magazine, a Macfadden publication, offices at 64th Street and Broadway, New York City, furnished the information that his magazine ran a series of articles regarding the life of Charles Arthur Floyd in monthly issues from October, 1933, up to and including April, 1934; that the material upon which this series was based was furnished mostly by Mr. C. F. Wiers of the Kansas City, Mo., "Star" newspaper. Mr. Shuttleworth anticipated that the Kansas City office might have difficulty in securing back numbers of this series and, therefore, loaned the New York office</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. X. Day</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>62-28915-2241</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>AUG 20 1934</b>
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these seven issues of the magazine which are to be returned to his library when they have served their purpose. This information was furnished by wire to the Little Rock and Kansas City offices.

Regarding the cover on the mail going to Leon and Nellie Louquet at Freehold, N.J., Special Agent E. A. Soucy of the New York office has made arrangements through Post Office Inspector Alexander of Trenton, N.J., whereby a more than ordinary inspection has been arranged for the purpose of either proving or disproving suspicion that the Louquet address may have been established as a mail depot for communications between Floyd and his relatives. In this connection, a letter was forwarded to the Oklahoma City office on August 14, 1934, requesting that certain material be furnished from the Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Post Office for use in the mail cover on the Louquet mail at Freehold, N.J.

Under date of August 7, 1934, the Division requested to be advised of the status of the prosecution which has been commenced in the District of New Jersey against Dr. Irwin E. Silvers and in the Southern District of New York against Abraham Chait and Herman Borenstein. The Division has already been advised that the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York has not, as yet, determined whether the facts with regard to Chait and Borenstein will be presented to the United States Grand Jury as the assistant who is handling this case is on vacation. With respect to the prosecution of Dr. Silvers in the District of New Jersey, the New York office has communicated with the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey and as soon as a reply is received, this information will be forwarded to the Division and the office of origin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

Will forward to the New York office the envelopes, post office stamp, stamp pad, as requested in letter of the New York office dated August 14, 1934, for use in covering the mail of Leon and Nellie Louquet of Freehold, N.J.

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE

Is being furnished with seven issues of True Detective Mysteries Magazine, sent under separate cover by registered mail, same to be returned to the New York office when they have served their purpose.

NEW YORK OFFICE

At Freehold, N.J. - Will maintain cover on the mail going to Leon and Nellie Louquet.

Will report the expression of opinion received from the United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York with regard to the case against Abraham Chait and Herman Borenstein when it has been determined whether the facts will be presented to the United States Grand Jury.

Will report the reply received from the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey with regard to whether prosecution will be had against Dr. Irwin R. Silvers.

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Afton, Mo.

Aug. 8th. 1934

U. S. Attorney-General.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I think I have stumbled on a gangster "hiding place," and I also think the local authorities are protecting it, somewhat as Indiana did Dillinger.

There is a young man there who corresponds somewhat to "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There are seven men on the place, and a doctor who comes in the evening, and people who bring in boxes of ammunition.

It is a ~~tourist~~ camp, in the country. We were storm-bound there and saw very suspicious things.

~~Fairview camp~~ ————— Mt Sterling, (I think)  
Winchester, Ky.  
West side of the road.

If you shadow the place for a year I think you will catch some one of importance. Do not work with local officers.

Life is sweet to me and I earnestly ask that you keep my identity a secret.

I claim any reward which this information may lead to.

Yours truly,

(s) (Mrs.) LaRue Paytiano

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Mrs. LaRue Paytson,  
Affton, Missouri.

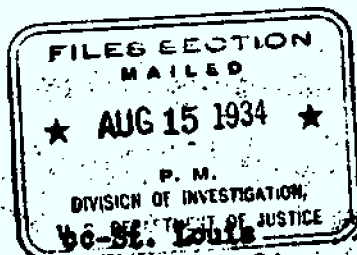
Dear Madam:

Your letter dated August 8, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General, wherein you set forth information with respect to a gangster "hiding place", where there is a young man who resembles "Pretty Boy Floyd", has been referred to this Division for consideration and reply.

Please be advised that the information has been furnished to Mr. E. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 801 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri, who will assign an Agent to interview you with respect to this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,



Clyde Tolson,  
Assistant Director.

Indianapolis  
Kansas City

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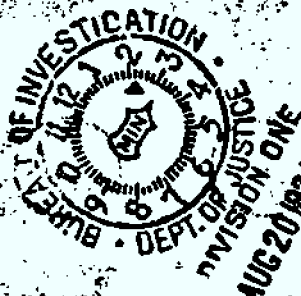
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Denver, Colo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-15-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-28-34 8-8-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. D. SWINSON</b>
TITLE: <b>VERNON S. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALLMAN GAYLARD with aliases--FUGITIVE I.O. #12911 CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases--FUGITIVE I.O. #1184</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Blossom Applegate, who is at present confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colo., supposed to have received visit from brother of "Pretty Boy" Floyd in summer of 1933 while she was living at Star Buck, Colorado.



REFERENCE: Letter of Kansas City Office, dated 7-12-34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLO.**

Sergeant Orson B. Lowe of the Auto Theft Division of the Denver Police Department advised that information had come to him to the effect that a brother of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, name unknown, had visited Blossom Atherton alias Blossom Applegate at the latter's cabin near Star Buck, Colorado, during the summer of 1933. Sergeant Lowe stated that Blossom Applegate had a rented cabin near Star Buck, and might possibly still have such a cabin, and that at the present time she was confined in the County Jail in Denver, Colorado.

Agent ascertained at the West Side Court that on June 30, 1934, Blossom Applegate was sentenced to serve a term of from one year to eighteen months in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, on a charge of grand larceny; that on July 12, 1934 she was removed to the State Penitentiary at Canon City, where she is now incarcerated.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Spuman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-2243	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 20 1934</b>
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From the letter of reference, which enclosed photographs of Virgil Dixon, Walter O'Malley, and Mrs. George Chase, who are all wanted, and who it is believed might possibly be the "One-Eyed Dixon" and "Blackie Dean" mentioned as belonging to a gang of outlaws inhabiting the hills of Southwest Colorado and Northeast New Mexico, it is believed advisable that these photographs be exhibited to Blossom Applegate to determine if these parties ever visited her cabin in company with "Pretty Boy" Floyd or his brother.

After these photographs have been exhibited to Blossom Applegate, they will be forwarded to the El Paso Office in order that K. C. Short, Investigator of the Alcohol Tax Unit at Silver City, New Mexico, and R. W. Lewis, Town Marshal, Magdalena, New Mexico, might view the photographs.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Canon City, Colorado, will interview Blossom Applegate relative to whether the brother of "Pretty Boy" Floyd visited at her cabin, Bar Buck, Colorado, in the summer of 1933 and determine if she is acquainted with "Pretty Boy" Floyd; and will also exhibit the photograph of Mrs. George Chase, Walter O'Malley, and Virgil Dixon to Blossom Applegate and determine if these parties are known to her.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **62-2**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-17-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-15-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. E. LAWRENCE</b>
TITLE <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) RICHARD TALLMANT GALATAS, with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201 CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

A. L. Smith, Attorney, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, denies making statement that Floyd was within 50 miles of Siloam Springs and denies having any knowledge of his present whereabouts or physical condition. A. L. Smith found to be reputable Attorney and one who believes in strict law enforcement.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Division to Oklahoma City Field Office, dated June 15th, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

After local discreet inquiry had revealed that Attorney A. L. Smith enjoys an excellent reputation in Siloam Springs, where he has been practicing for 23 years, and that he is a man who believes in law enforcement, Agent contacted him at his home, 1206 Jefferson Street, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. Smith stated that he has no personal knowledge of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, and further that he has never had what he would consider reliable information either about his (Floyd's) location or physical condition. He advised that he has heard numerous rumors, has read some newspaper accounts regarding Floyd, but that inasmuch, as he had not heard anything about Subject for many months he was of the opinion that Floyd had probably left this vicinity, meaning Arkansas as well as Oklahoma.

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Mr. Smith stated that some months ago he attended a Bar Association Meeting at Hot Springs, and that he does remember there was some talk of Floyd at this meeting. He said that he remembers some conversation relative to Floyd probably hiding in the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma whereupon he (Smith) may have remarked, "That is right in my back yard". It is noted that Siloam Springs, Arkansas is just across the Oklahoma Border from the Cookson Hill District.

Mr. Smith stated that further than this remark there may have been a little "Horse play", but that whatever remarks he may have made have since been forgotten as they were merely jokingly made at the time. He also advised that he had read with a great amount of interest the newspaper accounts of the increase in the personnel of the Division and that he was much pleased when Dillinger and some of the other notorious criminals were apprehended or eliminated by the Department of Justice Agents. He stated that if he could ever be of any assistance to the Division he would be glad to do so and further that in the future if he hears any rumors about Floyd or any of the other WANTED criminals that he will communicate with one of the Field Offices.

Chief of Police Robert LaFollette, Siloam Springs, who has the reputation of being an honest Police Official and who has assisted Agents of the Division on numerous occasions, stated that he felt sure that Mr. Smith would have notified him at once had he ever had any authentic information regarding Floyd. LaFollette advised that A. L. Smith has a fine reputation in Siloam Springs and that he is running for Circuit Judge in an election being held this date.

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DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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

Mr. M. C. Spear of the Kansas City office telephoned today, August 15, 1934, to advise that information had been received from Merle Gill, ballisticsian of Kansas City, Missouri to the effect that Meyer Berman and Joe School were being sought by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department as the actual slayers of Lazia and that he has received information that these two individuals are presently located in Los Angeles, California, staying with one Orey Laureen Berry, 6619 1/2 Main Street, Los Angeles, California and that in view of the identification made of the markings on the shells of machine gun bullets used in the Kansas City massacre and Lazia shooting that possibly these individuals were actual participants in the massacre.

Mr. Spear wanted advice as to whether the information furnished by Gill should be furnished to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department or whether the Division should keep the information confidential until Special Agent F. J. Lackey, Special Agent Frank Smith and Special Agent in Charge Vetterli have had an opportunity to examine the photographs of these two individuals with a view to possibly identifying them. Mr. Spear stated that the photographs would be immediately forwarded to Dallas, Oklahoma City and St. Louis and that no action will be taken with respect to locating Berman and School in California, pending receipt of instructions from the Division with respect thereto. Mr. Spear was later phoned and instructed to call Los Angeles on this.

Mr. Spear also stated that he had received telephonic request from Special Agent R. C. Suran of the Chicago office that a complaint be filed against Vivian Mathis, who is now serving a sentence at the Federal jail, Milan City, Michigan, which sentence will expire on September 18, 1934 and that the complaint be filed as a detainer to prevent the early release of Vivian Mathis. Mr. Spear stated that after discussing this suggestion with Special Agents Trainor and Anderson it was agreed among the three of them that the complaint should not be filed until the day before Vivian Mathis is due to be released, so that every opportunity will be given Kathryn/Kelly to obtain all the information she possibly can

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*See that all of these matters are carefully followed up.*  
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from Vivian Mathis before the detainer is filed. The suggestion to file a detainer originated with Special Agent in Charge Larson who is presently in the Chicago office district and the purpose of the suggestion is possibly Vivian can be made to talk by filing such a detainer which will prevent her early release to which she is looking forward with exuberance. I told Mr. Spear that arrangements should be made to have the complaint filed immediately in the event the United States Attorney is agreeable.

Mr. Spear also stated that he had received information from the Chicago office that Frank Hayes is being used as an informant and that Hayes has furnished information to the effect that "Big" Homer served a ten-year sentence at Leavenworth prior to 1927 for a mail robbery job, at which time he used the name Swede Whitey alias "Big" Whitey. The photographs of all known mail robbers have previously been drawn from the files of the penitentiary at Leavenworth and exhibited to Eddie Doll without success. Mr. Spear stated that during a recent interview had with Doll by Special Agent Anderson, Doll furnished information that Frank Hayes accepted \$500 of the Urschel kidnaping ransom money in his presence, to which fact he would willingly testify as a witness; that Doll was furnishing the information in the hope that his brother would not be prosecuted for his part in the Woolverton kidnaping.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
R. E. Newby.



REN:RD

August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama. + ALL FIELD OFFICES

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
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Height, 5'3 1/4"  
Weight, 165 pounds  
Build, stout

Hair, medium brown  
Eyes, brown  
Complexion, ruddy  
Fingerprint classification:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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REN:RD

August 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

MR. KEITH

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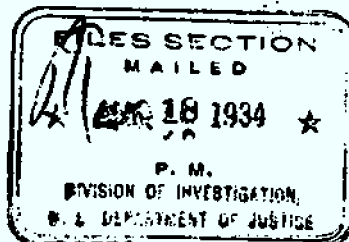
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Enclosure 513534

REN:RD

August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Mr. Nathan

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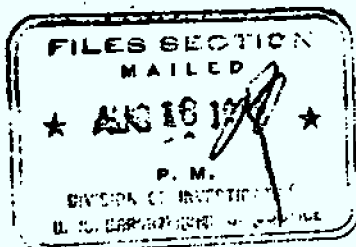
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Enclosure #513548

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August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

MR. QUINN

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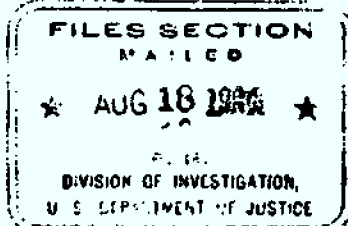
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Enclosure #513551



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August 18, 1934

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MR. EDWARDS

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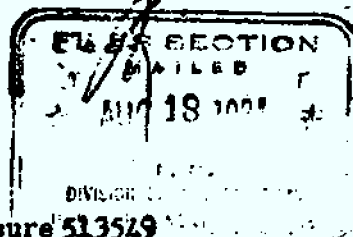
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August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

MR. EGAN

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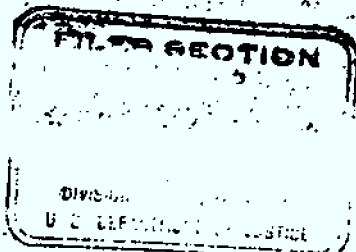
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Enclosure 513550

REN:RD

August 18, 1934

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Mr. Tolson

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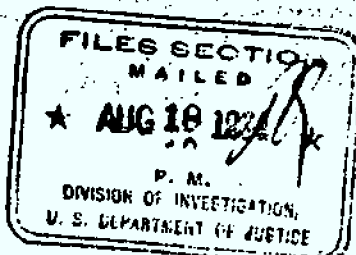
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Enclosure 513547

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



REN:RD

August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

MR. BAUGHMAN

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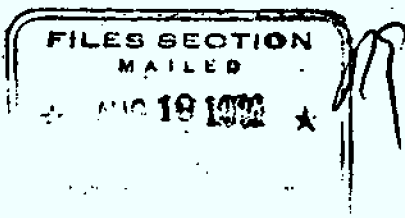
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Enclosure 512553



REN:RD

August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Mr. Glavin

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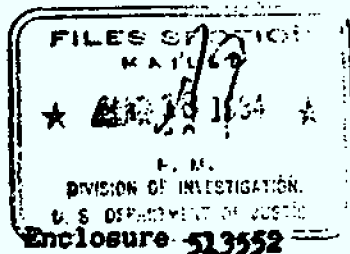
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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Suite 1616  
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 16, 1934

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Mr. Clegg .....
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*Handwritten initials: MS, Newley*

**Personal and Confidential.**

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, IO #1194-FUGITIVE  
ET AL.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to Division letter of August 2, 1934, copy of which was furnished to the Chicago office, wherein these offices were instructed to further pursue the angle of this investigation relative to identifying certain individuals who were at the apartment of Mamie Hightower at Kansas City, Missouri, the day before the Kansas City massacre. It is noted that William Weisman was said by a confidential informant, who was interviewed by Special Agent Trainor of this office a few weeks after the massacre, to have been one of the men who was at the apartment of Mamie Hightower, and that Weisman was known to be friendly with Maxine Miller, a prostitute, and formerly stayed at the apartment of Mrs. Hightower.

Special Agent R. C. Suran, who conversed with Special Agent Harold E. Andersen of this office telephonically from Chicago on August 13th, stated that Josephine Nyhart, who was found to be a friend of Maxine, and formerly resided in Chicago, was now said to be in Kansas City.

Josephine Nyhart was located at 3710 Troost Avenue in Kansas City, where she operates what appears to be a private bawdy house. She was interviewed by Agents Andersen and Trainor and informed that the

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last time she heard of the whereabouts of Maxine Miller, which was approximately ten days ago, she secured information to the effect that Maxine Miller was then in Chicago, Illinois, and that she is associated with a prostitute named May White. She stated that May White resides somewhere on the south side of Chicago and drives a Lincoln Sedan, and that she engages in prostitution around the Drake Hotel, which is a prominent hotel in Chicago. She is confident that the location of Maxine Miller could easily be secured through May White, who would no doubt be well known to local authorities, as well as the house detectives at the Drake Hotel, and other nearby hotels. She declined to inform the Agents the identity of her correspondent, but stated that the name of that individual would not be material. If any difficulty is experienced in locating Maxine Miller, the Chicago office should further request interview with Josephine Nyhart, at which time an effort will be made to secure the name of her correspondent, if necessary.

The Agents also made further contact with [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] operates a house similar to that of Josephine Nyhart. She seems to cater to an exclusive clientele.

When interviewed on this occasion, [REDACTED] stated that Mamie Hightower, who now resides at 1316 East 27th Street, Telephone Number Harrison 6995, has also moved, and, therefore, she is not in such frequent contact with her as she previously was while in the apartment building at 16th and Central. However, she stated that Mamie Hightower calls her on frequent occasions, and that it is her opinion that the Hightower woman is using narcotics in some form. She stated that it is her personal opinion that Mrs. Hightower is engaging in harboring of fugitives, since she does not believe she goes in for maintenance of prostitutes or sale of whisky, especially since the latter form of business is not profitable at present. She advised that she has never had the opportunity to approach the subject with Mamie Hightower to determine the identities of other individuals who were present with William Weisman on the day before the Kansas City massacre during June, 1933. She believes, however, that, due to the apparent mental state of Mamie Hightower at this time and the fact that Mamie has endeavored to visit her, or cause her to visit at the Hightower apartment quite frequently on recent occasions, she might be able to approach the matter successfully, provided

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it were considered worth while. She stated emphatically that it is her opinion that Mamie Hightower, due to her association with major members of the underworld, knows the story as to the arrangements and execution of the Kansas City massacre, and that if she did not receive it directly from the participants, she might have secured the information quite authentically in an indirect manner. She stated, of course, that this is only her personal opinion. However, she informed that Mamie Hightower associates as a paramour with Barney Harvey, a married man, who operates a gambling joint and speakeasy on 12th Street, between Wyandotte Street and Central Avenue; that Barney Harvey has been a man of wealth in the past years and is very careful of his home domestic matters, and for that reason would desire absolutely no publicity regarding his associations with Mamie Hightower; however, she stated that Mr. Harvey during the last year has been pressed financially, and that the Hightower woman has likewise been financially embarrassed until recently. She stated, however, that while Mr. Harvey is not now in position to give Mrs. Hightower any great sums of money, Mamie told her a few days ago by telephone that she was intending to purchase a new automobile, and when discussing the type of car she was to purchase, she mentioned she had always had Packards before.

b7D [redacted] further stated that Maxine Miller, upon her return to Kansas City, sometime after the arrest of Louis Stacci in Chicago in August 1933, when he was arrested in connection with this case, stated that she had by a slender chance escaped arrest herself at the O. P. Inn at Chicago at that time. [redacted] expressed the opinion that Maxine's main racket is not prostitution, but that she engages in major offenses in company with "Big Time" thieves.

It has been previously said by [redacted] that Maxine was seriously beaten by William Weisman while at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City in the summer of 1933. She believes that due to the connection of Maxine with the mob, a matter such as a beating would not entirely alienate her from its various members, especially Weisman. She furnished the information also that through Mamie Hightower, she had learned that Maxine Miller had a party with Barney Oldfield, a well known race driver in Chicago, during the winter of 1933-34, at which time, she "rolled" Mr. Oldfield for about \$300.00 and made a hurried exit for Miami, Florida, and from Florida wrote to Mamie Hightower advising her of her affairs and also stating that she was departing for New York City. She stated that she further learned from Mamie that she received a communication from Maxine while in New York, but Mamie did not have her address at the latter place. These facts are set forth to show the type of activities



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engaged in by Maxine Miller, since it is apparent that she is an intelligent type of prostitute and is probably in possession of considerable information.

b7D [redacted] stated that within the next few days, she will either make a trip to the apartment of Mamie Hightower, or will contrive to have Mamie visit her, and at that time, she will secure all possible information, primarily endeavoring to procure the names of the companions of William Weisman as of June 16, 1933; also general information concerning the plans and execution of this massacre, which Mamie Hightower may have and further, any information concerning the identity of possible fugitives who may be wanted by the Federal Government, and be now shielded by Mamie Hightower.

It does not seem advisable to approach Mamie Hightower directly, until the efforts through the informant, [redacted] have been exhausted.

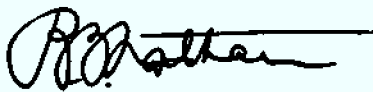
b7D [redacted] volunteered certain information that seems quite interesting regarding the recent slaying of John Lazia, underworld leader of Kansas City. She voiced her opinion to the effect that Mr. Thomas Pendergast, leader of the Democratic local organization was, no doubt, greatly relieved over the death of Lazia, since the Italian group in the political party in Kansas City had become so involved in illegal operations under Lazia's leadership that he was a dangerous factor. She intimated that in her opinion Lazia was killed by local parties with the intention of ridding the organization of his leadership. She stated in this connection that the police of Kansas City are probably very well aware of the true identities of the slayers of Lazia and the purpose for which the slaying occurred. Her opinion in this connection was taken without comment. She stated that her opinion is, of course, based upon her own meditations after hearing certain things from people whom she wishes not to quote. It is noted that [redacted] informed the Agents that if they had been in her apartment a few moments before, they might have met a high official, who would have been greatly embarrassed to have been seen there by the Agents, with whom he would probably be acquainted.

b7D It may be noted that only recently, according to [redacted] own statement, she assisted the Post Office Department in solving a robbery of the U. S. Mails, which occurred at Osawatimie, Kansas. Arrests have been made and a large sum of cash which was stolen has been recovered. This information is merely shown as a means to indicate the ability of [redacted] and her attitude along lines of furnishing confidential information to the Government.

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51D [REDACTED] will be further interviewed at short intervals by Agents of this office.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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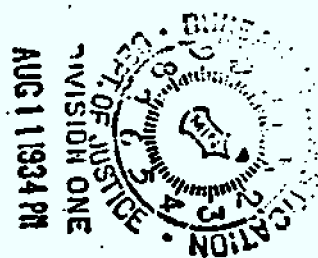
August 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In response to Mr. Newby's request of August 7, 1934, that an attempt be made to locate records for Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutson and J. J. Miller, bearing Police Department numbers in the vicinity of 1956-1960, there are transmitted herewith six copies of the transcript of the criminal record of one J. J. Miller, Identification Unit file #28216, who bears Miami Police Department #1956. It has not been possible to locate any record for Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutson.

Respectfully,

*L. A. Hince*  
L. A. Hince.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 18, 1934

HN:CG  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

One Walter Biscup, a representative of the "Tulsa World",  
came to the office this morning. He was in Oklahoma City in  
connection with the reception for Postmaster General Earley who  
arrives here today.

He asked if there was any information available in the  
Floyd case, and was answered in the negative. He then made the  
direct query as to whether this office has received any proffer  
on the part of Floyd to surrender, and of course, was again  
answered in the negative. As this is the first indication that  
any newspaper possesses information relative to the alleged  
desire on the part of Floyd to surrender to this Division, it was  
thought advisable to advise the Division of this phase of the  
situation.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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Mr. Keith .....
Mr. Lester .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Schilder .....
Mr. Tamm .....

*I haven't any doubt  
but that I expect his  
friends have contacted  
newspapers, movies etc.*

*Our man should stop  
the watchful waiting  
policy & do some aggressive  
work toward getting him.*



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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August 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *EW*

Confirming telephonic conversation with Mr. Newby on August 17, 1934, you are advised that the Card Index files of the Identification Unit reflect no information concerning one Bob Parker who is supposed to have been arrested in Kansas City, Missouri, on a narcotics charge.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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August 20, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases  
(deceased), et al; Conspiracy to  
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

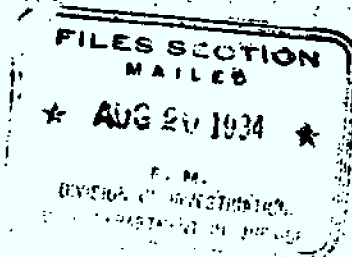
There are transmitted herewith copies of the laboratory  
report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your  
office in connection with the above entitled matter and received  
in the Division on August 4, 1934.

The photographic enlargements which were to accompany  
this report have not yet been completed but will be transmitted  
to your office in a few days.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,

Enclosure #515589.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

August 11, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) et al; Number:  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

One machine gun bullet and .38 Colt slugs removed from O.H. Reed.  
Two machine gun bullets found by Grooms and Hermanson. Two "Klean-  
Specimens: bore" empty cases "REM-UMC, Nitroclub No. 16". Portion of bullet-  
jacket and lead-core removed from Lackey. Ball bearing removed from Caffrey.  
Machine gun jacket removed from Nash. Portions of jackets and lead-cores and  
ball bearings found at scene of crime. Two machine slugs removed from Chevrolet  
and Plymouth cars at scene of crime. Eight .45 caliber automatic cartridge cases  
REM-UMC; 7 from machine gun and 1 from automatic. One lead-core from .45  
jacketed bullet.  
Examination requested by: Kansas City Office.

Date received: August 4, 1934.  
(Brought to Laboratory by Mr. Merle Gill).

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination: Examination by C.A. Appel.

August 6. A comparison of the actual cartridge cases recovered at the  
scene of the Plaza murder with those recovered at the scene of the killing of  
Lazia results in the definite opinion that the same Thompson Sub-Machine gun was  
used in these two crimes. Proof of this opinion is shown in the attached photo-  
graphs of enlargements of the firing pin impressions, the entire heads of the  
shells, and in the enlargements of the marks made by the extractor. There were  
eight .45 caliber shells in Mr. Gill's collection which appear to have been re-  
covered at the scene of the Plaza murder. One of these was fired from a .45  
caliber Automatic Colt. The other seven were all fired from the same Thompson  
Sub-Machine gun as indicated by the firing pin impressions and other marks. All  
of these seven show the similarities with the Lazia specimens. It is true as  
claimed by Mr. Gill that there are differences between the two sets of specimens.  
The concentric rings appearing on the Plaza specimens on the primer cap are  
absent on some of the Lazia specimens. They are not entirely absent, however,  
and they even appear in some of the photographs. The depth of these rings which  
are tool marks on the breach face depends upon the force of the explosion, the  
softness of the metal, the amount of dirt on the face of the breach, and similar  
factors. There are certain differences in the microscopic appearance of the  
firing pin impressions themselves. There are certain variations in the angle  
at which the ejector appears to operate. It is the belief of the examiner,  
however, that these differences may be accounted for by changes in the gun either  
through use or through lack of care in keeping it. Such changes would most

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certainly be present in specimens fired from the same weapon at an interval of more than a year as in this case. So far as the ejector mark goes, these frequently vary due to the fact that cartridges travel a certain distance after the explosion and before striking the ejector, during which time they have an opportunity to turn and change position. The angles and relations with the other marks are therefore not always exactly the same with regard to the ejector.

The examiner has found, however, certain additional marks by examining the impressions made by the extractor under high magnification. In each instance the shells show marks where the ejector traveled over the metal, cut into it slightly and left marks corresponding to the tool marks on the extractor. By enlarging these marks sufficiently and with the proper lighting photographs were taken showing the matching of the two series of lines which are the tool marks. Enlargements of these are also transmitted herewith.

In the examination of the above cartridge cases the examiner observed that each and every one has been sprayed with a white solution which is sometimes used by photographers to assist in the photographing of metals in order to cut down the highlights and smooth out the surface. In their present condition the examiner considers that these specimens are not suitable for introduction in evidence because of this disturbance of their normal condition. A photograph of the base of one of these shells no doubt may be made to look more natural by this means as many of the small abrasions and irregularities in the surface will not appear. When it is considered, however, that these photographs are enlarged a great many times so as to show microscopic marks made by the gun, and the identification is to be based on this it can readily be seen that such a method renders any photographs taken for any examinations made after the deposit of this material on the shells absolutely without value. Unquestionably such evidence would be ruled out of Court if it should be discovered. This method of spraying metallic objects is one regularly employed by photographers and is not, therefore, in itself questionable. It is only when it is applied to microscopic work that it becomes improper.

The writer has on several occasions observed photographs made by Mr. Gill, has been unable to reconcile these with specimens which he has seen, and now that the method by which they were made has been found could not approve any identification in any part based upon photography. In this connection like some other firearms examiners, Mr. Gill makes most of his examinations on the ground glass of a camera. It will be observed from his letter that he refers to microphotographs as made for the purpose of an identification. The writer is of the very definite opinion that only through microscopic study of the specimens may adequate comparisons and adequate opinions be made. Only in this way may the shape of the surface be microscopically compared.



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In comparing the extractor marks matches of the fine microscopic lines were found on shells Nos. 1, 8 and 5 of the Plaza specimens.

All of the bullets of the Plaza killing were compared with bullets recovered at the scenes of other crimes such as the "Little Bohemia", Wisconsin case, the bank robbery at Fostoria, Ohio, and Galion, Ohio, that at South Bend, Indiana, and that at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. These specimens were also compared with test bullets fired from guns recovered during the past year from members of the Dillinger Gang, the Karpis Gang, and others. No identifications have been made.

A comparison of the Plaza bullets with bullets recovered in the Lazia Case resulted in no identification. In this connection the bullet among Gill's specimens which is marked from the Lazia killing was not identified with those loaned to the Division by the Kansas City Police Department. This does not necessarily mean that two machine guns were used in the Lazia killing (it will be recalled that the two specimens loaned by the Kansas City Police match each other and are identical) because it is sometimes impossible to identify two bullets even though they have been fired from the same gun. The indications are, however, that two guns may have been used.

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- 2 - Kansas City.
- 2 - Laboratory.

Suite 1616  
Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
August 16, 1934.

ATTENTION: DIVISION LABORATORY.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Otto P. Higgins, Director of Police at Kansas City, Missouri, pursuant to his request upon Special Agent M.O. Spear, was interviewed by Mr. Spear, at which time, Mr. Higgins turned over a test bullet and cartridge shell fired from a .45 calibre automatic pistol bearing serial number 369048, this being a 1911 Model of the U.S. Army. It is noted that this test bullet was fired from the gun in question by Lieut. W. J. Gordon of the Identification Unit of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, on August 15, 1934. Mr. Gordon's pencil notation in the box containing the bullet indicating that the gun belonged to Sam George, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Higgins advised that a "stool pigeon" of their's had obtained the gun in question from an Italian in Kansas City and upon a test bullet being taken from the gun, the gun had been returned to this stool pigeon, who in turn returned it to the Italian. Mr. Higgins advised that the Italian from whom the gun was obtained is believed to be part of a gang, who, according to the Police Department's information, has a quantity of guns and machine guns located someplace in this vicinity, the location of the same being presently unknown to the Police Department.

Mr. Higgins advised that every effort was being made to locate these guns. Mr. Higgins remarked that from his records, he noted that this office had advised him that the above mentioned gun had been stolen from the Kansas City, Kansas, National Guard Armory on October 23, 1932. The Division will note that this is one of the guns in the case captioned: John Mike Kobe, with aliases, et al, Theft of Government Property, Kansas City File 52-157.

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Mr. Higgins requested that this test bullet and cartridge shall be submitted to the Division Laboratory for examination and comparison with other bullets.

It is the desire of this office that the test bullet and cartridge case be compared particularly with ballistic evidence in the Kansas City Massacre Case and with ballistic evidence submitted at the instance of the Kansas City Police Department in connection with the spot murder of John Lazia. The test bullet and cartridge case should be returned to this office after the ballistic examination has been made.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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1005 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1408,  
New York, N. Y.

Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,  
Fugitive - I. O. 1201;  
CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD,  
with aliases, Fugitive-I.O. 1194;  
BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases,  
Fugitive - I. O. 1196.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation with Special Agents Soucy and Moran, under dates of August 10th and August 11th, respectively, you are advised that the writer conferred with Chief Post Office Inspector J. W. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa., on this date.

Mr. Johnson in my presence telephoned Post Office Inspector Russell C. Alexander, Trenton, N. J., and requested that he report at the Post Office Inspector's office in Philadelphia this date for conference.

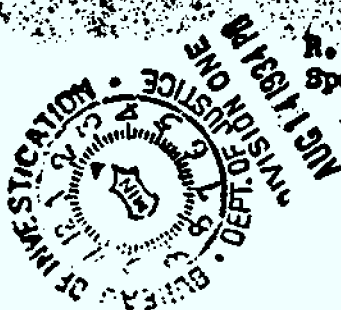
Mr. Johnson advised that he would instruct Alexander to render as full and complete co-operation in connection with the cover now being maintained on the mail of Leon and Nellie Louquet, 47 First St., Freehold, N. J. He suggested that the agent assigned to this case meet Inspector Alexander at Trenton on the morning of August 13, at which time Alexander will accompany the agent to Freehold, N. J.

Mr. Johnson said that all information relative to the receipt and delivery of mail to the aforementioned address will be furnished to our agent in order that they may receive special attention.

Very truly yours,

R. O. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
cc Kansas City  
cc Oklahoma City  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON G. 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.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prison  
Warden Obstruction of Justice.

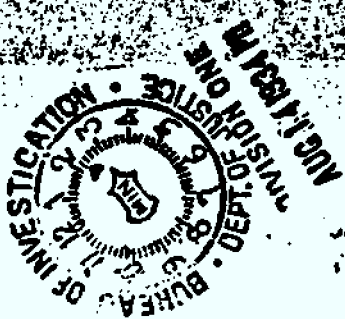
As a result of a mail cover on the relatives of  
subject Floyd at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, a tracing has been re-  
ceived indicating that Mrs. O. M. Floyd of Sallisaw, Okla-  
homa received from Talbotton, Georgia a letter dated August  
7th at 10:30 a. m., with a return address of Mrs. S. A.  
Stevens, Talbotton, Georgia.

Conduct appropriate inquiry to determine the  
writer of this letter, her connection with the Floyd family  
and obtain any information indicating that Floyd is or has  
been in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City



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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALMAN CALAHER, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. 1201;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1194; ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Relative to the letter from the New Orleans Office dated  
July 23, 1934, addressed to the Division, it is noted that Special  
Agent Kindell secured information that Charles Arthur Floyd was  
in contact with Clyde Champion Barrow and Bonnie Parker shortly be-  
fore those latter individuals were killed.

The same information was secured by Special Agent in  
Charge F. J. Blake, of the Dallas Office, through the relatives  
of Floyd at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, as reflected by letter from the  
Dallas Office to the Director dated July 11, 1934. A copy of the  
letter from the Dallas Office is enclosed herewith for your informa-  
tion.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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226 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
August 11, 1934

Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased);  
et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 7, 1934, relative to my letter of July 23, 1934, in the above captioned case.

I have discussed with Special Agent L. A. Kindell the possibility of Henry Methvin's being able to contact subject Floyd. The Agent states that at the time of his conversation with Methvin he did not press him for details concerning his knowledge of or connection with Floyd, since it was thought he would be more cooperative after the pardon which had been promised him was granted by the State of Texas. So far as I know, there is no information available indicating any past connections between Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, with whom Methvin was associated, and Floyd, although they may have seen or come in contact with him occasionally.

I do not believe the proposed plan for endeavoring to locate Floyd through Henry Methvin is practical. The part which Henry Methvin and his parents played in the trapping and slaying of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker is generally known, and it would no doubt be extremely difficult for him to gain the confidence of or contact subject Floyd.

With further reference to my letter dated July 20, 1934, concerning this matter, it has been ascertained that the informant referred to as having furnished information concerning Floyd's contacts in Shreveport is one, Earl Crane, a Shreveport attorney. Crane was at one time Probate Judge and Assistant State's Attorney at Shreveport. During the past few years he has acquired a very unsavory reputation, drinks heavily, and is reported to use narcotics. It appears that he frequently furnishes incorrect or misleading information, but it also appears probable that he does have underworld contacts.

I plan to proceed to Arcadia, Louisiana, at the earliest possible date, where I will contact Henry Methvin through the Sheriff, and endeavor to ascertain from Methvin any information he might have relative to Floyd.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Division  
Kansas City

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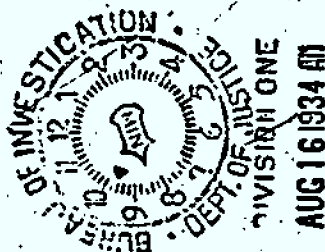
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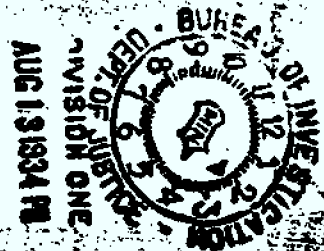
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



August 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1154,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: VIRGIL S. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Deceased); RICHARD RALPH GALTIER,  
with aliases - NUB. I.O. # 1801;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" SLOAN,  
with aliases, I.O. # 1194, et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS.  
St. Paul File No. 61-482.

Reference is made to your letter dated July 29, 1934,  
with which was forwarded to the St. Paul Office a letter received by  
you from Frank E. Hase, Investigator, Alcoholic Bev. Unit, in which Mr.  
Hase referred to certain information received by him from an informant  
with reference to certain firearms which were thought to have been  
stolen from the armory at Sisseton, North Dakota; also concerning  
information relative to CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" SLOAN.

Please be advised that Special Agent Wetney, in an  
effort to contact Mr. Hase at Aberdeen, South Dakota, has ascertained  
that Mr. Hase is now residing at 1020 J Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. It  
is requested that an agent from your office contact Mr. Hase at  
Lincoln, Nebraska, in an effort to ascertain the identity of his  
informant in this matter in order that the informant may be interviewed.

Very truly yours,

D. E. LEO,  
Special Agent in Charge.

D.E.L.

cc Division  
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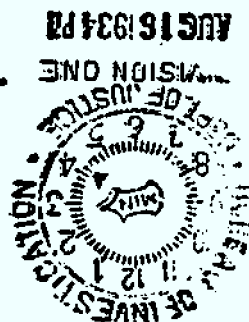
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Los Angeles, Calif. Aug. 13, 1934

D. Brantley  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
224 Federal Bldg  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

KANMO INVESTIGATION CHONCHILLA FAILS DEVELOP IDENTITY PERSON SENDING  
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
August 14, 1934.

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; **RICHARD TALLMAN DALTON**,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1281;  
**CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD**, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal  
Prisoner.

L. A. File 62-644.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your telegram of August 7, 1934, an investigation failed to develop information or evidence of the whereabouts of subject **CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD**.

The 100 and 200 blocks South 114th Street, now "Westgate Avenue", Santee (West Los Angeles), Calif., are built up of fine homes, some of which are owned and occupied by motion picture stars. The 100 block on North Westgate Avenue is similarly decked with cottage homes, and the 200 block North Westgate, and for several blocks north thereof, is vacant ground without structures of any kind. There is no rooming house or apartment house anywhere in this neighborhood.

What was formerly 114th Street in south Los Angeles is now "Imperial Highway", extending east and west from Main Street, which is the dividing line. There are no rooming houses in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks either east or west on this street, and small cheap cottages and shacks predominate in this section of the city.

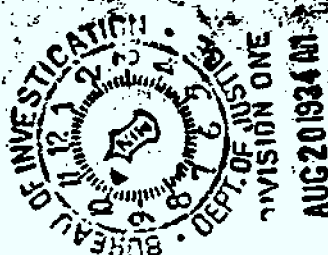
If the Sheriff's informant at Coffeyville can furnish more definite information, particularly as to the locality where this subject was seen, or supposed to reside, the investigation will be renewed promptly.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge. AUG 18 1934 A.M.

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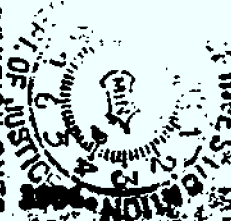
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Room 1403,  
270 Lexington Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: NICHOLAS SALVATORE, with aliases,  
Fugitive - I. O. 1282  
CHARLES ARTHUR (PETTY BOY) FLOYD,  
with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. 1284  
EDWARD PHILLIPS, with aliases,  
Fugitive - I. O. 1284.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In regard to mail which may be received by Leon and Dollie Louquet of Freehold, New Jersey, it appears desirable to make a more than ordinary inspection of mail to either prove or disprove the suspicion that the Louquet address may have been established as a mail depot for communications between Floyd and his relatives. It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office furnish the New York City Office

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The purpose of this request is so this material may be available if necessary in connection with this mail cover and examinations made in conjunction therewith.

Very truly yours,

F. X. MAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Division.  
cc-Kansas City.

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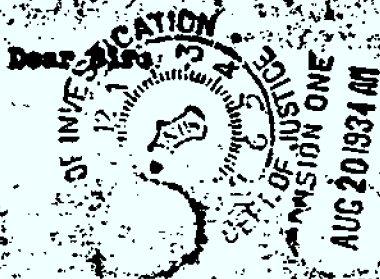


Los Angeles, California

August 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:



Re: **VERNON C. MILLER**, with aliases  
(Deceased); **RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS**,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1201;  
**CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD**,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194,  
ET AL.  
**CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**  
L. A. File 62-964

Reference is made to your letter dated July 26, 1934, concerning a letter received by Mr. K. W. Lingerfelt, Gore, Oklahoma, bearing postmark of Chowchilla, California, July 17, 1934.

Special Agents Minns and Hynes of this office interviewed H. E. Rogers, postmaster at Chowchilla, California, and were advised by the postmaster that he had frequently heard rumors that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in California, but that he had never seen Floyd, nor heard of anyone who had seen him in the vicinity of Chowchilla.

Postmaster Rogers stated that, in addition to himself, the Post Office personnel consists of his two sisters, Alice V. Champion and Olive Davis, and two carriers, Ben Wall and George Anthony.

Agents interviewed Mrs. Champion and carrier Anthony, but no information of value was obtained. The possibility of Floyd's being disguised by wearing spectacles, toupee and a Vandyke beard was discussed, and also the possibility of Floyd walking with a limp. Five copies of Identification Order #1194 on Floyd were left with Postmaster Rogers for display for the use of the carriers.

In a subsequent interview, Postmaster Rogers advised that he had spoken with his other sister and with carrier Wall, with reference to Floyd, but that they had no information of value.

Postmaster Rogers further advised Agents that he had been advised by the name of Lingerfelt resides in Chowchilla. He informed that there were about three or four hundred people from Oklahoma living in and about Chowchilla, 1934 A. M. had moved there within the last five or six years. He stated that these people were of the poorer element, and were mostly engaged in growing cotton.

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Postmaster Rogers stated that he had casually talked with one Tom Haggard, concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Haggard had advised him that he had been acquainted with Floyd in Oklahoma. Mr. Rogers further stated that he has known Haggard for about five years and has found him to be a very reliable person.

Postmaster Rogers subsequently introduced Mr. Haggard to Special Agent Rynes, and in the interview between Haggard and Agent Rynes, Haggard advised that at one time he used to live at Chowchilla, Oklahoma, which is located in McIntosh County, and about sixty-five miles from where "Pretty Boy" Floyd used to live. Haggard advised that he had been a guard at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma for about nine years; that he knows Floyd by sight, and that the last time he saw Floyd was about six years ago at Westville, Oklahoma. He further advised that a first cousin of Floyd, by the name of Elmer Edwards, had married a Chowchilla girl named Hayes, and that Edwards had lived at Chowchilla for about five years, but that for the past two years he has been away from Chowchilla; that about two months ago, the wife of Elmer Edwards came back to Chowchilla and is presently there visiting her mother who, Haggard advised, is a cousin of his.

Mr. Haggard also advised Agent Rynes that he had heard rumors regarding Floyd's being in California, but that he had never heard anything that convinced him that Floyd was actually in California. He stated that he felt sure that if Floyd was or had been in the vicinity of Chowchilla, he, Haggard, would know about it. Mr. Haggard further stated that Edwards was somewhere in Arkansas, possibly in Van Buren, and advised that Perry Edwards, father of Elmer Edwards, is presently living on a ranch about six miles east and one mile south of Murr, Oklahoma; that Perry Edwards is well known there as "Old Perry"; that this ranch is situated in the tough section of Oklahoma and would make a good hideout spot.

While present at the Post Office at Chowchilla, Agent Rynes observed a postcard addressed to "Mrs. Alva Edwards, Chowchilla, California" which was postmarked "Van Buren, Ark. Aug. 4, 1934, 9:00 AM", and bore the return address of "L. C. Edwards, Van Buren, Ark." Said postcard was an important communication from Edwards to his wife.

Postmaster Rogers advised that he could take a record, insofar as was possible, of all mail received at the Chowchilla Post Office, and directed to Oklahoma, for a period of thirty days. He stated that he would endeavor to secure not only the name and address of the person to whom the letter was directed, but also the name of the sender.

JFR:AB

Very truly yours,

CC Division  
Kansas City (2)  
Chicago

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

HM:CO  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

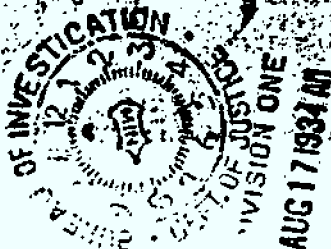
In regard to the report of Agent Street of August 10th in the matter of Vernon O. Miller, with aliases, et al., will you please give your personal attention to as rapid and logical conclusion of the lead set forth in this report as is possible.

I believe Agent Street, through his large acquaintance in New Mexico, is particularly well fitted to locate any hideouts of Floyd in that State, operating, of course, under your close, personal supervision.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

cc Division  
Kansas City



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P. O. Box #1155,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

August 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #615,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased;  
Richard William Galatis, with aliases, Fug.,  
I. O. #1501; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
with aliases, I. O. #1194, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.  
Omaha File #62-266.

Referring to your letter of August 11th, 1934, relative to information given by Frank F. Hass, Investigator of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, concerning the theft of firearms from the armory at Wahpeton, North Dakota, I have communicated with Mr. Hass and I am quoting, below, his reply:

"In regard to your letter of the 14th inst. asking for the name and location of my informant on the cache of stolen firearms and relative to 'Pretty Boy' Floyd, I beg to state that the name of the prisoner who gave my informant the information is Milo Irwin, doing three years and a half in the State Penitentiary at Sioux Falls, S. D., for forgery, sent down from Redfield. How much success you will have with him I don't know, unless you get in touch with my informant first, who you will be able to contact through Donald Cole, Deputy Sheriff, Redfield, South Dakota, who will put you in contact with the man."

Very truly yours,

WESLEY HARRI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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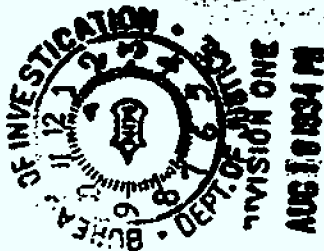
Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Re: VIRGIL C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
HIGHLAND TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

The following is an amplified list of near relatives of  
Charles Arthur Floyd. You, of course, are in possession of the names  
of various relatives which have been furnished you in reports to date.  
It should be noted in connection with references to relatives of Floyd  
that the files are replete with references to various individuals  
vaguely referred to as related to Floyd without any corroborating or  
substantiating data. The names are following of those individuals  
whose relationship has been authenticated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Mrs. Walter Floyd (Mrs. W. F. Floyd)	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Mother
Grandpa Floyd	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Grandfather
C. B. Floyd (C. Bradley Floyd, Bradley Floyd)	Marlabore, Oklahoma	Brother
E. W. Floyd	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Brother
Burley Floyd	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Uncle
Beaman Floyd	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Uncle
I. W. Floyd	Lakewood, New Mexico	Uncle (There is still some question as to this relationship)
Mrs. Clarence Leslie	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Sister
Mrs. Tom Wofford	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Sister
Mrs. Ray Spear	Okmulgee, Oklahoma	Sister
Mrs. Mary Latimer	Sallisaw, Oklahoma	Sister



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
Mrs. Sybil Lingerfel	Gore, Oklahoma	Aunt
Mrs. Martin Hamilton	Salineau, Oklahoma	Aunt
Mrs. Robert Gushaw	Kilde, New Mexico	Cousin (This relationship is still doubtful)
Mrs. Robert Ridy	Garland, New Mexico	Cousin (This relationship still doubtful.)
Jack Humphrey Floyd	No definite address	Son
Mrs. Charles A. Floyd (Baby)	No definite address	Alleged wife
Don Hargreaves	Hirby, Oklahoma	Father-in-law
Velma Floyd	Salineau, Oklahoma	Cousin

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

cc Division  
Kansas City



1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 15, 1934

Postmaster  
Bellevue, Missouri

Dear Sir:

It is requested that for a period of thirty days from date of receipt of this letter a cover be maintained on all mail addressed to Joe Richetti and family at Bellevue, Missouri, and that this office be furnished with exact tracings of all such mail, showing the place and date of postmark, any return address shown thereon and the specimen of the handwriting on the outside of the envelope.

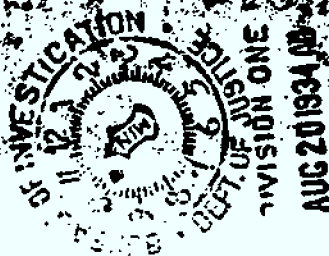
It is respectfully requested that this matter be treated in confidence and that when forwarding such tracings of mail to this office you refer to Kansas City file 62-760.

Very truly yours,

R. E. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:8  
cc - Division  
62-760

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases,  
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FRANK BLAKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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DALLAS TEXAS



UNITED PRESS REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL MURDERED AND THROWN FROM CAR  
LAST EVENING NEAR SHAMROCK TEXAS CASE BEING HANDLED BY TEXAS STATE POLICE  
STOP DESCRIPTION AND FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION VERY SIMILAR TO CHARLES  
ARTHUR FLOYD HANDLE AND ADVISE

NATHAN

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UNIDENTIFIED MAN MURDERED SHAMROCK APPARENTLY NOT FLOYD

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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

August 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming telegram of August 15, 1934, please be advised that Mr. Rosco, of the United Press, Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically advised on that date that a dispatch had been received indicating that an individual had been murdered and thrown from a car near Shamrock, Texas, the previous night, August 14, 1934. Mr. Rosco stated that the individual had not been identified as yet, but was described as being: age 30, height 5 feet 9 inches, weight 150 pounds, having the two upper left front teeth missing, and having tattoo marks on his right forearm as follows: American flag, eagle, and the word "liberty."

Mr. Rosco also advised that the dead man's fingerprint had been taken and it had been found that his fingerprint classification was **23 1 U 30 18**.

**1 U 30 18**

It is thought that possibly **30/30** should be **000/000**, in which instance it will be noted that the fingerprint classification of the corpse found near Shamrock, Texas, is very similar to that of Charles Arthur Floyd, a Subject in the above-captioned case.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of August 15, indicating that the unidentified man murdered at Shamrock was apparently not Floyd.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. P. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

KCS:bn 62-760  
cc - Oklahoma City  
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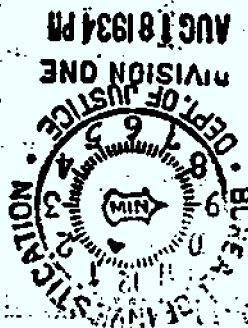
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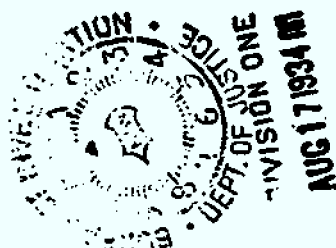
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New York, N.Y., August 16, 1934 - 2:30 p.m.

E. E. CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
800 RECTOR BUILDING  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Received by the U. S. Department of Justice  
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Write 1616

Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 16, 1934.

Mrs. B. F. Souther,  
Postmaster,  
Iconium, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

RE: K A N N O

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that a cover be placed on all mail received and sent by Zibe and R. L. Ring, who receive mail at Rural Boxes 36 and 37, Route 1, Iconium, for a period of thirty days. It is also requested that tissue tracings of the postmarks, return addresses and addresses be furnished to this office.

While in Iconium recently, Agents of this office conferred with your rural carrier, Mr. A. L. Souther, who promised that he would endeavor to secure all information possible relative to the Ring families. In that connection, I shall appreciate his obtaining the names of all children of the Rings, as well as the names of all persons who may visit them, together with their addresses, furnishing same to me immediately.

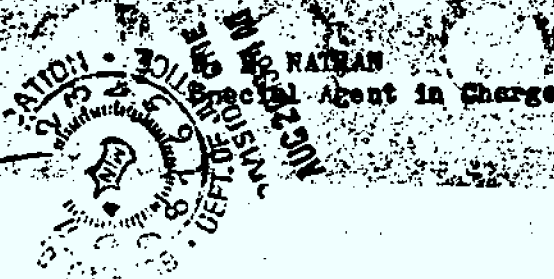
Mr. Souther has advised the Agents that he will note the license numbers of any automobiles seen at the Ring farm, in order that this office may be advised.

It is requested that this matter be treated in the strictest confidence, because of the importance of the investigation.

In replying, please refer to our office file No. 62-760-.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 1874  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1934

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

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 -  
Obstruction of Justice.

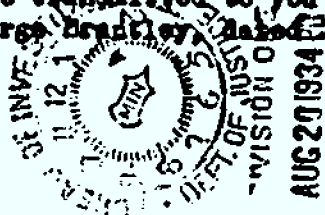
The report of Special Agent in Charge Conroy, dated August 13, 1934 at Little Rock, Arkansas in the above-titled case is noted, particular reference being made to the undeveloped leads set forth therein for Kansas City, Missouri. The following action is being taken in connection therewith:

There is transmitted attached hereto a copy of memorandum dated June 8, 1934 by Special Agent W. E. Miller.

There is transmitted attached hereto a copy of a memorandum by Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated September 18, 1933.

There is transmitted attached hereto a copy of a letter dated March 26, 1934, addressed to the Sheriff of Kansas City, Missouri, together with a copy of the reply from the Kansas City office, dated April 7, 1934, to W. C. Johnson, Foreman, Arkansas.

The names and addresses of all known relatives of Floyd were sent you in a communication from this office yesterday, August 15th. The names and addresses of all known relatives of Macchettii were transmitted to you in a copy of the report of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, dated July 12th of this year.



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Fingerprints and complete descriptive data of Raschetti will be obtained and forwarded to you at an early date. Photographs of Adam Raschetti were transmitted to you under date of August 18th. A photograph of Floyd is transmitted herewith.

The Kansas City office will note that this office has cared for all undeveloped leads set forth in Special Agent in Charge Conroy's report with the exception of that requesting photographs, fingerprints and descriptions of Rose Baird and Beniah Baird, the suggested issuance of process against Raschetti, and the procurement from Sheriff Bash of copies of the Detective Story Magazine and certain articles relative to Floyd.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

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cc Division ✓  
Kansas City

800 Foster Building,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
August 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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Re: Wernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1231; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

While Special Agent N. E. Marshall of this office was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on other matters, Mr. Bill Seiz, Jr., who is considered a reliable and valuable source of information, advised Agent Marshall that he had received some information regarding Richard T. Galatas, and requested agent to call at his office.

Mr. Seiz informed Agent Marshall that Jack Fry of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who had formerly been a lieutenant on the Hot Springs Police Department, and who is now a car thief, and who is a close friend of Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs Police Department, had come to him and told him that Richard T. Galatas had had his facial appearance changed by an operation, and that this operation had been performed by a Dr. Clark, who is a brother of Frank Clark of Hot Springs. It will be noted here that Frank Clark is known to have been associated with Richard T. Galatas in confidence games in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Seiz advised that Dr. Clark and Galatas were close personal friends, and had been friends for several years; but Mr. Seiz was unable to furnish agent with Dr. Clark's initials or his present whereabouts, and referred Agent Marshall to Dr. B. B. Stough as being reliable and trustworthy.

Dr. B. B. Stough, Medical Arts Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised Agent Marshall that he knew Dr. Clark, having met him several years ago in Hot Springs, and stated that Dick Galatas had been the person who introduced him to Dr. Clark. Dr. Stough advised that Galatas and Dr. Clark were intimate friends, and that in the past, when Dr. Clark had visited in Hot Springs, he and Galatas had hunted, fished, gambled together, and had been in each other's company almost continuously during Dr. Clark's stay in Hot Springs. Dr. Stough advised that Dr. Clark is regarded as a competent physician and surgeon, and does plastic surgery work, and that his reputation is none too good; and that if Dick Galatas would go to any Doctor to have his facial appearance changed, it would be Dr. Clark. Dr. Stough ad-

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vised that Dr. Clark's initials are P. M., and that he is presently located at Danville, Illinois.

It was not deemed advisable at this time for an agent to interview Jack Fry, as he is known to be a close friend of Chief of Detectives Akers, and would inform Akers of the inquiries which were being made with regard to Dick Galatas.

The St. Louis office is requested to conduct discreet investigation at Danville, Illinois, regarding Dr. Clark and his activities.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Conroy,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HEH:am  
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cc Division ✓  
Kansas City

Post Office Box #1118  
Detroit, Michigan  
August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: VERNON G. MILLER, W.A. (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, W.A. FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1191;  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, W.A. FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1194; et al  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 8, 1934, please be advised that today Kathryn Kelly was interviewed at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan by Special Agent D. E. Hall. Photographs of Fred G. Goets and Mrs. Homer Wilson were exhibited to her. She stated that photograph of Goets appeared to be familiar, but that he was positively not "Big" Homer. However, regarding the photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson, she stated that this individual closely resembles the wife of "Big" Homer. In this respect she advised also that the baby's picture, which is contained on the same photograph, bears a striking resemblance to "Big" Homer and his wife's child. Kathryn Kelly advised that when she met "Big" Homer and his wife it was in the summer of 1931, at which time she believed the baby was about eighteen months old and she believed the child should be between four and five years of age at the present time, but does not know his name.

Upon being advised that the photograph was that of Mrs. Homer Wilson, she stated that she believes that "Big" Homer's last name is Wilson. She was unable to supply any additional information towards the location of "Big" Homer than previously supplied.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1616  
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
August 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:



VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased),  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases, IO #1801 - FUGITIVE,  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, IO #1194 - FUGITIVE,  
ET AL.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Relative to the investigation in this matter, especially pertaining to the location of Charles Arthur Floyd, reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, dated at Oklahoma City 7-18-34, page six, paragraph five, and other communications in the same connection, it is noted that the families known as the "Rings" residing in the vicinity of Iconium, St. Clair County, Missouri, are believed to be contacts of Charles Arthur Floyd.

67D A letter is now in the process of preparation from this office addressed to the Division with a copy for your office indicating that an interview with the Sheriff at Clinton, Missouri, and with his informant, [REDACTED] has developed [REDACTED] has not secured any information through his contacts with the Rings in the vicinity of Iconium, which would indicate that Floyd has been coming there.

Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Traitor proceeded to Iconium, Missouri, on the afternoon of August 10, 1934, after stopping at Osceola, Missouri, which is the county seat, to secure any facts through the Post Office officials or local officers regarding the reliability of the postal officials at Iconium. Since it was determined that Postmaster B. F. Souther and her husband, the Assistant Postmaster, of Iconium are entirely reliable, they were directly approached by Agent Andersen.

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Mr. Souther advised that he has been acquainted with Ziba J. Ring, who lived on a farm about ten miles from Iconium, for a period of years. He advised that Ziba Ring left the vicinity of Iconium several years ago and went to Oklahoma, but later returned, and has been farming since that time. He said that while he was not well acquainted with Ring and knew nothing of his associates, he had heard frequent rumors to the effect that Ring's family is related to Charles Arthur Floyd. He referred Agent Anderson to his cousin, A. L. Souther, who is the rural carrier serving the Ring family, for further information.

Mr. A. L. Souther, when interviewed, stated that there are two families of Rings residing about ten miles north of Iconium on one farm. He said the families consist of R. L. Ring, the father, and Ziba Ring, the son, and immediate members of their families. He advised that the Rings received their mail at rural boxes Nos. 36 and 37, Route 1, Iconium, Missouri.

Mr. Souther was questioned as to whether he had ever seen any strangers around the Ring farm and advised that while he is there daily, he had never seen any activities, which would arouse his suspicion, or any strangers at the farm. He was questioned as to whether Charles Arthur Floyd had ever been seen there and replied that Floyd had not been in that vicinity since June 16, 1933, when he passed nearby on his way to Kansas City in company with Adam Richetti and the Sheriff from Bolivar, Missouri, with some companion, whom they had abducted. He remarked that this information had not come to him from Ring, but was general rumor and had been reported in the newspapers which he had read. He stated that he felt positive that Floyd had not been to the home of the Rings before they kidnaped the Sheriff and had in no way connected with the Ring families after the abduction.

Mr. Souther was asked whether he knew if Floyd is related to the Ring family and remarked that it is generally rumored in the vicinity of Iconium that the wife of Ziba Ring is an aunt of Floyd's wife. This is evidently Ruby Floyd. It should be noted that Floyd is apparently separated from his wife Ruby, and indications in previous reports are that he is not even friendly with her.

Mr. Souther volunteered to observe the Rings and furnish this office with complete information regarding all members of the family. He promised to obtain the license numbers of any cars he may see there and furnish same to the Kansas City office.

A letter is being directed to the Postmaster at Iconium, requesting a cover on all mail received and sent by the Ring families.

This office contemplates keeping in close touch with Mr. Souther, and should circumstances justify, he will be re-interviewed.

It will be noted that the Ring family was not interviewed, but such action will be taken at a later date, if it seems advisable.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1296  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1934

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Postmaster,  
Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to my letter of June 25th, it is re-  
quested that you continue indefinitely, or until further  
notice, the cover now being maintained by you on the mail  
of Bradley Floyd, brother of Charles Arthur Floyd, and on  
the mail of Mrs. George Birdwell.

It is requested that tracings of such mail as is  
received by these individuals be furnished this office  
immediately upon receipt of same. Tracings should include  
the postmark, return address, if any, and the name of the  
addressee.

Will you please advise me when your supply of  
self-addressed franked envelopes is exhausted.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1934

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Postmaster,  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

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 - Conspiracy to

Your attention is respectfully invited Deliver a Federal  
to my letter of July 13th requesting that a thirty-day Prisoner - ob-  
mail cover be placed on the mail of Mrs. Ray Spear, instruction of  
Route 3, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and that tracings thereof Justice  
be furnished this office.

Will you please continue indefinitely as  
until further notice from this office the aforesaid mail  
cover. The tracings which you furnish should include the  
return address, the postmark and the name of the addressee.

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Will you please see that any  
such tracings are forwarded to this office immediately upon  
receipt.

I desire to thank you for your trouble and  
trouble pay in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 16, 1934

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Mr. E. Wheeler Mayo, Postmaster,  
Mallison, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: VENON E. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Deceased); RICHARD SALIMAN CALHOUN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1291; Fugitive;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194;  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner;  
Obstruction of Justice.

Your attention is respectfully invited to my letter  
of July 13th requesting that a thirty-day mail cover be  
placed on the mail of Mrs. Walter Floyd, Mrs. Martin Maulden,  
Mrs. Tom Wofford, Mrs. Clarence Lealie and Mr. Beaman Floyd,  
and that tracings thereof be furnished this office.

Will you please continue indefinitely or until further  
notice from this office the aforesaid mail cover. Also con-  
tinue the mail cover which we requested on the mail of Mrs.  
Mary Latimer, E. W. Floyd and Barley Floyd.

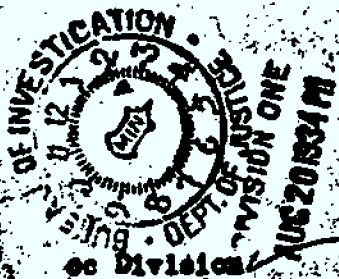
The tracings which you furnish should include the re-  
turn address, if any, the postmark and the name of the addressee.

Will you please see that any such trac-  
ings are forwarded to this office immediately upon receipt.

I desire to thank you for your trouble and courtesy in  
this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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P. O. Box 1276  
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Postmaster,  
Akins, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
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BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194,  
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Your attention is respectfully invited to my  
letter of July 13th requesting that a thirty-day mail  
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Floyd and Burley Floyd, and that tracings thereof be fur-  
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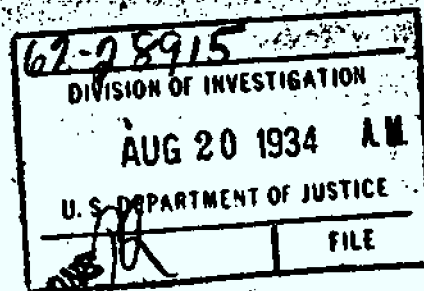
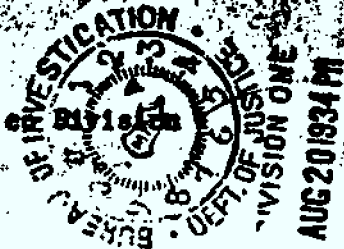
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Will you please  
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I desire to thank you for your trouble and  
courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.





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P. O. Box 1276  
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Postmaster,  
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
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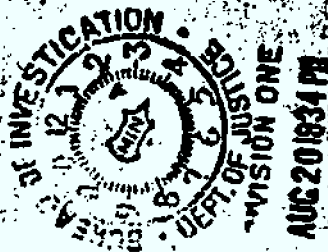
Please refer to my communication of July 25th,  
and in connection therewith, will you please extend in-  
definitely the mail cover on the mail of Mrs. E. A.  
(Blackie) Smalley, R.F.D. #2, Seminole, Oklahoma. The  
cover on the mail of Eva Ricchetti, Seminole, Oklahoma,  
may be discontinued.

I appreciate very much your kind cooperation  
in this matter.

Very truly yours,

SWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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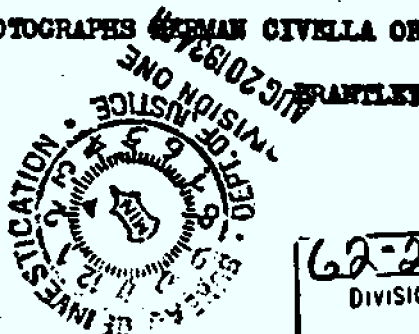
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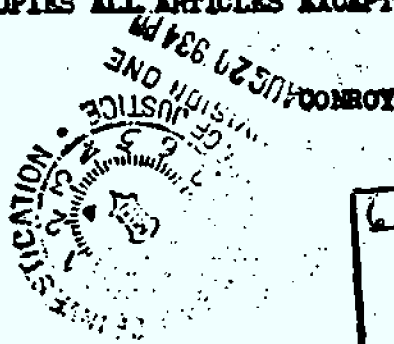
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1516 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge  
E. E. Conroy, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 13, 1934, with  
undeveloped leads for this office in connection with the angle of  
this case relative to the location of Charles Arthur Floyd. Pursuant  
to those undeveloped leads the following is submitted for your  
information.

Copy of memorandum by Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated at  
Kansas City, Missouri, June 8, 1934, transmitted herewith. Please  
be advised that the name of the informant of Agent Miller who furnished  
data shown in the memorandum is [REDACTED]

Two copies of a memorandum by Special Agent L. M. Chipman,  
dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 16, 1933, are herewith  
submitted.

Two copies of a letter from W. C. Johnson, Foreman, Arkansas,  
dated March 26, 1934, addressed to the Sheriff at Kansas City,  
Missouri, are herewith enclosed. You are advised that pursuant to the  
letter of Mr. Johnson, addressed to the Sheriff, this office wrote to  
that party at Foreman, Arkansas, forwarding a photograph and copy of  
fingerprints of Charles Arthur Floyd and requested that should he secure  
any information pertaining to Floyd he should furnish same to the  
Oklahoma City office, the address of which was given to him. As you  
will note the Oklahoma City office was informed of the communications  
from and to Mr. Johnson.

The Kansas City office not being in possession of any extra  
copies of fingerprints and photographs of Rose Bird and [REDACTED]

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as requested in your report, the Division was requested by telegram on August 15, 1934, to forward directly to your office photographic copy of the fingerprints and photographs of Kate and Beulah Baird, whose police numbers are, respectively, 127 and 128, Georgetown, Kentucky, Police Department.

Under date of June 11, 1934, the Kansas City office requested the Oklahoma City office to secure through interviews at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, where some of the relatives of Floyd reside, a list of his relatives in order that same might be available to the Division as such names and addresses were not then shown completely in the Kansas City file of this case. The report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, dated at Oklahoma City, July 9, 1934, complies with the request here mentioned and on page three there is set out a list of the relatives of Charles Arthur Floyd residing at and in the vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City office was, however, requested further, since the receipt of that report, to maintain covers on the mail of all of those relatives in order that collateral kinsfolk might be determined. It is anticipated that at a later date more complete data in this connection will be available. Inasmuch as you were not apparently furnished with a copy of the report of Special Agent in Charge Brantley, dated July 9, 1934, one copy of same is herewith enclosed. In this same connection there is being enclosed for your information one copy of a report by Special Agent J. A. Street, dated at El Paso, Texas, August 10, 1934, furnishing further details regarding supposed relatives of Charles Arthur Floyd of more remote relationship.

This office has the following information regarding the relatives of Adam Richetti:

Parents - Mr. and Mrs. Mill Richetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma.

Brothers - Joe Richetti, Bolivar, Missouri, employed in the Chevrolet Garage;  
Dave Richetti, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Sisters - Mrs. W. A. (Marie) Spalley, Seminole, Oklahoma, R.F.D. #2,  
Mrs. Henry Sustek, Box 122, R.F.D., Dillonvale, Ohio.

It may be noted that Mr. and Mrs. Sustek formerly received mail at Box 134, R.F.D. #1, Dillonvale, Ohio, and that Dave Richetti and his wife probably



now receive their mail at Box 154 at certain times. Also it is found that Dave Richetti sometimes receives his mail at Jug Run, Ohio, a small town about three miles from Dillonvale.

Eva Richetti, formerly Mrs. Eva Simpson, Nowata, Oklahoma.

Richetti also has some relatives known as Demate. One of these parties being Bill Demate, R.F.D. #1, Dillonvale, Ohio. It is noted that when Richetti served in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary the records there were made to show that Bill "Demate" of Dillonvale, Ohio, and Ralph "Demate" of Lehigh, Oklahoma, were his brothers. The exact relationships of these individuals to Adam Richetti are not as yet determined.

You were furnished on August 12, 1934, by the Oklahoma City office with two photographs of Adam Richetti which were originally secured from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where his number is 25773. On that date this office furnished you with copies of various views of photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd as reflected by a letter addressed by this office to the Oklahoma City office with a carbon copy for your office. This office is not in possession of an extra copy of the fingerprints of Adam Richetti and, therefore, the Division was requested on August 15, 1934, telegraphically to forward to you a photographic copy of the fingerprints of Richetti.

For your information there was filed at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 3, 1934, a complaint, authorized by the United States Attorney and filed before United States Commissioner George D. Beardsley of this place, charging that on June 16, 1933, Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti transported from a point about two miles southwest of Desperater, Henry County, Missouri, to Kansas City, Kansas, a certain automobile, namely: Pontiac Sedan, Motor #B869269, the property of Harvey Griffith, 515 East Ohio Street, Clinton, Missouri, knowing the said car to be stolen at the time of such transportation. A warrant has been issued pursuant to this complaint and the papers are being kept privately by the United States Commissioner. No publication of this process has been given and same is being treated in confidence at the present time.

It is found from the records of this office that the issues for the months of November and December, 1933, of the magazine known as "True Detective Mysteries", published at 1226 Broadway, New York City, New York, contained articles which are parts of a series entitled "Stalking Pretty Boy Floyd - The Man of 100 Crimes". These are the only copies of the magazine available in this office and a complete set showing the entire series of the articles is not available. Accordingly, a telegram was dis-

patched to the New York City office on August 12, 1934, with the request that information be secured as to the various issues of the magazine in which the series of articles appeared and that you and the Kansas City office be advised.

In view of the fact that your territory lies in the location adjacent to Salina, Oklahoma, and will no doubt be affected at all times by the appearances of Charles Arthur Floyd in that general vicinity where it is apparent he spends a great portion of his time, this office will see to it that you are furnished with any and all information that may have a bearing on the investigation now being made looking toward the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti.

Recent inquiries at Bolivar, Missouri, and vicinity have developed a very important angle which may bear fruit. Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar has reported that Joe Richetti informed him recently that Floyd and Adam Richetti desire to pay him some money and that Adam desires to come into Bolivar occasionally. Killingsworth also heard indirectly, through an informant, who is on intimate terms with Joe Richetti's wife, that Joe Richetti upon discovering his wife's infidelity, attempted to use his automobile a week ago, stating that he was going to Kansas City to get his brother Adam to kill the informant, whose name is not yet known to this office. Sheriff Killingsworth has promised to keep this office informed of any new developments. The informant is a truck driver who travels between Bolivar, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee. It has also been said of recent date that Floyd frequents Kansas City and was here about ten days ago. Mr. B. M. Thurman, former police officer of Kansas City, is now negotiating with a confidential informant of his to secure information regarding the spot where Floyd goes in Kansas City when here and it is hoped that some additional data may be secured therefrom. It was ascertained today from Mr. Thurman that his informant has now advised him that Floyd is a close friend and part time traveling companion of one Bob Parker, a narcotic addict, who is suspected of transporting narcotics. It was further ascertained that Bob Parker resides, when at home, with his mother in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that he is known to police at Tulsa through which source it will probably be possible to locate his residence.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B  
cc - Division ✓  
Oklahoma City  
El Paso

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased  
RICHARD TALLMAN SALINAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Further reference is made to the letter addressed to the Division dated August 14, 1934, relative to the information furnished by Mr. E. H. Thurman as to the possible location of Charles Arthur Floyd.

Mr. Thurman telephoned the office on August 15, 1934, and a meeting was arranged with him by Special Agent W. F. Trainor.

He advised on this occasion that on the previous night he had seen his woman informant again; that she told him that she believed Floyd, in weeks past, frequented a joint which was known as the Forest Club, located between 29th and 30th Streets on Forest Avenue and she believed he resided there when in Kansas City. She advised him, however, that some months ago the parties who operated the Forest Club had been arrested for the fraudulent operation of some building and loan association and it was her information or belief that those individuals, names unknown, are now serving time. She stated, however, that Floyd may still frequent the same location which Mr. Thurman believes is known as the Forest Hotel. He described the establishment, from information secured from her, as an old dwelling now used as a hotel or club, and he stated that he does not believe the place would be known from outside appearances as anything but a residence. This office has at this moment no other information concerning the place in question on Forest Avenue and you are being furnished with the data first hand. Additional investigation will ensue at which time you will be advised of any further facts obtainable relative to the Forest Club or the Forest Hotel.

The informant is also said to have advised Mr. Thurman that she personally has been friendly with Charles Arthur Floyd and that recently (Mr. Thurman would believe from her conversation that she meant about thirty days ago) Floyd came to Kansas City and telephoned her.

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apartment from the Missouri Bar which Mr. Thurman stated is located, according to his information, somewhere on West 18th Street. Floyd is said to have advised the informant at that time that he did not have Bob Parker with him [redacted] but that if she desired he would bring her some money and leave it in her mail box as Floyd is said to have stated that he understood from Parker that she might be in need of cash. The informant advised that due to her fear that Floyd might be shadowed and killed in the vicinity of her residence, she declined to accept the money from him as she did not wish any connection on her part to be believed if he happened to be apprehended in Kansas City at that time. She did not inform Mr. Thurman how she knew the call came from the telephone of the Missouri Bar, but she informed him that she was sure for some reason that this was the place from which he called. As to the location and details concerning the Missouri Bar this office is likewise not now aware. Investigation in this connection will also be made and you will be advised.

The informant advised Mr. Thurman also that [redacted]

her first meeting with Floyd occurred about four years ago when she was at the home of [redacted] who has considerable land devoted to the raising of hay and that he noticed some strangers around his hay stacks and sent her to investigate their identity since he feared that they would burn his hay; that she found, upon inspection, that the man in question was identical with Floyd whom she has since known and that he at that time advised that he was well acquainted with her father and that her father shortly after that told her that it was Floyd who was in the field as he himself had gone after her return to talk to the man. This is offered as a point of information since it is probable that [redacted]

[redacted] assuming that the information is true. It is not deemed advisable by this office to suggest that any open investigation in connection with [redacted] be made for fear of disclosure to the informant at Kansas City of the repetition of the statements here mentioned by Mr. Thurman.

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Mr. Thurman also learned from his informant that Bob Parker, [redacted] resides at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his mother whose name is probably also Parker. She stated that in the event that any officers might wish to apprehend Floyd it would be a very good bet to watch Bob Parker. She stated that Bob Parker is believed by her to be running



dope and that he is a user of narcotics. Mr. Thurman stated that Parker would be well known to the police at Tulsa and through this source of information and the residence of the mother of Bob Parker, he could be located.

Mr. Thurman also advised that his informant was asked by him on the night of August 14, 1934, why she had not furnished him this information when he was a police officer and at that time she told him that she had no idea that she could really trust him at that time. Agent, therefore, asked Mr. Thurman his opinion as to why she furnishes information to him now and whether, in his opinion, she might be willing to deal with him if she knew that he were desirous of causing Floyd's apprehension. (It will be noted that with the cooperation of Mr. Thurman, providing the informant were willing to cooperate in the apprehension of Floyd, she could then be directly approached and dealt with by Division Agents.) Mr. Thurman stated that frankly he does not know whether this woman would cooperate intentionally causing Floyd's apprehension, but that he believes she might as she is in financial difficulties and further she fears that Bob Parker, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] may become involved in serious trouble due to his associations with Floyd. Mr. Thurman intends, within the next day or two, to see this informant again due to the fact she has furnished him with a prospect for the sale of a car in which he is still negotiating and at that time he will make certain overtures, leaving himself an "out" whereby he can determine her reaction toward cooperation with him in the actual endeavor to apprehend Floyd. If she does not react favorably he will not destroy his present contact with her and should he notice an inclination on her part through cupidity or fear of danger [REDACTED] to bring about the apprehension of Floyd he will then arrange that she be interviewed confidentially by Division Agents. Mr. Thurman appears to believe sincerely in the reliability of this informant and he stated that without a doubt the information which she is giving can be worked out successfully.

It is suggested that activity at Tulsa, Oklahoma, relative to the location and surveillance of the home of the mother of Bob Parker be considered and the Kansas City office advised as to all details relative to Parker's record and furnished a photograph of this individual. You will be kept promptly advised regarding further developments.

Very truly yours,

NFT:B  
cc - Division  
Little Rock

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 17, 1934

BB:GD  
62-434

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -  
Obstruction of Justice.

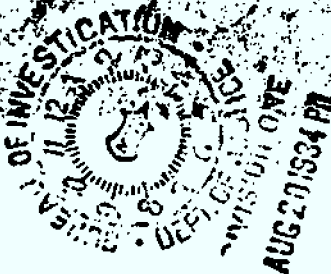
As a result of a cover which has been maintained on the mail  
of relatives of subject Floyd, it has been learned that J. B.  
Floyd of Sallisaw, Oklahoma has received a letter with the post-  
mark address of Cartersville, Georgia, dated August 14, 1934.  
This letter bears no return address.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted at Car-  
tersville in an effort to determine the possible writer of said  
letter and obtain any information concerning Floyd's connections  
or whether he has been in said town or is there now.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City



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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 17, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

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

This is in confirmation of my telegram to you of August 16,  
1934 to the effect that Agent Smith can not identify the photographs  
of Meyer Berman, George Civeola or Phillip Lascuole as having parti-  
cipated in the Kansas City Massacre.

When your telegram was received, Agent Smith was in  
Muskogee. These photographs were presented to him as soon as the  
same could possibly be done, and you were accordingly notified by  
wire.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
San Antonio  
St. Louis



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

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AIR MAIL

August 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Ark.



RE: RICHMAN TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1302.  
CHARLES ARTHUR (WHITE BOY) FLOYD with  
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194.  
BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1196.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your telegram of August 17, 1934,  
in which the Little Rock Office requests the New York Office to  
forward copies of True Detective Mystery Magazine of the seven  
issues, starting October 19, 1933, and ending April 1934 (omitting  
February 1934 issue), which contained articles regarding the life  
of Charles Arthur Floyd, this is to advise that just prior to the  
receipt of your wire the New York Office had secured from the  
library of McFadden Publications Inc., publisher of True Detective  
Mystery Magazine, the issues in question and had sent them by  
registered mail to the Kansas City Office.

The issues mentioned are extremely scarce and  
McFadden Publications only loaned this one copy to the New York  
Office; therefore, it is suggested that you arrange with the  
Kansas City Office to use the copies which have already been  
forwarded there, and when they have served their purpose, return  
them to the New York City office, as they were only borrowed from  
the publisher.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the  
Kansas City Office, in order that it may know that the Little Rock  
Office desires to use these magazines.

cc - Division  
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Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN CALATAS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1194; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner;  
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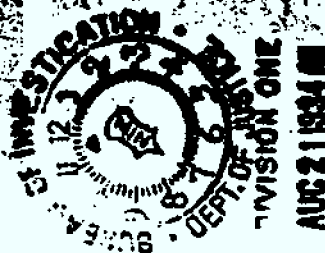
Referring to your communication of August 16th, and particu-  
larly to the last paragraph thereof in which is recorded a statement  
to the effect that the Ring family was not interviewed, but such action  
will be taken at a later date if it seems advisable, I believe that  
the Ring family should not be interviewed.

The Oklahoma City office is in contact with a confidential  
informant who possesses apparently direct connection with the Ring  
family in Oklahoma, and through him, further access to information may  
be developed concerning these members of the Ring family at Leonian,  
Missouri.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD BATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

cc Division



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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);  
Richard Tallman Calatas with aliases,  
I. O. #1801 - Fugitive; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O.  
#1194 - Fugitive; et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Pursuant to Division instructions and in compliance with your request of some time ago, I am transmitting herewith the following memoranda appearing in the above captioned file at the Oklahoma City office, the substance of which appears to have been included in letters and reports, copies of which were furnished your office:

Memorandum	Agent H. E. Hollis	6-19-33
"	" M. Sorola	6-21-33
Letter from	Houston Emory, Hot Springs, Ark.	4-21-33
Memorandum	Agent R. M. Butterworth	4-20-33
"	" F. B. Smith	6-23-33
"	" K. D. Denderick	6-23-33
"	" H. E. Hollis	6-23-33
"	" R. M. Butterworth	6-24-33
"	" H. E. Hollis	6-25-33
Letter from	W. L. Luster, Chickasha, Okla.	6-26-33
Letter from	J. B. Bomar, McAlester, Okla.	6-29-33
Memorandum	Agent C. E. Franklin	7- 3-33
"	" C. E. Franklin	7- 6-33
"	" L. M. Chipman	7- 6-33
"	" L. M. Chipman	7- 7-33
"	" C. B. Winstead	8- 6-33
Letter from	Fred E. LaRue, Arapaho, Okla.	8- 4-33
Letter from	Geo. R. Robertson, Paris, Texas	8- 3-33
Letter from	postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma	8- 7-33
Letter from	Elmer Mikel, Tucker, Arkansas	8- 7-33
Letter from	F. M. Hilligoss, Muskogee, Okla.	8- 7-33
Letter from	W. H. Robins, Taft, Oklahoma	8- 8-33
Memorandum	SAC R. E. Colvin	8-10-33
"	Agent K. D. Denderick	8-10-33

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Memorandum	Agent R. H. Butterworth	8-7-35
"	" E. E. Hollis	8-12-35
"	" R. H. Butterworth	8-15-35
"	" E. E. Hollis	8-20-35
"	" K. D. Deaderick	8-18-35
"	SAC R. H. Colvin	8-20-35
"	Agent F. S. Smith	8-21-35
Letter from	John E. Evans, Tupelo, Miss.	8-21-35
Memorandum	Agent K. D. Deaderick	8-22-35
"	" F. S. Smith	8-22-35
"	" E. E. Hollis	8-23-35
"	" E. E. Hollis	8-27-35
"	" E. E. Hollis	8-27-35
Letter from	Ivan D. Brown, Dixie, Okla.	8-28-35
Letter from	Agent J. A. Street, Albuquerque,	
	New Mexico	8-12-35
Memorandum	Agent K. D. Deaderick	8-20-35
"	" K. D. Deaderick	8-22-35
Letter from	John L. Moore, R. #1, Alexander,	(Updated - No. 1.
	Arkansas	9-5-35)
Memorandum	Agent F. S. Smith	8-7-35
Letter from	A. C. Prichard, Hot Springs, Ark.	8-23-35
Memorandum	Agent K. D. Deaderick	9-12-35
"	Agent K. D. Deaderick	10-5-35
"	Agent K. D. Deaderick	10-5-35
"	Agent J. J. Perkins	10-16-35
"	Agent J. J. Perkins	10-18-35
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"	SAC R. H. Colvin	11-18-35
"	Agent H. E. Hollis	11-19-35
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"	" E. E. Hollis	11-2-35
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"	" L. M. Chipman	1-8-34
"	" R. H. Butterworth	1-9-34
"	" F. S. Smith	1-6-34
"	" T. M. Birch	1-22-34
"	" Paul Hansen	1-30-34
"	" K. D. Deaderick	1-24-34
Letter from	Jasper H. Butler, Paton, Okla.	1-24-34



Copies of said memoranda are being transmitted to the  
Division and the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.

cc-Division  
Little Rock



Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 19, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Post Office Inspector Haynes, Tulsa, Oklahoma today advised me that an informant of his had called at the office of the Inspector to furnish information which he believed might be of value in connection with the murder of the Officers at Kansas City last Saturday. The informant is a former associate of ex-convicts and outlaws. He informed Mr. Haynes that in the 1923, ten years ago, Frank Nash, received from Al Spencer a number of Express Money Orders or A. B. A. Cheques, which had been stolen in some robbery. Nash desired to purchase some whiskey with the stolen Money Orders or Cheques and went to Kansas City, Missouri where he contacted Lyman Ford. Ford put Nash in touch with a person in Kansas City, whose name is not known, and Nash bought the whiskey from this person and paid for it with the stolen Money Orders. Ford, of course, did not know that Nash had done this and when it was called to his attention by the person from whom Nash had purchased the whiskey, Ford became angry and is reported to have said that no man could put anything like that over on a friend of his without having to pay for it and that some day he, Ford, would kill Nash.

The present whereabouts of Lyman Ford is unknown. However Mr. Haynes advised that the last he heard Ford was confined in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

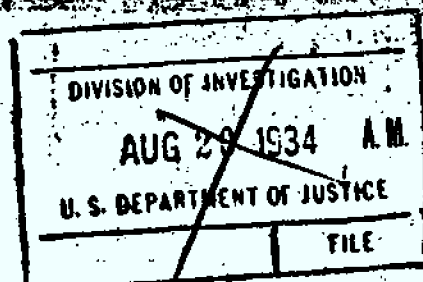
The informant of Mr. Haynes had no information concerning the killing of last Saturday but reported the above to Mr. Haynes because he thought it might be a lead. This informant had been giving Mr. Haynes information for the past several years and is considered reliable. At one time the informant was associated with Nash.

Respectfully,

E. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

62-456-19

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



Tulsa, Oklahoma  
June 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Bureau Investigation  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: Murder at Union Station  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

For your information and such action as you deem advisable, please be advised that Joe Anderson, Deputy Sheriff, Picher, Oklahoma was at Tulsa today for the Federal Grand Jury, and told me that he was informed that Fred Barker and four other men stopped at Miami, Oklahoma Friday night June 16, and purchased one quart of liquor, and left the rightaway.

Joe Anderson is of the opinion that Fred Barker and his gang were the ones who did the killing last Saturday morning at Kansas City.

I am going to Miami tomorrow afternoon, if you desire, I can get further information.

Yours very truly,

M. Sorola  
Special Agent  
62-456-51

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

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Letter received from United States Attorney Wallace Townsend in response to a telephone call made on June 21, 1933 to Mr. Houston Emory, Hot Springs, Arkansas at the request of SAC R. H. Colvin.

June 21, 1933

Hon. Wallace Townsend  
U. S. District Attorney  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

As per our telephone conversation of a few minutes ago, I am giving you herewith what information I have relative to the Frank Nash matter.

One of my neighbors informed me that he, together with his wife, were talking to some friends near the White Front Cigar Store of this city on the evening of the day that the alleged kidnaping of Nash occurred. My neighbor stated that someone in the party asked what had become of the woman, and he was unable to tell just who in the party spoke up and stated that she was seen in the car with a man by the name of Dick Gallatis shortly after the kidnaping occurred. My neighbor was unable to learn just who the man was who made this statement. My neighbor also informed me that he had been informed after this thing happened that Gallatis and Nash were very close friends and brought the first 3.2 beer in this city by airplane from Chicago, and that it might be possible the beer came from Nash's headquarters there.

There was a rumor on the street yesterday that Nash and his woman had been staying at the home of Gallatis during the part of the time they were in this city.

I have been unable to see my neighbor's wife and inquire of her as to who the party was who made the statement that he saw Gallatis in the car with Nash's wife.

If you could get a man over here right away who was not known to them, I believe that he could work all this out within a very short time. If you send a man and he should like to confer with me, I should be glad if he would do so before seeing any other parties here. In any way that I can possibly be of service in this matter, I shall be indeed proud to act.

Sincerely yours,

Houston Emory

62-456-33

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Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
June 20, 1933

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Mr. R. H. Colvin, SAC  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: Frank Nash  
Escaped Federal Prisoner  
76-151

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a list of all telephone calls, long distance, into and out of Fort Smith, Ark. on evening of June 16, 1933.

I have a duplicate list of these calls in my possession so that if you desire me to check up on any of these calls I will be able to do so.

Special Agent O. B. Knapp, of the Federal Prohibition Department, was directed by Hiram Sutterfield, Prohibition Director of Arkansas to confer with me to communicate some information he secured at Hot Springs, Arkansas yesterday. Mr. Knapp stated that Bill Brandenburg, former Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas who resides on the Malvern Highway #6 told Mr. Knapp that Dick Gladdis is the boss of the underworld in Hot Springs, Arkansas and that Mr. Brandenburg believes that Dick Gladdis tipped off gangsters at Kansas City, Missouri that Frank Nash would take to Kansas City, Missouri. Gladdis, a man named Clark and Mayor McLaugh in control of the slot machines at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said that a man named Johnson called up Kansas City, Missouri from Jacobs Belvedere Club near Hot Springs, Arkansas on the evening of June 16, 1933. Gladdis was seen driving out on Highway #270 toward Mt. Ida and Waldron, Arkansas shortly after Frank Nash was arrested and may have telephoned to Kansas City, Missouri or other cities from some place on that road, which would not go through the Hot Springs, Arkansas exchange.

Mr. Knapp stated that he talked to Porter Ostell, who owns the Yellow Cab Company at Hot Springs, Arkansas and Mr. Ostell told Mr. Knapp that he was at the White Front Cigar Store when Frank Nash was arrested and he saw Gladdis leave immediately and drive his car toward the Hot Springs Police Station. Police Officer Scott called up Dutch Akers after the arrest of Frank Nash and Dutch called out Scott and told him not to make any more calls about the arrest over the telephone.

Mr. Knapp said that Frank Nash had a Buick Roadster at Hot Springs, Arkansas and that Gladdis may have taken this car.

I will check up the long distance telephone calls to Kansas City, Missouri from Hot Springs, Arkansas on evening of June 16, 1933 to ascertain whether any calls were made from the Belvedere Club to Kansas City, Missouri. I will also confer with the Telephone Company Officials concerning long distance calls made from towns West of Hot Springs, Arkansas on Highway #270 to Mt. Ida,



Arkansas. Mr. Wallace Townsend, United States Attorney informed Agent that Houston Maury, Attorney, and Postmaster, Danby at Hot Springs, Arkansas have information to impart concerning Frank Nash.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Bitterworth,  
Special Agent.

62-436-34

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

733:1043  
66-131

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 23, 1933

MEMORANDUM

Re: FRANK NASH  
Escaped Federal Prisoner

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, appeared at the Bureau office on June 23, 1933 and advised Acting SAC Deaderick and the writer that he had observed through newspaper articles that Subject Nash while at Hot Springs had used the alias name "Doc" Williams; that about the time of the kidnaping of Miss McKiroy at Kansas City, he recalls that the Desk Sergeant of the Seminole Police Department received a long distance call from Chief of Detectives Higgins at Kansas City advising him of the location of a Mrs. Wilson, who operates a cafe at Seminole and who is the mother of two suspects in said kidnaping; that on conferring with his Desk Sergeant this date, the Sergeant told him that Officer Higgins referred to "Doc" Williams as a source of information and in fact had a person using the name of "Doc" Williams talk directly with his Sergeant concerning the location of the mother of the Wilson brothers.

In view of Subject Nash using the alias "Doc" Williams and the incident of Higgins referring to "Doc" Williams as an informant and having him talk with Sims' Sergeant has created a suspicion in Sims' mind as to the identity of "Doc" Williams and whether or not the "Doc" Williams referred to is one and the same person as Subject Nash.

Discreet inquiry should be made of the Kansas City Police Department, through Chief of Detectives Higgins, to determine the identity of "Doc" Williams referred to.

F. S. Smith,  
Special Agent

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

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MEMORANDUM

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 23, 1933

KID:RMB  
26-131

Re: Frank Nash

At 10:30 A.M. this date Mr. E. L. Cooley, operative of the United States Secret Service, called at this office and stated that he had just received a telephone call from Elmer Mercer, 1251 South Frankford, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Telephone No. 4-2439, and that Mercer indicated he had information that would possibly be of assistance in the investigation of the recent murders committed at Kansas City, Missouri.

Agent immediately placed a telephone call and talked with Special Agent H. E. Hollis and requested that he contact Elmer Mercer discreetly and secure any information possible relative to this investigation.

E. D. Deaderick, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

62-456-37

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
June 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

In accordance with the telephonic instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge Deaderick, I interviewed Mr. Elmer Mercer, 1151 South Frankfort Tulsa, Oklahoma in order to determine what information if any he had concerning the killing of the Officers at Kansas City, Missouri on 6/17/33.

Mr. Mercer advised me, that he is a former member of the Tulsa Oklahoma Police Department and at the present time, is engaged in private detective work. He stated that after he learned of the affair at Kansas City, Missouri, he began making inquiries and from the indefinite information he has received he has arrived at the following conclusion: That Fred Barker and Frank Nash were formerly associated together. "Doc" Barker until approximately one year ago was confined in the penitentiary and Fred Barker together with Frank Nash employed Earl Smith a Tulsa Attorney to effect the release of "Doc" Barker and paid Earl Smith the sum of \$7000.00. The report is that after Smith received the \$7000.00 he went to Chicago, Illinois and dissipated \$5000.00 of the money and returned to Tulsa with but \$2000.00. When Smith did not act in getting "Doc" Barker released from the penitentiary, Fred Barker and Frank Nash went to him and learned that he had spent the \$5000.00. Upon learning this Fred Barker and Frank Nash murdered Earl Smith. Later Fred Barker began using narcotics and associating with women. Frank Nash fearing that Fred Barker would talk and tell of the murder of Smith, killed Fred Barker. Subsequently "Doc" Barker was released from the penitentiary and began making plans to kill Nash. "Doc" Barker associated himself with Marvin Barrow, Clyde Barrow and Alvin Karpis and it is the theory of Mr. Mercer that these individuals are implicated in the killings at Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Earl Smith it should be stated that he was murdered several months ago and to date the identity of the person or persons responsible is unknown. There is no information available that Fred Barker has been killed.

Mr. Mercer stated that his theory of the Kansas City affair as above outlined is not based on any personal knowledge of the facts nor is it based on any definite information secured by him. He further stated that he believes the above facts constitute the motive for killing Frank Nash.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent

62-456-2

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Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

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Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner

Oklahoma City File  
74-1151

June 24, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

In answer to a telegram from S.A.C. H. H. Colvin to this Agent on June 24, 1933 requesting that the County Records at Hot Springs, Arkansas be checked relative to marriage of George L. Miller within the past three months. Agent examined the Marriage records in the office of the Clerk of the County and Probate Courts of Garland County at the County Court House at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Agent found no record of George L. Miller having taken out a marriage license, but found the following records on George W. Miller.

Page 335 Book 37, Marriage Records.

Bond for Marriage License, signed May 24, 1933. Signed by George W. Miller and Richard Galatas.

Affidavit that they were single and unmarried.

George W. Miller, 46 years old, Cook County, Illinois.

Frances Mikulich Luce, 31 years old.

Signed by George W. Miller.

Sworn and subscribed to before James C. Williams, Clerk of the County Court, May 24, 1933.

Marriage License issued to George W. Miller, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, Age 46, and Frances Mikulich Luce, St. Louis County, Aurora, Minn., Age 31, May 24, 1933.

Certificate of Marriage.

Married by V. S. Ledgerwood, Municipal Judge on May 25, 1933, signed by V. S. Ledgerwood, Municipal Judge, Hot Springs, Arkansas on May 25, 1933.

Certificate of Marriage.

Recorded in County Court records of Garland County, Arkansas at Hot Springs, Arkansas, filed May 26, 1933, Page 335, Book 37 Marriage Records. Signed James C. Williams, County and Probate Clerk.

R. N. Butterworth, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent.

62-456-49

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cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 25, 1933.

**MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:**

H. P. Bowser, Browning Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma who was the Foreman of the last Federal Grand Jury here, advised me today F. T. Golobay who stays at the Browning Hotel, when in Tulsa, was an eye witness to the killing of the Officers at Kansas City, Missouri. Golobay was just getting off a street car in front of the Union Station when the shooting started.

So far as Bowser knows, Golobay has not been interviewed. Golobay is a brakeman for the Santa Fe R.R. and has a Kansas City address, which I was unable to secure. His address in Kansas City can be secured from the Santa Fe there.

I ascertained Golobay will leave Kansas City tomorrow morning and will be in Tulsa the night of June 26, 1933. If you want him interviewed, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent

62-456-51

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

**FOOTNOTE: 8-15-34**

Agent Brantley interviewed Golobay in Kansas City during the summer of 1933. He was at the station at Kansas City the morning of the massacre and heard some shooting, but could not identify anyone. This interview was made a matter of record in the Kansas City office.

Dwight Brantley,  
S.A.C.

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Chickasha, Oklahoma

June 26, 1933

Mr. Frank Smith,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

For your information, June 21 myself and Mr. D.A. Marlow answered a call to investigate a car and its occupants about one mile south of Chickasha, which car was seen driving very fast and turned off the highway 81 West to a new addition South of the City.

When we found this car it was parked at a house and the occupants were inside of the house, we called for the gentleman driving the car and he came out and gave us his name as Mr. Lindsay of Kansas City, Missouri, and showed us his City driving license of Kansas City.

This man Lindsay was here visiting some relatives, we learned and he was driving a nice Cadillac Sedan car with Missouri 1933 tag #313-398.

Our investigation here developed that these people were just pulling a little beer party and we did not bring them in, but since that time we have received a confidential tip to the effect that this man Lindsay is presumably a racketeer in Kansas City.

Mr. Marlow and I talked this matter over and remembering the horrible affair at Kansas City which you were in and knowing that the Government was interested in this investigation, we decided to give you the benefit of what we had learned here, as you know some times a very little bit of information develops into just what you are looking for.

This may not be of any value to you at all, but we feel that we want to give it to you anyway.

Trusting that you will soon have the pleasure of knowing that the guilty parties involved in that massacre is brought to Justice, I will close and wish to say that at any time you need the assistance of the Sheriff's office at Chickasha, command us.

Very truly yours,  
W. L. Luster,  
Under Sheriff.

62-456 67

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



Moalester, Oklahoma

June 29, 1935.

Mr. Smith,  
Oklahoma City.

Dear Sir:

We have a convict in the Prison here who says he knows the parties that pulled the Kansas City job in which we lost our Chief; he says he will talk to a man from the Department and as you was so closely connected with this job I thought you was the proper person to take it up with. I don't know whether there is anything to this or not but thought it worth investigating. This must be treated confidential as this prisoner is afraid of the inmates at the Prison. If you care to investigate come to Moalester and I will give you that information I have.

Yours truly,

J. S. Bomar,  
Acting Chief of Police.

62-456-83

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

July 3, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. H. H. COLVIN

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Obstruction of Justice  
(Frank Nash)

Mr. W. R. Harper, ticket agent for the Missouri Pacific R.R. at Ft. Smith, Arkansas advised that he was on duty the day June 14 from the hour of 4:00 p.m. till midnight, that he sold the tickets to Agent Lackey and made reservations for state room between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Mr. Harper advised that he was the only one on duty at the time, and during the time he was on duty no one inquired or called concerning them. He further stated that at the time the officers were waiting for the train a few minutes before its arrival that long distance called from McAlester, Oklahoma asking for Chief Reed; that he called Chief Reed to the phone, but did not hear the conversation. He further advised that he had sold only three other tickets on that train which were, one to Vinita, Oklahoma, one to Independants, Oklahoma (Chair) and one to Kansas City, Missouri with lower berth, tickets purchased by scrip. Mr. Harper does not remember the descriptions of any of these persons. Mr. Harper states he is sure that there was no one present at the time Agent Lackey purchased the tickets and that he was the only one in the ticket office, however, there were a number of people in the depot at the time of their departure.

O. A. Rogers of 1417 May Avenue, Ft. Smith, Arkansas the other ticket agent who relieved Harper at midnight is at present in Chicago and will not return until Monday.

G. A. Perryman of 401 North Greenwood Avenue, Ft. Smith who is General Agent for the Missouri Pacific here advised that at about 8:35 p.m. 6/16/33 and as the Kansas City train was crossing the river bridge coming into Ft. Smith and as he was attempting to cross the road between the passenger depot and the freight depot, a large coupe either a cadillac or lincoln, color either dark blue or black came driving around the back of the freight depot at a rapid pace and stopped in back of the passenger depot. Mr. Perryman got a glimpse of the driver and he describes him as being a man of about 35 or 40 years, dark complexioned, smooth shaven, heavy set, full round fat face, wearing a wide brim light colored panama or hat. Mr. Perryman stated that he did not notice the license plate on the car, and he might be mistaken as to the color of the car as it was very dusty. Mr. Perryman might be able to identify this man by photographs.

I endeavored to find out if a person answering this description had been seen around the depot at the time the Officers left by inquiring at Sheriff's Office and Mr. Harper (ticket agent) but was unable to find out anything.



I learned that the reporter for the Ft. Smith Southwest American, M. H. Griffies found out from the Sheriff's Office that the officers were going to take Nash to Kansas City by train and that at 8:45 a.m. a dispatch was sent out to the Little Rock A.P. Bureau stating that Nash was being taken to Leavenworth on the 8:45 train; which dispatch is picked up by Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Helena, El Dorado and Texarkana; as it is being transmitted, also that at 10:45 p.m. that night a dispatch was transmitted to Oklahoma City to be relayed to Kansas City stating that Nash was being taken to Kansas City by Missouri and Pacific and would arrive at Kansas City at 9:15 a.m. June 17, 1933. I questioned Griffies and the A.P. dispatcher named R. E. Seerest if anybody had secured any information concerning this or had inquired or telephoned the office requesting information and they claimed no one had.

Mr. R. L. James was the conductor on the Kansas City bound train that night, he lives at Van Buren, Arkansas. I endeavored to locate him to see if anyone had made inquiries aboard train, but found out that he was out on his run to Kansas City and would not return until Sunday morning.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Southwest American that went to press at Midnight of June 16.

The newspaper here picked up an A. P. from Hot Springs to Joplin, Missouri that Officers were enroute to Joplin with a gangster that is how the newspaper here first got next to it.

G. H. Franklin  
Special Agent  
62-456-88

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



July 6, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Obstruction of Justice  
(Frank Nash)

The photographs of the suspects of the above referred to case were exhibited to Mr. Perryman, General Agent, Missouri Pacific Railway, St. Smith, Arkansas. Mr. Perryman stated that he was unable to identify any of them, however, when the photos were spread out on his desk before him he immediately picked up the photo of Harvey Bailey and carefully examined it. He stated that the man he saw was more of his type but did not think they were the same person. He further stated that it would be pretty hard for him to identify the man due to the fact that he only got a quick glimpse of him as the speeding car passed him, he stated that this man who was driving this car was very dark complexioned, much darker than the photo of Bailey reveals, and as he remembers this man he had a very hard face, very grim and determined, that this man was around 42 or 43 years old, and full round face. Mr. Perryman stated that he does not want to be quoted in any way as giving information stating that he does not want to get mixed up with this case, which might mean his life.

Agent talked with Mr. R. L. James, 202 South thirteenth Street, Van Buren, Arkansas. Mr. James was the conductor on the Kansas City bound train the night of the 16th, who stated that no one had inquired from him concerning the officers and Nash, he could not identify any of the photos as being anyone he had seen on board the train that night. Mr. James did tell a Mr. Noble, town marshal at Nowata, Oklahoma that the Officers had Nash and were taking him to Leavenworth. This was about 12:18 a.m.

Mr. Perryman informed Agent that he had been told by a Mr. Jimmie Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings & Bridges, Coffeyville, Kansas, Missouri and Pacific Railway who was in the depot at the time Nash was being taken to Leavenworth that Anderson recognized Nash and Nash recognized him, Anderson informed Perryman that Nash had loafed around one of his bridge camps sometime ago and that they had talked together quite a bit.

This dope might not be worth a damn but it might be possible that Nash had some of his pals working on this bridge gang at the time he loafed around there. Mr. Perryman did not find out from Anderson when he was working this gang or where. Some information might be gathered of value from Jimmie Anderson whose headquarters are now at Coffeyville, Kansas with the Missouri and Pacific Railway.

G. H. Franklin,  
Special Agent.

cc Division Kansas City  
Little Rock Oklahoma City

62-456-117

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

LMO:GHE  
62-456

Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
July 6, 1934.

RE: Unknown Subjects  
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to  
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Deputy Sheriff Bill Milan, Lawton, Okla., called stating he was talking for Sheriff McCarty. He advised that three men had been stopping at a camp near Medicine Park, Okla.; that one of the men is believed to be Kenneth Coon and the other two probably are James Clark and Ed Davis, but that he has no definite information.

Milan wanted an Agent to call there and determine the identity of these parties. I called Special Agent in Charge Colvin, Tulsa, Okla., informing him of this information. He instructed that the Sheriff be advised that an Agent would be sent there as quickly as possible, possibly tomorrow evening, which instructions were followed out.

Sheriff McCarty was forwarded pictures of the various Subjects.

L. M. Chipman, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

62-456-120

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

LMC:GMH  
68-456

Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
July 9, 1935.

RE: Unknown Subjects,  
Obstruction of Justice (Dendeavor to  
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

Chief of Police Jake Sims, Seminole, Okla., called on the telephone stating that informant had arrived from Kansas City, who is known to Special Agent in Charge Colvin and Frank Smith, and advised that two of the men involved in this case are supposed to be at either Minneapolis or St. Paul, Minn. Chief Sims stated that the information could wait until Mr. Colvin's return and in the meantime he would be developing further information from the informant.

L. M. Chipman, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

68-456-121

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City



62-456

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 4, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Two young men who reside at 1736 West Park Place, Oklahoma City, notified the Police Department, who in turn through City Detective Clarence Hurt notified the Oklahoma City Bureau Office, that on Sunday, July 23, 1933, a man who resides in the house next door to them, which is numbered 1736 West Park Place, had borrowed their Remington typewriter, stating that he desired to write a few letters; that their typewriter is an old one and after a certain amount of use, the spacing adjustment works loose and it is impossible to space properly between words; that they had noticed in the local papers on July 27, 1933 a published letter purported to have been written and signed by Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, Jim Clark, Ed Davis and Bob Brady, in which they admitted they had robbed the Black Rock, Arkansas bank on June 16, 1933 and a postscript to the letter requested that if it were published, that it be properly spaced as the typewriter upon which the letter was written was worn out.

On July 26, 1933 a letter was received by the State Bureau of Criminal Identification at Oklahoma City signed by the above named five outlaws and in addition to their signatures bore the thumbprint of each, which thumbprints were compared with the fingerprints of these men as they appear on Identification Orders issued by the Bureau and were found to be genuine. The letter was contained in an envelope postmarked Oologate, Oklahoma, 8:30 P.M., July 25, 1933. The typewriter belonging to the two young men who reside at 1736 West Park Place; namely, Karl Hajos and James Prior, was obtained and an exact copy of the original letter by the five above named subjects was made. The original letter was photostated and both the typewritten and photostatic copies were furnished to the Bureau. The house at 1736 West Park Place was placed under surveillance and on the night of July 30, 1933 two unknown men were seen to enter the premises and a man and two unknown women were seen to leave the place. About daylight, July 31st, this house was raided by officers and therein were found one Morris Hirsh and one George Dewey Shipley. Letters, photographs, etc. found in the house at the time of the raid disclosed that a woman who uses the name of Hazel Hudson and a young man by the name of Marvin Connor had been occupying the house.

Dewey Shipley is wanted for participation in the Black Rock, Arkansas bank robbery committed June 16, 1933 and is now being held for

extradition. Morris Hirsh was recently paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, where he was serving a life sentence for murder.

Upon being interviewed by Special Agent Winstead and City Detective Clarence Hurt, Hirsh stated that he met Dewey Shipley in the Penitentiary in 1934 and after getting a leave of absence in April, 1935 for one year, at the end of one year he received a parole; that since he has been out here in Oklahoma City, he has associated with Dewey Shipley some around Art Neff's (a used "hot" car lot at 8th & Broadway); that he knew Art in the Penitentiary also, and Dewey sold cars there; that he (Morris Hirsh) was accidentally shot in the right leg in June, 1932, and was in the University Hospital in Oklahoma City, and in the S-W's hospital in Oklahoma City, then was sent to the Veterans Bureau Hospital at Muskogee; that he left the latter hospital in March, 1933, and about five days later while walking with a cane he went to the farm of Leonard Patton, about two miles west of Peggs, Oklahoma and about nine miles east of Hobart, Oklahoma, where he worked for a dollar a week and kept until about June 27th or 28th, when he came to Oklahoma City and stopped about a week with one Griffin on Geary Street; that Griffin operated a restaurant across the street from the Post Office; that when he left there he slept in the park for ten or twelve days, then went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he stayed about a week and slept under the stars; then went to Sapulpa, Oklahoma and slept out three or four days; then returned to Oklahoma City for two days, slept out; then returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma; left Tulsa last Saturday night (July 29, 1933) hitch-hiking, about 7 or 8 o'clock; arrived at Sapulpa about 4 o'clock A.M., went out in a field and slept until about 4 o'clock P.M. and then began trying to catch a ride to Oklahoma City; that along about 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock, Sunday night, from one to three miles out of Sapulpa on the highway, a car came along - a Chevrolet Sedan; that he flagged it and found Dewey Shipley to be the driver, and Shipley was alone; that Shipley gave him a ride in to Oklahoma City and asked where he was going to sleep and when Hirsh advised him that he had no place but would get a cot some place, Dewey stated, "No, you needn't do that, you can sleep at my house" or "at the house where I stay"; that they arrived at Shipley's house, parked the car in the driveway and went in the back door; that he saw no other car at the house or in the garage; that he was asleep when he got to the house and Dewey woke him and pointed to the back door and said, "Go in there"; that Dewey was right behind him and on the inside pointed to a bed in the back room and said, "You sleep there"; that he saw no one in the house and saw no one leave the house; that the next thing he knew was early next morning when a gas shell was shot into the room and exploded; that Dewey was in a front room of the house that morning.

Hirah is described as follows:

Age 38 years [1933]  
Height 5 ft. 4 in.  
Weight 158 pounds  
Eyes Dark blue  
Hair Brown - bald in front  
Complexion Dark  
Occupation Painter  
Nativity Russia  
Brother Harry Hirah, address, 26 Gray's Avenue,  
Northampton, Mass.  
Scars Diag. ot. scar. 2" long, above right  
ear in hair  
Army record Enlisted 11/2/17, Springfield, Mass. Served  
4th Co. C.A.C., Fort Hancock, New York and  
San Juan, P.R. Discharged Hon. 8/16/19,  
Fort Totten, New York, N. Y.  
Serial No. 664275

Entered United States 1914 Ellis Island,  
S.S. Adriatic; naturalized during War.

Police No. O.C. P.D. #14572  
F.P.C. (5) 5 R 10 15  
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Criminal Record: As Morris Hirah, No. 12364, received Okla.  
State Penitentiary, June 1, 1922 from  
Muskogee County; murder; life - released  
on parole April 21, 1933.

In connection with his statement, Detectives Ryan and Hurt advise  
that Griffin referred to in Hirah's statement was not living on Geary Street  
in June, 1933, but moved out of his Geary Street address right after Babe  
Downei was killed in the Spencer, Oklahoma bank burglary job about six or  
seven months ago, as Griffin and Dewey were mixed up in that job.

George Dewey Shipley was interviewed but declined to make a formal  
statement of any kind, but in conversation with him in the presence of City  
Detectives Mickey Ryan and Clarence Hurt, he stated that he had known Harvey  
Bailey only since his escape from the Lansing, Kansas Penitentiary, but that  
he had known the other members of the gang whose names are signed to the letter  
in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary as they all served time there together; that



he knows from his close association with this gang since their escape from Lansing and prior to and subsequent to the date of the Black Rock, Arkansas bank robbery, that they are the persons who robbed the Black Rock bank; that he has talked with Bob Brady on numerous occasions since that bank robbery; that he talked with him four or five days before July 31st; that he had an engagement with Bob Brady to meet him north of El Reno, Oklahoma on Monday, July 31st, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon but, of course, as he was in jail on that day, he could not keep his appointment; that he could reach Bob Brady at any time within two or three days; that the woman who lived at 1736 West Park Place is Mrs. Hazel Hudson; that he used that name when he and Mrs. Hudson rented the property from Mr. Bogard; that four or five days prior to July 27th, on which date the rent was due again, he informed Mrs. Hudson that he was not going to pay the rent on the place any more, but she desired to keep the place for another month and paid the rent herself. Upon being asked where he was when he had the conversation with Mrs. Hudson about not paying the rent four or five days prior to July 27th, he stated that it was not in Oklahoma City but in the country; that the boy, Marvin Connor, is Mrs. Hudson's son by a former marriage; that Mrs. Hudson is a sister to Earl, Ralph, Floyd and Buster Jarrett. Shipley further advised that a telegram was sent from Goodys Point, Oklahoma to Marvin Connor to pay the rent for another month in advance on the house at 1736 West Park Place.

On Wednesday, August 2, 1933, a report of suspicious persons who had been residing at 2127 West 41st Street, Oklahoma City, was made to the Police Department. Two officers went to the house and found therein a brown pair of trousers bearing a cleaner's mark "1736 West Park". They immediately brought the trousers to the Police Department headquarters and Agent Winstead, in company with City Detectives Hurt and Ryan, called at that address and found the house to be deserted save for a bed in one room equipped with mattress, sheets and pillows. The old man who furnished the original information on the place stated that two or three men left the house on the morning of either July 31st or August 1st at about 5:00 A.M. by way of a window.

Latent prints were secured from objects and from the windows and doors in this house, but have not as yet been developed.

U. B. Winstead,  
Special Agent.

62-456-253

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

Arapaho, Okla.,

August 4, 1933.

Mr. R. H. Calvin,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that on July 3rd the First National Bank at Clinton, Oklahoma was robbed of about \$14,000.00, over \$11,000.00 of which was currency and silver.

Bob Brady, Henry Bailey, Joe Clark and Ed Davis have been positively identified as the four men who robbed this bank. Frank Philpots has been identified as the driver. However, the identification of Philpots I think is not sufficient to obtain a conviction. We have one party that identifies him as being the driver of the car that robbed the bank but that is some twelve or fifteen miles from where the bank robbery occurred.

We have learned by investigation that after this bank was robbed and shortly before some of these parties, at least two or three of them, or maybe all of them, were at Medicine Park. There is a possibility that they may return in that country. We have a party who lives in this country by the name of Floyd Palmer who lives Southwest of Butler, about five or six miles on the river. There is a possibility that some of these parties may come to his place as we are reliably informed that Bob Brady stayed at Floyd Palmer's house two or three days before he got into this trouble in Kansas.

We have kept this matter absolutely out of the newspapers and have not informed anyone, for publication, as to who the robbers were of the First National Bank for the reason that we thought that we would have a better chance to capture these men if we did not disclose their names to the newspaper.

If they are in the Urschall kidnaping case no doubt they robbed this bank for the purpose of financing the deal.

We will have at least from three to six men that can identify these men and have identified them from their picture and if apprehended I think we shall have no trouble in getting a conviction in this county on four of these men.

The car used in this robbery was a Ford V-8, 2 door, tan color or light Gray. The tag used on the car was 95-052. This tag was bought for a Buick Coupe at Blackwell, Oklahoma. It was bought for a Buick coupe be-

longing to the Marland Refining Company who in turn sold it to Harrold Higgins and Higgins wrecked the automobile and sold it to Tony's Salvage shop at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Tony in turn sold the wreckage to a salvage shop in Enid, Oklahoma. They claim that in the shuffle the tag was lost. Philpot probably furnished the tag as I understand he formerly lived at Pawhuska. We will watch Floyd Palmer's place pretty close.

After the bank was robbed these parties followed 56 Highway until they reached a point about a mile southwest of Clinton where they went under an underpass on the Frisco Railroad. They went South about four or five miles until they came to a road which runs east and about two miles north of Corn and Colony, Oklahoma, which they followed until they reached Highway 54 which goes South. This road led down through a country where there were no towns. No. 54 highway would lead down south to the Government Reserve and Wichita mountains and it is our opinion that these parties stayed in that vicinity until they cooled off. Our Under Sheriff, Mr. Stambaugh went to Lawton and Medicine Park and conferred with the Officers there and his investigation shows that these parties were in that vicinity without question. The Sheriff of Lawton is familiar with all the cabins and houses in the resort at Medicine Park and can be of great service to you if these parties should come back in that vicinity. He has promised to advise us if they show up in that vicinity.

Yours very truly,

Fred E. LaRue, County Attorney  
G. G. Simpson, Sheriff  
62-456-257

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



Paris, Texas,  
August 3, 1933.

Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

The story that I am about to tell you, you may take for what you think it is worth. I don't know if you are working on this case or not and you can judge for yourself whether there is anything to it.

A man who ask us not to use his name was in our office last night. He says that while on his vacation he was going from Antlers, Okla. to Arkansas. That between Haskoba and Fewell he had the following experience.

That about halfway between these places he passed a cabin on the north side of the road; that he saw and recognized Pretty Boy Floyd sitting in the door of this cabin; his family was with him and that after they had gone a mile or two further east they stopped to take some pictures, at a swinging foot bridge. That while they were taking these pictures a car drove up and he recognized Harvy Bailey and Underhill, two of Floyd's pals. He says that these men followed him for several miles and then turned back.

He says that he recognized these men by their pictures also that his wife recognized Floyd. He claims to have worked some as a fingerprint man, that he can classify, etc.

He is visiting relatives here, and I am sure that he is honest in his belief, that he saw these men. He says the reason he did not report it was that he was advised to not do so while in eastern Okla. or in the west part of Ark. As these men have quite a few friends there. This happened on July 29th.

I am simply giving you what he told me and you can do as you see fit.

Geo. R. Robertson,  
Deputy Sheriff

62-456-258

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City.

(Postmarked)

Tulsa, Oklahoma

August 7, 1933

Mr. Frank Smith:

On Friday afternoon, I met a party by name of Joe Wardlow in 400 Block North Bway. at Herr's used car lot, and engaged in the following conversation, this man having been in McAlester at the time I was and his number at McAlester having been 12515.

Wardlow told me he had just been released from the Penitentiary in West Virginia recently, that he had been sent to Atlanta and later transferred to Coyal Meade where he was released.

He told me he had met Maurice Hirsch here who he told me I should know that Hirsch was the fellow that called "Jew" Morrison in McAlester. Also that he had recently talked with Dewey Shipley and told me of Shipley and Hirsch being arrested on \_\_\_\_\_ Park, he stated that he figured that Shipley & Hirsch would be extradited to Ark. but that they did not rob the bank they were held for, that the house that they were caught in was not their place, that they were only hanging up with the parties who were supporting the place and that had the right parties been there at the time Dewey & Hirsch were routed there would have been a lot of officers funerals, as the mob that was staying in town were split into other places and that they would have held the place in Bay until help for this mob had of arrived from outside.

I had quite a lengthy conversation with Wardlow, he asked me if I knew Ira Clark, whom he stated I did know him. I told him I did, then he ask me if I knew Toughie Johnson whom I told him I did, he stated that Ira Clark was living about a mile & half out of Harrah, Okla. on the farm and that Johnson was living in Harrah that some of the boys were stopping at each of these places, but did not say who was stopping, he also told me that Jess Literal was running a filling station west of Okla. City on Reno & May Ave. that he had talked to Jess several times and that Jess was growing him a large mustache and told him anyone who fingered him had better be sure that if he were fingered wrong he would sure murder someone, he also stated several of the boys were stopping with Jess Literal.

Wardlow told me he knew a lot of the high powered boys here, he told me of Bill Lloyd who was in McAlester at time he was being killed here in Okla. City by officers. Wardlow stated that about 3 years ago he came very

near getting about 15 years here in Okla. City, said that the authorities had him right but could not convict him, that he was working in a printing shop here as messenger, that he was handling 2 and 3 thousand dollars at a time, that he would purchase stamps in two thousand dollar lots, that he was holding out large amounts of these stamps and was mailing them to a friend of his in Kansas City who worked for Montgomery & Ward, who was selling the stamps to Montgomery & Ward and that he, Wardlow, was getting 50 per cent of money, he said that he had sent a number of these packages to his friend and would never have been caught had not his friend been out and someone else opened one of the packages which caused a check from the other end.

He stated that there were several connected telephones at this printing firm where he worked and one evening one of these phones rang in another part of the Bldg. which he answered, some one called for his boss who he told him he would connect him with and that he buzzed his boss on phone and listened in on the conversation, that it was the post office inspector here calling his boss and ask him if he had a boy working by the name of Joe Wardlow and went ahead to tell his boss what was going on regarding these stamps and that they were checking him, and that that was where he got a break, as they would have sure caught him the next evening as he was going to make another haul the next eve, which he layed off, but they sure watched him after that but said he sure pulled a bond head by sending a night letter to Kansas City for two golf suits to be sent here to two different addresses which was intercepted on him and liked to have got him sure, he called the post office inspectors name as Weeks or Weeks, said he had him dead to right but could not do anything, he told me of several caracters here Happy White & Skeely, who we talked of.

He told me Art & Bill Neff were running this car lot and introduced me to Bill Neff stating this is the old boy who used to fix me and Art up with clothes at south town. Art Neff came in and I met him but did not have much conversation with him other than he ask me if I knew a fellow who was working for him as mechanic, stating he was a mechanic in charge of the garage at McAlester who I know but do not know his name other than Baldie, this man is working as mechanic for Art & Bill Neff. Baldie ask me if I knew Seth Stone who I told him I did he said he hung around here but was out now. I have not been back there yet as I am sure there is valuable information here and do not want to crowd to much.

I was informed that Noblins who resided at Spencer, Okla. have moved to Bethany, Okla. and live in the 2 hundred block on a street I have



forgoten but will get the name for you and was told that Robert Moody is hanging out at Noblins.

Also was told that Walter Philpot has a brother in law by name of Messick who live on River near New Castle, that Walter often visits with White & Messick and that Bob Brady gets wiskey from White & Messick.

Bruce Brady's former wife, Mrs. Evalyn Brady lives at 1220 West 15th street here, she is married again but her phone is still listed as Evalyn Brady, her husband whose name I have not learned yet, runs a Bakery shop on 15th st., this woman has a boy by Bruce Brady who Bruce comes here to see and I am told Bob also contacts this woman, however I am not in a position to get all this information which will take a little time, only a few days which I will give you. I gave Mr. Colvin this information a few days ago, also information concerning a Mr. Ross relative of Bob Brady living near Wannette, Okla. I do not know just where but this information as to his exact location can be obtained from Floyd Hines at Purcell, Okla., a stock man & Rodeo performer at Purcell.

You will recall my telling you that myself and Clarence Nell used to get whiskey from White & Messick about 3 or 4 years ago.

Will give you some information in a day or so regarding Carpie wife of Biggs and her history. I already know she was the daughter of a former Frisco Engineer who is dead whom I know and I understand she is at Biggs now but will give you this information in a day or so, exactly as I can contact this woman.

Mr. Smith I will get Noblins exact address in a day or so and give you same, also will contact Art Neff, Seth Stone & Joe Wardlow from time to time and give you information.

This information was put out by Wardlow without my leading him in any way perhaps if I contact him and had him right something might develop, he seems to be lined up pretty good here and there seems to be some good timber he is connected with to work. I gave Mr. Colvin some of this stuff and told him I was going to hang out around Neffs some.

(Unsigned)

62-456-263

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Tusker, Arkansas,

August 7, 1935.

Mr. Frank Smith, Investigator,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I thought I would write and give you some information that might be of some benefit to you, it might be to late and still you can never tell, as a gang will come back to the same place.

I guess you know about the arrest of Johnnie Wilson in Hot Springs, New Mexico, and about the girl that was with him at the time, this girl is a relative of my wife, her name is Evelyn King, I understand she made a statement about Wilson knowing Pretty Boy Floyd, and this information that caused Wilsons arrest came from Hutchinson, Kansas, they had been living together at Hutchinson, under the name of Jess Wagoner, this Wilson is the party I told you about in Ft. Smith last March, he is the one I was with in Kansas before we got into that trouble in Little Rock, but what I was going to tell you was about a farm near Hutchinson, or Sylvia, Kansas, I think this is the place Wilson has been staying, as we used to be there when we were in Kansas, the people that live at this farm are named Barker, and they claim to be kin to the Fred Barker of Oklahoma that gangs with Floyd, I have been to their place and cars from Oklahoma would be there, but the main hide out seems to be at a old womans house name Elotz, and a man by the name of Bill Smith, this place wont be hard to find, and this Smith has one eye out, and this Barker name is Pudd. He had two stolen cars last winter, although I never sold them to him I had just forgot to tell you about them, this Pudd Barker claims that Floyd comes to see him quit oftin, I have never seen him there, and this information might be of no benefit to you what ever, but I thought I would tell you about it, as it might be a tip to Floyds hide out, and what I am telling you is the truth, everybody in Sylvia knows the Barker Brothers, and you wont have any trouble locating their place.

Elmer Mikel

62-456-267

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Mustang, Oklahoma

August 9, 1935

Mr. C. I. Burns, Supt.  
State Board of Identification  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Burns:

Re: Jim Clark - Underhill - Floyd

This office is in touch with a party who claims to be and I think is a distant relative of Jim Clark and says and I believe he can put him on the spot. To do so he wants some expense money and also to get a share in whatever reward is outstanding for Clark. What is your information as to reward or is there any offered for the gang that took part in the Kansas City battle?

Our Escape Junior Cole reports that Pretty Boy gave him \$100. and told him to get out of the state; that may or may not be so, if it is, it possibly give a lineup on Floyd for the State and Government to work out.

Any way I wish you would take this up with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and find out what if anything we can arrange with this man to aid us in putting Clark on the spot and possibly leading to Underhill and Floyd. I believe it carries these possibilities and is worth the try out.

Thanking you for past favors and assuring you of our cooperation, I

Sincerely yours,

T. M. Hilligoss  
Under Sheriff

52-456-249

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



Taft, Oklahoma,

August 8, 1933.

Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Confidential Communication.

Gentlemen:

I request that you send an officer from your office directly to see me. I believe I can give you a reliable tip that will lead to the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I have been recently appointed as business manager for the two negro institutions at Taft and as busy as I can be but I believe so strongly in the tip I have that I shall be glad to communicate it to you.

I live at 519 East Okmulgee Ave. Muskogee, Okla. I may be reached by Phone 2783 Muskogee, or care of D.B.O. Institute, Taft, Okla.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Robins.

62-456-273

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

REC: GME  
62-456

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 10, 1934.

Sheriff Connors, Bartlesville, Okla., phoned information to the effect that Bob Brady was at the home of Walter Philpot's father near Norman, Okla., just a short time ago. Connors has ordered Walter Philpot be kept under observation. Connors states that Brady and Philpot are communicating through Elsie Kenney at Bartlesville and he is having her mail very closely watched. He does not think it advisable to arrest Philpot at this time and believes it better to watch him in the hopes he will connect with Brady.

E. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

62-456-278

KDD:OEB  
62-456

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
August 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

On this date Mr. William H. Leonard called at the office and was interviewed by the undersigned Agent and furnished the following information:

That he, Leonard, was on July 24, 1930 sentenced on two charges of obtaining money by false pretenses (obtaining bounty on coyote skins that were not gathered in the county in which he alleged). He was sentenced to serve from 1 to 5 years at Lansing, Kansas, being sent from Hill City, Kansas, Graham County, prosecuting attorney being J. S. Parker. His number at Lansing Penitentiary was #1635.

William H. Leonard further stated that while at the Lansing Penitentiary he was in charge of the yard and that Harve Bailey, Wilbur Underhill and Bob Brady were all in the same penitentiary with him and during the course of his stay there he became well acquainted with these three persons and had numerous talks with them and that they confided in him and discussed plans of escape and what they expected to do should they be successful in escaping, stating that they could hide out in the hills in eastern part of Oklahoma and never be recaptured.

Mr. Leonard stated that he was paroled from that institution on May 23, 1932 and that he just recently made a trip to California and is now on his way back to Kansas City, Mo., where he can be located at either of the addresses noted below:

E. G. Gruzan, 4325 Cambridge St., Kansas City, Kansas  
Elmer R. Gragg, 1806 Jefferson St., Kansas City, Missouri,

that the wives of each of the above named persons are his daughters.

Leonard further stated that he is acquainted with the sons of Bill Doolin and that the Doolin boys are notorious outlaws and close friends of Underhill, Brady and Bailey and that they reside in the vicinity of Konawa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Leonard is a man of approximately 50 years of age and states that the above criminal record is the only one he has and further stated that if he can in any way be of assistance in causing the location of Underhill or Brady or any other members of that organization, he will be glad to cooperate with members of this or another Bureau office.

E. D. Deaderick,

cc Division Kansas City  
Little Rock Oklahoma City

Special Agent 62-456-279



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

August 7, 1933

Informant A was contacted successfully at 4 P.M.

Informant A stated that the U. S. Commissioner and the proprietor of the White Front Cigar Store have commented on the fact that they have not been interviewed concerning Dick Gladdis.

He suggested that when an agent is in Hot Springs, Ark. with a photograph of Dick Gladdis it would be a good thing to show it to the Commissioner and get his reaction concerning Dick Gladdis.

He said that at a meeting of the Masonic Lodge here last Saturday Dick Gladdis was dropped from the lodge and that the man who proposed expulsion of Gladdis was the man who proposed Gladdis for membership.

He also said that he has not received any information regarding Gladdis' present whereabouts, but expects to have some news shortly.

He stated that one of Gladdis' closest friends is a man known as "Duckey" who is a power in the underworld at El Paso, Texas and that Gladdis may get in touch with this man as Gladdis is broke and is trying to borrow money from his friends.

He said that Ed. Hill who was interviewed here about Nash and Gladdis has been talking about what he has done to assist the Government in this case and that it will be a good plan to watch him and not give him any information.

He said that it is useless to keep a shadow on Dick Gladdis' home as the furniture has been taken out and placed in storage.

A. H. Butterworth,  
Special Agent

62-456-2634

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Tulsa, Oklahoma

August 12, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Mr. Morgan in Charge of the Identification Bureau, Tulsa, Police Department advised me that on August 12, 1933 one J. W. Woody, Bixby, Oklahoma called on him at Tulsa and stated that he is well acquainted in and around Bixby and knows Mrs. Floyd, wife of Charles Arthur Floyd, who is now reported to be living at Bixby with relatives. These relatives are also known to Woody. Woody is an old time officer and in the opinion of Mr. Morgan is very reliable. Woody was born and raised at Bixby and is very familiar with that section of the Country. Woody is of the opinion that Floyd comes into Bixby periodically to see his wife. Woody also reported that Mrs. Floyd was in Tulsa on August 11 and it is believed that she was endeavoring to make a contact with Floyd.

Mr. Morgan also advised me that Woody is now unemployed and in the event he was called upon to spend any amount of time in seeking information he would probably expect small compensation.

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent

P.S. Detective M. L. Larimore, Tulsa Police Department has advised me that he knows the house in which Mrs. Floyd is living at Bixby and has agreed to accompany me or any other Agent of the Bureau to Bixby and point out the house in the event this information is desired.

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

62-456-298



MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

August 19, 1935

On August 17, 1935 Mr. Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives, Hot Springs Police Department, advised Agent that Charles H. Rohrer, City Passenger of the C.R.I. and P.R.R. had told Mr. Akers that a few days before Harvey Bailey was arrested at Paradise, Texas that a man had called the Rock Island ticket office at Hot Springs, Ark. on two different occasions asking for information concerning price of a ticket to Paradise, Texas and the best route to take from Hot Springs, Ark. to Paradise, Texas.

Agent interviewed Mr. Rohrer at the Rock Island ticket office at Hot Springs, Ark. and Mr. Rohrer stated about five days before Harvey Bailey was arrested at Paradise, Texas that a man called Mr. Rohrer by telephone and asked about the best route to go from Hot Springs, Ark. to Paradise, Texas. Mr. Rohrer said that he had never heard of Paradise, Texas and had to look it up in the railroad guide before he could furnish the information and on account of this call he remembered the incident when he read of Harvey Bailey's arrest at Paradise, Texas. He said that the same day he received the telephone call that later in the afternoon Mr. T. H. Simonds, ticket agent of the Rock Island ticket office at Hot Springs, Ark. received another call from a man asking the best route to take to go to Paradise, Texas.

He said that the first call came about 2 P.M. and the second call came about 4 P.M. He said that the man did not seem to be nervous and waited while Mr. Rohrer looked up the information in the railroad guide. He said that the call was a direct call and not from a pay station. He said that as near as he can remember the calls came on August 10 or 11. Mr. Simonds stated that he received the second call about 4 P.M. and believes the call was made on August 7th. He said that the man who called him up asked the best routing to Paradise, Texas and that Mr. Simonds told the man to go via Missouri Pacific R.R. to Fort Worth, Texas and thence on the Rock Island R.R. to Paradise, Texas. He said that this call was a direct call and did not come through a pay station.

Agent interviewed A. T. W. Mulkey, ticket agent at the Missouri Pacific R.R. Station at Hot Springs, Ark. who advised Agent that he received a telephone call from a man about 10 days ago inquiring the best route to go to Paradise, Texas and that as he had never heard of the place he had to look it up in the Railroad guide. He said that if he had known about the place that he would not have remembered the incident. He said that he informed the man that the best route was via Fort Worth, Texas but that he did not sell any ticket to Paradise, Texas since the telephone call. He said that the call was not made through a pay station but came through direct.



Agent interviewed W. Q. Warren, Assistant manager of the Hot Springs office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. who stated that it is impossible to trace local calls to the railroad stations at Hot Springs and that he could not furnish the numbers calling the railroad stations if the telephones were located in Hot Springs, Ark.

R. N. Butterworth  
Special Agent

62-456-521

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Tulsa, Oklahoma

August 30, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 8, 1933 requesting an interview with Mr. C. F. Willis, 509 E. Young Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma who in a letter to the Department advised that he is acquainted with Pretty Boy Floyd.

I interviewed Mr. Willis at the above address and ascertained that Floyd, his wife and son lived next door to Mr. and Mrs. Willis for approximately six months during 1932. Mrs. Willis was present during the interview with her husband. Both claim to know Floyd on sight and to be well acquainted with Ruby Floyd, the wife of Floyd. This acquaintance grew up during the six months that the Floyds lived at 513 E. Young Street. Mr. Willis stated that he had seen Floyd a few times while he was living at the above address but did not know who he was. Mrs. Willis made the same statement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willis went into great detail in describing the raid made by the police on the Floyd home in February 1932 in an effort to catch Floyd which failed. Mr. and Mrs. Willis claim that Floyd has been seen in the neighborhood several times in recent months. Mrs. Willis is positive that she could not be mistaken and stated that it was only a few days ago when Floyd passed her near her home. Mr. Willis is of the opinion that Floyd is again living in that section of town and he advised me that he was making some contacts within the next few days which he believed would result in obtaining information relative to the approximate location of Floyd's present residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis stated that if Agent would place himself nightly for a period of time at a corner near the Willis home Floyd would be seen passing. Mr. Willis advised that he would call on this Agent at Tulsa within the next few days to furnish additional information.

I ascertained the Mr. C. F. Willis, is employed by the M.K.&T. Railroad and has been so employed for approximately twenty years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willis seem very sincere but it is hard to say whether or not they actually see Floyd.

H. E. Hollis  
Special Agent

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

82-456-324



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 18, 1935

KDD:MEB

On this date at 9:45 A.M. Raymond Trapp, Assistant County Attorney at Newkirk, Oklahoma, called long distance and stated that last night his officers raided the farm of Charley Davis, which is near Ponca City, Oklahoma, and that in the raid they took into custody Charley Davis, his wife, a sister, and a man by the name of Hoagendorn.

Mr. Trapp further advised that Gene Johnson, Harry Campbell, and LeRoy Wright had been staying at this farm for between a period of thirty and sixty days; that these persons were not apprehended, but that he transmitted this information to this office at this time in view of the fact that he felt that it might be of some assistance relative to the location of Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady, Ed Davis, et al.

It will be recalled that Gene Johnson is the escaped convict who was recently shot and died in Arkansas.

E. D. Denderick,  
Special Agent.

62-456-325

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

62-456

Oklahoma City, Okla.

August 30, 1935.

RE: Vernon C. Miller, et al

Obstruction of Justice.

(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Mr. W. W. Chisholm of 1625 W. 39th St., State representative for the National Manufacturing Co., advised that he travels throughout the State continually; that at Ponca City, Okla., last week in talking with a customer he was told that one Bob Donaldson has a ranch between Ponca City and Burbank. The house is four miles West of Burbank on Highway 80. House does not front on Highway but faces East. Donaldson has in his employ a man who was a guard at McAlester Prison when Wilbur Underhill got away and who was fired for it. He is a good friend of Underhill and also knows "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

This employee on August 8th saw someone with a camp fire on the Donaldson ranch. Upon approaching it he ran into Underhill, Floyd and a woman. They had a new Chevrolet, apparently built so that it could be slept in. Floyd told him he was getting tired of being shot at in bank robberies and was going into the kidnaping game.

Also Geo. A. Long, former Prohibition Agent at Ponca City, Oklahoma, phone 1619, or care of Lew Wanta at Ponca City, "phoned in the same information.

(Note: See Mr. Long)

R. H. Colvin  
Special Agent in Charge.

62-456-326

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

FSS:OEB  
62-456

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 21, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: Verne C. Miller - SUBJECT, et al  
Obstruction of Justice (endeavor to  
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Following lead from Lake Ring, Sheriff, Seminole, Oklahoma, by telephone August 18, 1933 concerning location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, it developed through interview of Mr. Sims by the writer and Agent E. D. Decker, that he was getting his information from Mr. H. E. Riddle and W. E. Harber, officers of the First National Bank at Seminole, Oklahoma.

Messrs. Riddle and Harber, officers, were interviewed and stated that a Mr. Myers, residing southwest of Seminole, a man of good reputation, had informed them that a young man, whom he had raised and whose mother resides at Davenport, Oklahoma, had informed him that he had recently visited a woman named Sukouaty, who resides at Davenport, and who is a blood relation to Underhill, and while there saw Floyd and Underhill; that they frequented this home; that he heard them talking; that they stated that they were getting an armored car from Chicago and were going to rob two banks at Seminole and one at Sapulpa; that they discussed how they expected to pull the job and information they had concerning protection that was being given the banks; that informant, being a good friend of Mrs. Sukouaty, was squared by her with Floyd and Underhill so that they were not afraid to talk in his presence.

This story sounded preposterous, however, Riddle and Harber arranged with Myers, in whom they expressed confidence, to hire the informant for a short period in an effort to have him obtain definite and material information and promised to keep this office advised.

Deputy Sheriff M. T. Ridpath of Lincoln County advised the writer on this date that he had received information through a source at Chandler, Oklahoma that Constable Harrison at Paden, Oklahoma has information concerning a hang-out in that vicinity frequented by several outlaws, among whom he thinks is Floyd.

Mr. Ridpath promised to contact Harrison at the earliest possible time and secure such information as he has and advise the Oklahoma City Office.

Attached to this memorandum is a sketch of the location of the home of Mrs. Sukouaty, Davenport, Oklahoma.

F. S. Smith,  
Special Agent  
62-456-327

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

Tupelo, Miss. 8/21/33.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear sir:

I am writing you in regard to some outlaws. The paper keeps me pretty well posted on what the Officers are doing to the Out laws. Pretty Boy Charlie Floyd was here three years ago, staid here two days and nights, at a fellows house at East Tupelo one mile east of the main portion of Tupelo, by name of Sam D. Orser or Oasser, Orsere some call his name, he has a garage there parks cars in back part of his garage. Floyd or any body else could drive in there and no body would think anything about it just think they were going in to get their car worked on.

Orsers house is out at the back of his garage and behind some stores to its a good place to hide. East Tupelo is 1 mile across a creek-bottom field from Tupelo, its a good place for crooks to hide out. Some body at Kansas City sent me Floyds picture, when I wrote there for one I didn't know I could get one from Birmingham Ala. they sent me Harvey Baileys photo from Birmingham, maby you folks have got Bailey for good.

I suppose Charlie Floyd was at a place in Oklahoma to get to him a cup of coffee and something to eat three weeks ago Monday it must of him a small place another fellow stayed in the car while Bailey sat. Some recordnised him. I would like to know for sure what the reward is offord for him dead or alive. We will keep on a look out for him. He will be likely to kill some more befour he dies. Some say there is no reward for him bein offord.

We hope he will be caught soon. The commercial appeal gives the photo of the house where they caught Bailey and all. We will post if we here any thing out here.

I am Respectfully. Jess E. Evans.

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

62-456-328



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 22, 1933

KID:MMB  
62-454

On August 19, 1933 Agent interviewed Mrs. Harper Wright, who resides at 3716 South Shields Blvd., Oklahoma City, and she advised that a friend of hers, who is in the dairy business, one J. V. Boyles, resides near where Herman Pruitt lives and that according to her information Mr. Boyles knows some things of value to this investigation as well as to the possible whereabouts of Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis and Bob Brady; that she, herself, knows nothing whatsoever about these persons or about Pruitt other than what she has learned through Mr. Boyles; that Mr. Boyles is absolutely reliable but may be hesitant about divulging any information due to the fact that he lives so near Pruitt's place and realizes that any talk on his part may eventually cause him bodily harm.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent G. H. Franklin, called on Mr. J. V. Boyles at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, August 19th, and he frankly stated at first that he did not deem it advisable to talk or furnish any information relative to Pruitt or Pruitt's friends, but after further discussion he stated that in the event he would be kept out of the picture in that he would get no publicity and that there would be no leak whereby Pruitt could connect him with the information, he would cooperate to the fullest extent with Agents of this office. He stated that he has known Pruitt for approximately three years and knows that Pruitt's place is a noted hangout for criminals and outlaws; that he is on very friendly terms with Pruitt, residing only half a mile or so from Pruitt's house; that he has seen over the period of the last three years numerous automobiles with tags from all over the country come into Pruitt's place, the occupants of said cars being some of the toughest looking characters he has ever seen; that he did not know any of them and Pruitt did not make him acquainted with them; that he does not know personally Brady, Underhill, Davis, Bates, Kelly or "Pretty Boy" Floyd, but that there is no doubt in his mind but that some or all of these men hang out at times at Pruitt's place.

Mr. Boyles further stated that a man by the name of Alexander, his first name not known, who operates the County Line Service Station in the southern part of Oklahoma County on the Norman Road, takes care of the cars belonging to Pruitt, as well as the cars that come to his place; that this man Alexander often goes to Pruitt's place with his tools and works on the cars there without having them out in sight; that Alexander is a man about 36 to 38 years of age and appears to be rather talkative; that he, Mr. Boyles, does not know very much about Alexander and does not know whether he could be relied upon or not, but that he undoubtedly is in a position to be of great service in this matter, if he will do so.

Mr. Boyles stated that he will from time to time drop into Pruitt's place, as well as Alexander's place - the County Line Service Station, and any information that appears of value he will immediately transmit to Mrs. Harper Wright at 3715 South Shields Blvd., Oklahoma City, and that she can transmit same to this Bureau. He suggested that if the Government seemed it wise and advisable, he would be glad to be furnished photographs of various persons who are suspected of coming to Pruitt's place and he would keep same well guarded and endeavor to identify visitors at Pruitt's place from said photographs. Agent advised him that in all likelihood he would later be contacted further along this line.

For the information of any other Agent that desires to contact Mr. Boyles, Agent submits the following directions as to reaching his place. J. J. Boyles resides south of Oklahoma City on Santa Fe Street, but the best way to reach his place without becoming confused is as follows: Drive south on the Norman highway (paved road) to the County line, there being a sign at that point. At the County line turn right to the next road leading north (which would be to your right); turn right on this road (which is Santa Fe Street) and Boyles' house is the 4th one from this corner, the house being on the left-hand side of the road. It is a white house with a porch, the base of the columns on the porch being brick. There are two small trees in the yard on the north side of the house and a windmill in the back of the house (this will be the first windmill since turning the corner below). Mr. Boyles has no telephone but is usually at home between 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon or evenings after 6:00 P.M. It should be noted that Maman Pruitt lives on this same road directly south of Boyles' place and on the same side of the road.

R. D. Deaderick,  
Special Agent  
62-456330

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City



MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

FSS:MAB  
62-456

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 22, 1935

Jim Bracewell, with the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, headquarters Bartlesville, Oklahoma, advises that one of his operatives named Hill was recently hi-jacked in Osage County and held captive for several hours; that Hill is an officer of long experience, cool, collective and courageous and absolutely reliable; that Hill positively identified his captors as Floyd, Vernon Miller and Ricetti, the latter a constant associate of Floyd.

Bracewell states that he has been especially assigned by his company to hunt down Floyd and others of his class and has qualified men assigned with him; that he momentarily expects to obtain definite information that will lead to the location of Floyd and his associates and in the event he learns their location, he will need a posse to perfect their capture. He stated that he will advise this office when he obtains any information that warrants.

F. S. Smith,  
Special Agent

62-456-332

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City



62-456

Tulsa, Oklahoma

August 22, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: VERNON G. MILLER with aliases, et al  
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to  
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is made to Kansas City Bureau Office letter of July 26, 1933 relative to the above matter in which you instructed that I interview E. C. Branson, taxi driver at Miami, Oklahoma.

I interviewed Mr. Branson at Miami, on August 21, 1933. He stated that his son, Floyd Branson, was recently visiting his father-in-law, Ed. Martin, who resides approximately sixteen miles Southeast of Neosho, Missouri and that Floyd Branson, while there met a man whose name E. C. Branson cannot recall at this time. This man stated that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd has a sister or cousin who resides in the same vicinity where Ed Martin resides and that a number of large expensive automobiles have been seen going in the direction of the home of the sister or cousin of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. E. C. Branson has no information to the effect that "Pretty Boy" Floyd has ever been in the vicinity of Ed. Martin's home and could not state whether or not the man who furnished Floyd Branson the information was reliable or whether this man was merely making conversation. Ed. Martin was formerly a peace officer in Oklahoma and recently moved to the vicinity of Neosho.

Floyd Branson is employed by the N.E.O. Railroad and he was not in Miami on the night of this investigation. Mr. E. C. Branson stated that his son would have no additional information except the name of the man who gave him the information regarding Floyd. I left a self-addressed envelope with E. C. Branson and he will give me the name of the man as soon as his son Floyd returns to Miami, which will probably be August 23, 1933. I will immediately forward any additional information received to the Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent

62-456-334

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

62-454

Tulsa, Oklahoma

August 27, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, et al  
Obstruction of Justice (Indecent to  
Bellevue Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

With further reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office, dated July 26, 1933 and my memorandum of August 22, 1933 please be advised that while in Miami on August 25, 1933 I interviewed Floyd Branson who stated that a short time ago he was visiting his father-in-law, Ed. Martin R.M., #2, Stella, Missouri, which is about 14 or 16 miles S. E. of Hedges, Missouri. While there Floyd Branson went to the general store at McKitt Mill, near Stella and there engaged in conversation with a farmer, name unknown who stated that he knew Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that Floyd has a sister living on the creek near McKitt Mill. The farmer also advised Branson that he has seen Floyd in that vicinity and he knows that Floyd visits his sister. The farmer also reported to Branson that a number of new automobiles have been seen going in the direction of the home of Floyd's sister.

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

62-454-545



Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Aug. 27, 1933

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge:

Pursuant to your telephonic instructions of August 24, I interviewed Mr. J. E. Bracewell, investigator for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, phone Rural 194. Bracewell stated that neither he nor Dick Conner, Sheriff at Pawhuska, Oklahoma had any definite information as to the location of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Underhill, Brady, Davis or Clark, but that the Sheriff has been receiving reports from various people to the effect that these outlaws are coming into Osage County and it was decided that the only way their location could be determined would be to place a paid informant in the County to work under cover and obtain the desired information. The object of Conner in calling you by telephone was to determine whether you had such an informant. The services of an Agent was not desired. The whole matter can be summed up by stating that at the present time there is nothing definite to work on, except general information to the effect that Floyd and the others above mentioned may be coming into Osage County.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-344



CITIZENS SECURITY BANK

Bixby, Oklahoma

Aug. 26, 1933

U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Dept. of Justice,  
224 Federal Bldg.,  
Okla. City, Okla.

Gentlemen:

I hesitate to write this because no doubt you are bothered with many worthless tips and it is possible you already know more about things over here than I do. But I have customers come in saying that they see Charlie Floyd ever so often, etc. and that it looks like the officers don't want to catch him.

One customer in particular kept telling about Floyd parking his car on road, then walking thru his cotton field down to Ben Hargraves, the father in law; to see his wife.

A local blacksmith tells that Floyd visits at his neighbors home two or three times a month.

No doubt some of these people imagine seeing Floyd. So just take this for what you think it is worth.

Very truly yours,

Ivan D. Brown,  
Cashier

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock.

62-456-345

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque N. M.

August 12th 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio Texas

Re: Chas (Pretty Boy) Floyd

This Agent while in Gallup N.M. met J. M. Pyle an Indian Enforcement officer who has recently been transferred from Muskogee, Oklahoma to Gallup, N.M. J. M. Pyle was working the Osage county when the Hale and Ramsey investigations were going on and is considered reliable.

Mr. Pyle states that he has recently been working in the vicinity of Sallisaw, Oklahoma and also around Bixby, Okla. and is well acquainted with the hangouts of Chas. Floyd and his partner, Adam Rachtetti and also knows Old Man Hardgraves, Floyd's father-in-law; that Hardgraves lives two miles south and three miles west of Bixby, Okla. and Floyd's wife and baby boy reside with her father, Mr. Hardgraves, and Floyd visits them frequently. Floyd's father and mother reside near Sallisaw, Okla. and he also visits them frequently and is being protected by most all of the peace officers in that part of the state; that Chas. Price, Sheriff of Tulsa, Okla., has a farm near Tahlequah and Chas. Floyd and Rachtetti go there to cool off and Price gives Floyd all the information that he can get hold of and will protect them in any way possible.

Further stating that Old Man Hardgraves has told him that if he could get in touch with some Government man that he could trust he would put Floyd on the spot as he wanted him caught, that he was tired of having him come around, but he wanted to know who he was dealing with and that it would be kept a secret; that there were plenty of Floyd's friends that would bump him off if they even suspected that he had anything to do with his capture or being killed.

J. M. Pyle states that Hardgraves is not a bad man and it's his belief that if some Government man could talk to him and get his confidence he would arrange the capture of Floyd. The only thing that Hardgraves would fear that it would be found out that he was implicated in the matter. Pyle states that Rachtetti's home is Coalgate and he and Floyd frequent Coalgate.



On July 25th 1933 Chas P. Warner, Deputy U. S. Marshal, went to the house of a man by the name of Cain who resides just north of Hardgraves to serve a warrant on Cain and Floyd. Baccetti and Underhill went out of the back way when Warner went up to the house.

This is being forwarded for what it is worth as possibly the locations of these people are well known and later information than this is available.

Very truly yours  
J. A. Street  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 28, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

This Agent, together with Special Agent G. E. Franklin,  
on August 25, 1935 interviewed L. C. Force, city marshal at Tuttle,  
Oklahoma, who advised as follows:

That Mr. Potter, the Ford Dealer at Tuttle, Oklahoma, has  
to his knowledge made the arrangements for at least two bank robberies  
and submitted to Agent an affidavit substantiating same, advising,  
however, that Potter a year or so ago was involved in fifty or more  
stolen automobiles but was never convicted on them; that Reverend  
W. M. Thompson of Tuttle is one of Potter's co-workers.

Mr. Force further advised that Potter now spends practically  
every day in Oklahoma City where he is supposed to be dealing in used  
cars at the Park and Trade Yard, which is run by Andy Anderson on West  
Main Street in Oklahoma City and that it is Force's opinion that Potter is  
in communication with Davis, Brady and Underhill. He further advised  
that one J. S. Hoffman, who is in the Automobile Finance business located  
over the Fidelity Bank, also works with Potter.

Mr. Force further advised that at the time of the apprehension  
of Harvey Bailey, when the car which Bailey had was traced back to Potter,  
that Potter suddenly became very ill and had a nervous breakdown and was  
scared almost to death. Mr. Force stated that he believes Potter would  
talk if properly handled.

K. D. Dederick,  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

KDD:REB.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 28, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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

Agent while at Chickasha, Oklahoma on Saturday, July 28, 1933 and while in conference with Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow, was advised by Marlow as follows:

That a short time ago he was made a proposition by a man whom he has known for sometime and who is a close relative of one Bridwell, a former associate of "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that this man stated that during the life of Bridwell he protected both Floyd and Bridwell; that they spent at least three or four nights out of every two weeks sleeping in his house; that since Bridwell was killed in an attempted bank robbery he has continued to protect Floyd; that he still spends on an average of one or two nights out of every week or ten days sleeping in his house; that he would like to see Floyd apprehended and that he will assist in his apprehension but that he feels that he should be given something for this assistance and that he otherwise will not be of assistance. His offer is that he will place "Pretty Boy" Floyd on the spot and he can either be apprehended or killed and that he will do this in a manner whereby no officers need be wounded; that he desires nothing until he has done his job but then he desires \$1,000; that for this sum, which is to be paid after Floyd is taken, he will put Floyd on the spot.

Marlow states that when he first got this information a short time ago he went to the State Bureau with it and tried to get the State Bureau and the Bankers Association of Oklahoma to guarantee the sum of \$1000. to be paid to this informant after he had put Floyd on the spot and after Floyd was apprehended but these people would not guarantee that amount.

Marlow advises that he has known this man for a number of years and that altho he is an outlaw himself, he believes that he is sincere in this proposition and he, Marlow, feels that if this party would carry this plan through it would be the cheapest and best way for everyone concerned to apprehend Floyd. He desires that this matter be treated strictly confidential and that if this Division is interested in any way, whatsoever, or if he can be of any assistance, he will be glad to discuss this matter further.

K. D. Deaderick,  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

62-456-354

COPY

(Undated - Rec'd. 9-5-33)

Alexander, Ark.

Mr. Colvin  
Department of Justice

Your honor-

I am doing time for the State of Ark. one year and got this time when I were working with Burns Agency through Memphis office. The charge I am here on were stealing a car. myself and one of Charley Floyd buddies got the car. I was connected with Charley at the time this was last Jan. I have lots of information you need. I did time with Charley in Jefferson City Mo. the Burns Agency said that would take care of me on any job so I am here and have parole time done the Judge that gave me my sentence said he would sign my papers the Warden will sign some I have bin a trusty ever since I ben here Your honor if you could send R. E. Delaney at Perry, Okla. to me I can give you lots of information. Mr. Delaney knows me personal worked with me but I do not want the Burns Agency to know anything A. B. Cooper only needs a bottle and a big steak in front of him and the best hotel in town you cant catch these men this way Let the following men no nothing of your business all officers in Sallisaw including George Cheek the former Sheriff Mr Cotton Fred Green Now Green has a brother at the State Captil somewhere and the officers at Stilwell at Talaquah Grove and Jay all Okla Now Mr. Colvin you do not know me but I give R. E. Delaney as reference. I can not tell you in this letter like I could talk with you are Mr. Delaney Now if I could help you in any way whatever I will be glad to do so with the right men that will put there life up to catch them But you cant catch these men in fine hotels It my duty to give you this information but without R. E. Delaney I would not myself go and help capture those bad men I know this man will shoot it out with them I had connection with them when Ash Grove Mo. bank was robbed the middle of Jan. I am 16 miles south of Little Rock, Ark. at the Girls Training School

Your very truly

John L. Moore  
R #1, Box 16.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

62-456-383



FSS:MAB

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 7, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Al Marlowe, Deputy Sheriff, Chickasha, Oklahoma, this date advised the writer that the Sheriff at Waurika, Oklahoma on September 3, 1933 told him and Sheriff Crip that he had information that looked good; that on the date Nash was arrested Davis and Bailey received a telephone call advising them that Nash was arrested at Hot Springs and en route to Kansas City; that they came into Sulphur, Oklahoma and later caught a plane and went to Kansas City.

F. S. Smith,  
Special Agent

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

62-456-385

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 12, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: Vernon G. Miller with aliases-FUGITIVE  
et al; Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor  
to Heliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

In reference to information furnished by Mr. Carlock, whose offices were until recently next door to this office, to the effect that two prominent hideouts near Ardmore, Oklahoma were Penningtons, about 10 or 12 miles N.E. of Ardmore, and the Pruitt ranch, about 3 miles from Ardmore:

Agent, while at Ardmore, made the following inquiries and investigation relative to these two places and any other known places in that vicinity:

Agent talked with Mr. Bennetts Wallace, a well known and reliable police officer at Ardmore, and he advised that the only Pennington that lives in the vicinity of Ardmore, to his knowledge, and he has been there for a great many years, is one J. R. Pennington, who lives 3 miles north and a little west of Ardmore. This man, J. R. Pennington, has never been known to be mixed up with any outlaws whatsoever and is considered one of Ardmore's best citizens. Wallace stated that undoubtedly whoever gave the information relative to Pennington was either misinformed or there might be a Pennington in some other part of the country, but that J. R. Pennington is not a person who would harbor criminals or would be involved with them in any way. Relying on this information, Agent did not deem it necessary to make a personal survey of the Pennington ranch.

Agent, accompanied by Bennetts Wallace, made a survey of Byrd Pruitt's Place, as well as Byrd Pruitt's daughter, Birdie Pruitt's place.

These two persons, Byrd Pruitt and his daughter, Birdie Pruitt, are notorious characters and for the past several years are known to have harbored and protected criminals and, according to Wallace, it is a known fact that these persons protected the Jarrett boys, Elmer Imman and recently Ed Davis and Bob Brady. Their places, as personally observed by Agent are as follows:

1. Byrd Pruitt - 3 miles east of Ardmore on Highway 70 to the Pruitt Brick School House on the left, which is about 200 or 300 yards off the highway; turn left from highway 70 and here pass this school house. Straight on beyond this schoolhouse, approximately a quarter of a mile and about 75 yards to the left of the road is located Byrd Pruitt's house, same being surrounded by blackjacks.

2. Birdie Pruitt has a farm which is adjoining Byrd Pruitt's farm and to reach same a person travels 5 miles east on Highway 70 and turns to the left (the same as going to Byrd Pruitt's place) and turns to the left again just before reaching the brick school house, and her house is on the right hand side of the road, not over 50 feet from the road; it is the first house after passing the school house.
3. Another way to reach Byrd Pruitt's place is to drive on the road as described above in No. 2, beyond Birdie Pruitt's place, to the first road which turns to the right and this road leads down to the black jacks to within about 150 to 200 yards of Byrd Pruitt's place, where there is a large gate which is kept padlocked with a log chain.
4. Birdie Pruitt has a house in town in Ardmore, located at 26 Second Avenue, which is a small frame house and which is located near the railroad tracks and in the toughest part of Ardmore.

The above houses of Byrd Pruitt and Birdie Pruitt in the country are just small one-story farm houses with one or two small out buildings close by.

E. D. BRADERICK,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-414



KID:MSB

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 5, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

On September 26, 1933, a party called at the Oklahoma City Division Office and stated his name was Luther Blythe; that he lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma but did not have a permanent address, receiving his mail at General Delivery, Tulsa. He stated that he knows a woman who goes by the name of Golda Smith; that Golda Smith, from all indications, acts as a go-between for Wilbur Underhill, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and several other notorious outlaws, particularly in the eastern part of Oklahoma; that her parents reside near Blackwell, Oklahoma - their names or definite address he was unable to furnish. Mr. Blythe stated that he thinks he would be able to secure some information of value through Golda Smith, if this office desired that he endeavor to do so.

Blythe further stated that he would later call at this office in person or by telephone and talk with the Special Agent in Charge personally.

K. D. DRAKEBICK,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-449

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 5, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

On this date, Mr. Ross William Meredith, 22 years of age, called at this office and stated that he is married and has one small child; that he is a plasterer by trade and is now living at 521 East 8th Street, Oklahoma City.

Meredith appears sincere and truthful in his statements relative to the following information:

That he personally is acquainted with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and saw Floyd about ten days or two weeks ago; that Floyd is now separated from Rochetti and that Floyd is not connected with Wilbur Underhill, Ed Davis, Jim Clark or Bob Brady; that Floyd has spent practically all of his time recently hunting and fishing in the mountains near Howe, Oklahoma.

Meredith further stated that he has a sister, who now goes by the name of Alma Camage, alias Sims, alias Prince, and that this sister was a few years ago convicted with Ed Davis on a charge of highway robbery and served her sentence and is now out; that she is at the present time hanging around McAlester, Oklahoma, her exact address there not known, but that she is in touch with Ed Davis and may also know the whereabouts of, or be able to contact, Underhill, Clark and Brady.

Meredith stated that several members of his family have been in trouble from time to time and some of them have been convicted; that he has never been arrested; that he knows George Kerr, Deputy Sheriff here in Oklahoma City and that he, Meredith, came to this office voluntarily, not expecting any reward or pay, but decided that he would be of any service possible providing he would not be exposed and put in a position of being harmed by the above mentioned outlaws.

Agent explained to him that at the present time the persons implicated in the Urschel kidnaping case require the close attention of members of this office but that as soon as the Urschel case is tried, he will be contacted further. Meredith stated that he does not know exactly where he will be for the next week or ten days, but gave Agent the following addresses through which to contact him, stating that it would be better to write him in a plain envelope giving him instructions where to come or what to do:

Sister - Mrs. B. E. Caviness, 2120 N.W. 23rd Street,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mother - Mrs. Belle Nichols, R.F.D. No. 1, Box 20,  
Kiowa, Oklahoma.

He stated that it would be better to write a letter to him at 2120 N.W. 23rd Street and that his sister would forward it to him as she will be aware of his whereabouts at all times.

(10-16-33, at Ft. Sill, working for  
Sherman Machine & Iron Works from  
10-21-33 to 11-20-33. K.D.)

cc Division Oklahoma City  
Little Rock Kansas City

K. D. Deaderick,  
Special Agent.

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FOOTNOTE: - 9-15-34

Heredith has called at this office since my arrival here. He does not know Floyd and has no information of value to furnish. He expressed a desire to "go to work" for the Department of Justice in an effort to capture Floyd.

Dwight Brantley,  
S. A. C.



Fort Smith, Arkansas

October 18, 1935

Mr. E. H. Calvin  
Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
234 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in reference to the Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd matter.

Late in the evening of October 15th, Detective L. J. Higgins, Police Department, Fort Smith, informed me that he was interested in the capture of Floyd and had a confidential informant who was residing at 223 North B. Street, Fort Smith, that was willing to convey what information he could secure as to the location of Floyd if he was given some of the reward after Floyd's capture. Mr. Higgins tells me that Mrs. Ruby Floyd and her son "Jackie" who are the wife and son of "Pretty Boy" are living at the above address and on a number of occasions Floyd has visited them and as a matter of fact comes and goes as he pleases without any fear that he will be molested either by the state or city authorities.

On the following evening, Captain L. E. Means, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol got in touch with me and he informed me fully as to the part he is playing in the capture of Floyd. From what he has told me, I gather that he has about the best connection here to cause Floyd's apprehension, however, he feels that if a contact can be made to work this end he can use his contact somewhere else.

On the following day, Sunday afternoon, Constable Jack Pace and George Smith who is employed by a Detective agency at Ft. Smith, came to my room and informed me that upon learning that I was in town, wanted to be of some assistance in the capture of Floyd, who was evidently getting protection from the local police authorities as he was visiting his wife frequently in Fort Smith. Both appeared to be sincere and stated that they were not interested in the reward for Floyd's capture. Mr. Pace stated that he had a confidential informant by the name of G. I. Walker, who resides at 218 North C. Street, Fort Smith, a former Preacher that owns the property that Mrs. Floyd is now occupying, and it was his, Mr. Pace's opinion that Mr. Walker would be willing to do all in his power to effect the apprehension of Floyd.

Mr. Walker was later interviewed by Captain Means and Mr. Pace

and he very willingly consented to do all in his power to have Floyd captured.

He informed Captain Means and Mr. Pace that Floyd was at the home of his wife at least three times last week but stayed but a short time on each visit. He stated that he did not believe Floyd was very far away from Fort Smith as she leaves her home in an old Chevrolet Coupe about dusk nearly every day and goes north of Fort Smith and it was his opinion that she meets Floyd in one of his hang outs.

Sunday night, Mr. Walker informed Mr. Pace that a doctor had just left the home of Mrs. Floyd and upon making inquiries learned that she was seriously ill with pneumonia. Today, Mr. Walker informed Mr. Pace that he visited Mrs. Floyd and while she is a sick woman, she was much improved.

At time of writing this letter, Mr. Smith, whom I have previously mentioned in connection with this matter, informed me that he had a reliable informant by the name of Joe Stevens who also wanted to assist in the capture of Floyd and that he wanted to do it through a spirit of revenge. It appears from the conversation of Mr. Smith that Stevens' wife is a sister of Rabbitt Collins; that Collins' wife is a first cousin of Floyd. Stevens states that to save Rabbitt Collins, he entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court for violation of the prohibition act he served in the State Penitentiary at Arkansas eight months. During the time he was incarcerated, Cripp McCune stole the affections of his wife and with the help of Rabbitt Collins got her using dope. Stevens states that on 10-12-33, his wife sued him for divorce and he made his mind up to do everything in his power to have Floyd caught as he was mainly responsible for his, Stevens, wife leaving him and later becoming a dope fiend.

Stevens also stated that about a year ago, Bill Bridwell and his wife and Floyd and his wife stayed at his home for three days hiding out from the police and that he would not arouse suspicion if he went to the home of Floyd's wife, as a matter of fact, he was at her home today and found her in bed sick. It is Stevens intention to hire a room from a lady that lives next door to Mrs. Floyd, so that he can keep a watch on the place at night. He states that it is his belief Floyd will be in Fort Smith within a few days and as a matter of fact almost any time or just as soon as Floyd learns of his wife's being sick.

The only one that knows at Police Headquarters and Sheriff's office that the Government is interested in the capture of Floyd and that I am making an investigation to effect his apprehension is Detective Higgins. I have said nothing to Chief of Police Connor or Sheriff Williams. I have been too afraid of a leak, for if the news reaches the ears of Floyd that the Government is making an investigation of him at Fort Smith, he will not come in. He does not fear the City or State Authorities. Detective Higgins tells me that orders have been issued at police headquarters that the State of Arkansas did not want Floyd, and if any member of the department endeavored to capture Floyd, he did it at his own risk. Of course, if I can get Floyd in the house, I will not



hesitate to call on Chief Conner and Sheriff Williams for assistance and I have reasons to believe they will fully cooperate.

I might add here that my assignments at Fort Smith are about completed, and as I have got to be in constant touch with these informants, especially at night, may I request that you forward more work which can be made either at Fort Smith or which would be within easy reaching distance of Fort Smith with my car.

I will keep you constantly advised of any developments of this matter.

Truly yours,

J. J. Perkins,  
Special Agent

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-495



Fort Smith, Arkansas  
October 18, 1933

Mr. R. H. Colvin  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I am writing you further in reference to Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I have been in constant touch with the parties that are working with me on this matter the entire day and nothing starting has developed.

Yesterday afternoon Nathan Massie, State Highway Patrolman from Missouri hired a room with [redacted] (confidential informant) in a house located across the street from the house occupied by Mrs. Floyd. It is an excellent spot to observe the movements of Mrs. Floyd or anyone else night or day. Mr. Massie is working under my instructions in the absence of Captain Means who was suddenly called away to attend court in Missouri. He is expected to return here tonight. I have instructed Mr. Massie to keep a close watch on [redacted] and he reports that [redacted] exhibits a fine spirit of sincerity and did not sleep a minute last night he was so anxious to get something to report. Last night, Otto Viets, another State Highway Patrolman from Missouri with arms and ammunition, reported to me as instructed by Captain Means. He is registered in the same hotel as Massie under the assumed name of Jack Jones. Massie is registered as Hurst. They are registered at the Como Hotel which is reported to be a house of prostitution. This afternoon, Massie and Viets were to make the rounds of the various boot-legging joints and houses of prostitution in the vicinity of where Mrs. Floyd resides to make contacts and secure information. They are supposed to be "hot shots" and much wanted by the police.

Today at noon, Constable Jack Pace reported that C. I. Walker, the "Preacher", informed him that about 11:30 A.M. he was at the Floyd home when Grace Collins, the wife of "Rabbitt" Collins, and who is a first cousin of Floyd's, brought a paper to Mrs. Floyd to read; that this paper embodied the information that Floyd was willing to give himself up to the authorities of Oklahoma if he did not receive a death penalty, etc. After reading this article, Mrs. Floyd and the Collins woman had a hurried conversation and immediately got in touch with "Bud" Matheney who lives with Mrs. Floyd and is rumored to be one of her sweethearts. Shortly afterwards all three left in Matheney's green colored automobile, I believe it is an old model Chevrolet Coupe or Roadster. Mr. Walker states that when they left the house they traveled north. I have instructed Mr. Massie to report to me immediately the time of arrival of Mrs. Floyd.

Tomorrow, I will contact the Sheriff at Berryville, Arkansas, as instructed in your letter of the 17th ultimo.

Will advise you further.

Truly yours,  
J.J. Perkins,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City

Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-491

Fort Smith, Arkansas  
October 20, 1933

Mr. R. H. Colvin  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

In reference to the Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd matter. On October 19, 1933, I got in touch with Henry Wilson, Sheriff, Berryville, Arkansas, and he recited in detail the same story regarding the information obtained from a confidential informant that he the informant knew the location of Floyd and was in contact with Floyd on Monday a week ago, as was set out in letter of Inspector F. M. McConnell. In addition to this, Sheriff Wilson stated that he had the utmost confidence in this informant whose name was [REDACTED]. I might add that he said that he was willing to offer his services, but felt that he should be paid or share in the reward if Floyd was captured. I informed him that the Division had nothing to do with the distribution of the reward in any way, but the Government would deeply appreciate his cooperation and as a matter of fact did thank him for the information supplied by him. He finally agreed to assist in every way possible to effect the apprehension of Floyd.

On even date, I proceeded to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where I got in touch with [REDACTED] gave the same statement to me as was contained in letter of Inspector McConnell and further added that he has been in constant touch with Floyd for the past year and a half and during that time has been Floyd's errand boy. He states that he bought supplies for Floyd a week ago and Floyd expects him to return to get more supplies for him. He says that Floyd is in the region of Brushy Mountain which is about 45 miles north of Muskogee. That in the immediate section of where Floyd is stopping, there are three farm houses, one of which Floyd occupies from time to time. He says that he, of course, does not know if Floyd is there at the present time, but, it is his belief that he is. That he has put Floyd on the "spot" on three different occasions and each time the parties interested got cold feet and did not dare to go through with the venture of capturing Floyd. He says that he is ready any time I am to go through with his part in the affair and will be willing to not only to place Floyd in such a position that he cannot fight back, but will do his share in the capture of Floyd.

[REDACTED] appears to be sincere and has guaranteed to produce sufficient information to prove that he is telling the truth in the event that something should happen that Floyd would not put in an appearance at the designated time and place. I questioned him very closely as to his interest in the matter and his statement was that he was in desperate need of money and he might as well get the reward for the capture of Floyd as any one else.

Arrangements have been made that I am to meet [REDACTED] tomorrow,

October 21, 1933, at nine o'clock am. I have agreed to hire a car for him for the purpose of his going to seek Floyd. If Floyd is there, he will give [redacted] money as usual to get him supplies. On the following day, [redacted] will deliver the supplies to Floyd which will result in his capture.

My plans are as follows: Captain Means has two men who are absolutely reliable. He is to be with me tomorrow. If [redacted] reports that Floyd is in his hideout, Captain Means is bringing his two men to Muskogee. I will get in touch with Sheriff Wilson at Berryville, Arkansas. From what he has told me, he can bring a Deputy that is reliable. In respect to the officials of Oklahoma, I do not know anyone that I could trust, although the Sheriff at Muskogee, Jack Cannon, was suggested by the Sheriff from Kansas City, Missouri, who was with Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office, as absolutely reliable. In talking to [redacted] he says he is not and indicated to me that he would not play if Sheriff Cannon was in the picture. Another thing that comes to my mind is the fact that if Floyd is apprehended, what will I do with him. Of course, I will immediately communicate with you if he is apprehended. I might take the privilege of suggesting this. In the event he is captured, I will immediately proceed with him to Kansas City, Missouri, which will bring him within the jurisdiction of the Federal Warrant as well as the State warrant on a charge of murder. If we delay him in Oklahoma, we are liable to lose him by any circumstance.

This is all I have to report for now. I will keep in constant touch with you.

Truly yours,

J. J. Perkins,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-501



Tulsa, Oklahoma

Nov. 13, 1933

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge:

On Nov. 9, 1933, Leo Granger, ex-policeman at Tulsa, Oklahoma, called on me at the U. S. Attorney's office and had with him a man named [redacted]. Granger advised me that he has known [redacted] for some time and had used him as an informant on several occasions. [redacted] stated to me that he is well acquainted with [redacted] and that [redacted] knows Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd very well and has known him for about seven years. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was then in Joplin, Missouri and that he believed he, [redacted], could induce [redacted] to come to Tulsa and make some contacts which he believed would result in the location of Floyd, however, [redacted] explained that [redacted] was without funds and it would be necessary for someone to advance him sufficient money to make the trip to Tulsa and to pay his expenses for board and room while here. [redacted] further advised me that [redacted]

and for that reason [redacted] would be willing to do everything possible to locate Floyd so that he would be in the good graces of the Court when he appeared for final disposition of his case. [redacted] referred me to former U. S. Attorney John Goldesberry and Prohibition Agent William Wolverton for information regarding him.

Mr. Goldesberry informed me that [redacted] had been used a great deal by the Prohibition Bureau in making prohibition cases but that he, Mr. Goldesberry, does not have a great deal of confidence in him. Prohibition Agent Wolverton stated that he had used both [redacted] in many cases and had found them honest and capable of making contacts. This was particularly true as to [redacted] however, Mr. Wolverton stated that he had never used [redacted] on anything but prohibition matters and he could not make any statement as to their ability in other matters.

Leo Granger today advised me that he had arranged for [redacted] to come to Tulsa and he is presently in town. Granger called the State Bureau of Investigation at Oklahoma City and requested them to send a man to Tulsa to help work out this matter. I talked with [redacted] and he stated that he has known Floyd for seven or eight years and knows him very well. He states that [redacted]

[redacted] is able to obtain information from his former wife regarding Floyd which the wife in turn has secured from Mrs. Floyd. He further stated that last February he spent several hours with Floyd, in the apartment of a colored woman in Tulsa, drinking. [redacted], at the request of Granger, returned to this apartment tonight and contacted the colored woman. According to [redacted] this colored woman, whose name he has never learned, stated that Floyd was in town last Thursday and is expected to return the early part of next week.

Granger stated that his interest in this matter was to share in the reward for the apprehension of Floyd and that he has agreed to divide it with [redacted]. Granger said that he was responsible for having

67B [redacted] come to Tulsa and he believed he can produce results. He also stated that since [redacted] is here there will have to be some arrangement made to take care of his expenses and wants to know whether the Government is interested in paying his expenses. I recall that you advised me there is no Federal Warrant for Floyd. Will you kindly advise me as soon as possible whether the Division will authorize the payment of any money to [redacted] in return for his services?

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-454-546



BHC:GMH

224 Federal Bldg.,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
Nov. 18, 1933.

Mr. H. E. Hollis,  
c/o United States Attorney,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, et al  
Obstruction of Justice.

1670  
Having reference to your memorandum of November 15th, regarding the proposed utilization of [redacted] as an informant in this matter, please be advised that the Division would not be interested in paying [redacted] any money for his services until after he had produced something. I would not consider paying his expenses merely to ascertain whether or not he can deliver the goods, but you may inform him that should he furnish information which resulted in the apprehension of Floyd, we would pay him a reasonable amount for his services. However, no money whatever will be advanced. So far as I know at the present time, there is no reward for Floyd, although I will make further inquiry at the Governor's office.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-554



Tulsa, Oklahoma

Nov. 19, 1935.

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge:

In accordance with your instructions, I interviewed Mr. D. Brown, Cashier, Citizens Security Bank, Bixby, Oklahoma, on Nov. 19, 1935 to secure such information as he might have regarding Charles Floyd. Mr. Brown was located and interviewed at Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Mr. Brown had advised the Oklahoma City Office that customers of the Bank come in saying that they see Floyd ever so often and that one customer, a local blacksmith tells that Floyd visits at the home of a neighbor two or three times a month.

Mr. Brown advised me that he believes some of the people making reports to him merely imagine that they have seen Floyd. The blacksmith mentioned is Joe Smith, Bixby, Oklahoma. Smith according to Brown is quite illiterate. During the summer, Smith came into the Bank and said that Floyd is friendly with two families named Palmer and Green who reside near Smith and that Floyd is reported to visit these folks. At the time Smith was in the Bank, he stated to Mr. Brown that he had seen Floyd on the streets in Bixby. Mr. Brown has talked with Smith several times since then but he has no new information. Mr. Brown also stated that T. M. Keaster, a farmer at Bixby, Oklahoma, and who lives near the home of Ben Hargreaves, father-in-law of Floyd, reported to Mr. Brown some time ago that he, Keaster, had seen Floyd going through a cotton patch to the home of Hargreaves. Mr. Brown stated that he doubts seriously whether Floyd visits Hargreaves for the reason that it is near there that a trap was laid for Floyd several months ago. The trap failed and Floyd killed an officer in making his escape. Mr. Brown further stated that the main reason he had communicated with the Oklahoma City Office was to show his good faith in the matter as it is common talk in Bixby that no one wants to see Floyd caught. An arrangement was made with Mr. Brown whereby he will notify the Oklahoma City Office or this Agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma in the event he receives any information which he believes to be of value in assisting the Division in causing the apprehension of Floyd.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-562

November 21, 1933

Memorandum for the files.

James T. Dempsey, 1503 Spruce St., Texarkana, Texas, called an Agent and stated that he had information that Charles Floyd and Charles Chapman make the Little Tavern, Boulevard and Texas Ave., Texarkana, Texas, their headquarters when in Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas. He said that this is a bootlegger's joint run by Mildred Brower and that Charles Chapman is sweet on this woman. He said that Melvin Anderson residing across the street from Mildred Brower may also be protecting Chapman and Floyd when they come to Texarkana. Grace Norman, a prostitute, who lives just beyond the Little Tavern, told Dempsey that Floyd is known in New York as Jake Towns, and that she saw Floyd in Texarkana two months ago. He said that Floyd stayed at the Grim Hotel last winter for some time and Perry Keith, the manager of that hotel last year, knew that Floyd was staying in the hotel. He said that the police departments in both Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas are both crooked and not to be trusted if Floyd and Chapman are located in those cities.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he was employed by the Ingram Lumber Co. at Cove, Arkansas for 19 years and is known to Mr. E. K. Ingram of that company who resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He said that he was employed as a special officer at Wright City, Oklahoma for three years by the Diarkes Lumber Co., that he was dropped by that company in December, 1932 and has been working as a private detective in Texarkana since then. He said that he worked as a special policeman for the Kansas City Southern for three years, from 1926 to 1929. He stated that he is doing odd jobs for W. O. Rochelle, claim agent for the K.C.S. R.R. at Texarkana, Texas, and gave Mr. Rochelle as a reference. As there was not anything definite in Mr. Dempsey's information, Agent asked Mr. Dempsey to send any information that he might secure about Floyd's and Chapman's whereabouts to the Oklahoma City office of the Division and gave Mr. Dempsey the office address of the Oklahoma City office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Butterworth,  
Special Agent.

cc Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-365

Tulsa, Okla.  
Nov. 3, 1935

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge:

Officer Morgan, Identification Bureau, Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has referred to me Mr. J. W. Woody to furnish information relative to Charles Floyd.

I interviewed Mr. Woody and he stated that he has no permanent address but receives mail at General Delivery, Bixby, Oklahoma and can usually be located through Mr. Ebaner who lives two miles West and one mile North of Bixby. Woody states that he formerly lived at Ballisaw, Oklahoma and is an ex-deputy sheriff. He states that Assistant U.S. Attorney Frye at Muskogee, Oklahoma is well acquainted with him and can vouch for his veracity. Woody claims that he is personally acquainted with Floyd, having been raised in the same County with him. He also states that if the Government is anxious to cause the apprehension of Floyd he, Woody, can bring this about, if the Division desires to assign an Agent to work with him for a period of time. He also states that one Joe Morgan, a former law enforcement officer who lives at Muskogee, Oklahoma is acquainted with Elmore Edwards of Alma, Ark., and that Edwards has been furnishing Morgan information regarding Floyd and Morgan in turn advises Woody as they are both working together in an effort to locate Floyd so that they can collect whatever reward is outstanding for him. According to Woody, Elmore Edwards has a sister Bees Edwards who is living in a house at Ft. Smith, Arkansas with a woman named Hope----. This house at Ft. Smith, it is reported by Edwards, is a hideout for Floyd and he has concealed there a number of guns and a quantity of ammunition. The exact location of this house is not known but Woody stated that if I would accompany him he would be able to determine the location in the matter of a day or so. Woody states that he is well acquainted around Bixby, Oklahoma and that there are numerous people there who know Floyd and know his movements and Woody has agreed to accompany me or any other Agent of the Division to Bixby and Ft. Smith to conduct an investigation. He states that he is positive that he can produce results.

I advised Woody that the Government would not likely employ him on a salary basis. He stated that he is not particularly interested in a salary so long as his expenses during the time he was working with an Agent were paid. Woody is primarily interested in collecting the reward. He assures me that he can furnish me with the names of numerous responsible people who will vouch for his good character etc.

Woody expects to be around Tulsa for the next several days. Kindly advise me whether it is your desire that I work with him to see what results he can produce, it being noted that Woody suggests investigation at Bixby and Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock

Oklahoma City

62-456-573



Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Nov. 25, 1933

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Jas. K. Cooper, who lives on a farm 3 miles west of Valliant, McCurtain County, Okla. and 1/8 mile north of Highway 70 and who has just been appointed supervisor of payrolls for the Civil Works Administration in McCurtain Co., says he has known Pretty Boy Floyd all his life also Mrs. Floyd. He says Floyd he is convinced has the protection of certain Sheriffs in Cherokee and Sequoyah Counties and perhaps in McIntosh Co.

That one Wash Edwards some sort of relation of Mrs. Floyd until 2 yrs. ago lived with his wife and 4 or 5 kids 1 mile N. of Hitchita in McIntosh Co. Edwards had nothing but suddenly about 2 yrs ago next January, somebody bought him a new car and he and his whole family disappeared between mins leaving their place just as it was, and it has been impossible to find out where he went to, until recently when he learned that Edwards is living 10 M. west of Paula Valley.

Mr. Cooper thinks Floyd furnished Edwards the car & money and got him to move away, so that Floyd could use Edwards old place as a hideaway. Maybe he also stops at Edwards new place. Edwards 15 yr. old boy fell off a freight train at McAlester last year and had his leg cut off. The Railroad Company sent him home (the records of the R.R. Co. at McAlester ought to show just where they sent him).

Edwards is short & stout weighs about 240, Florid Complexion, has a wife and 4 or 5 kids. James Cooper also says there is a doctor at Seminole who is still treating Floyd and that he Cooper knows a woman at Seminole, who could find out from the Doctor, when Floyd would appear for treatment.

With respect to Wilbur Underhill, Mr. Cooper says there is a saddleman named Truitt, who lives about 10 miles north of Valliant who is reported to be married to a sister of Underhill; that the neighbors report many good cars visit them. Also that Underhill is reported to have stayed there on various occasions.

Mr. Cooper will help out.

R. H. Colvin

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-575

Tulsa, Okla.  
Nov. 10, 1933

Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge

Joe Alvarado a convict at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., was brought to Tulsa the other day to testify in a State case. While here Alvarado sent for me and I interviewed him at the County Jail. He advised that he is well acquainted with Wilbur Underhill as they were both in the McAlester Penitentiary at the same time. He also stated that he is very much interested in seeing Underhill and Charles Floyd caught as they are both dangerous men and for that reason desired to furnish me with information which he had obtained while confined in the Penitentiary. Alvarado stated that there is an ex-convict named Ford, first name unknown, who is presently residing at Gravette, Arkansas and that Ford is very close to Underhill and other outlaws. It is the information of Alvarado that Underhill is coming into Ford's place from time to time. He also stated that Underhill has some connections around Vian, Oklahoma and further that Charles Floyd, according to information obtained in the penitentiary, has been sick with a fever and has been taking baths at the Springs near Gravette, Arkansas. Alvarado expects to obtain more definite information after his return to the Penitentiary and he will furnish this information to the Division.

I only know Alvarado by reputation and that reputation is he is a killer, however Officers and others who know him in Tulsa state that he is undoubtedly one of the best informed men on outlaws in Oklahoma and if he agrees to do something he will do it. Alvarado stated that Agent Frank Smith is well known to him and that Agent Smith could make a statement as to his trustworthiness.

Respectfully,

H. E. Hollis,  
Special Agent.

cc-Division  
Kansas City  
Little Rock  
Oklahoma City

62-456-577

FOOTNOTE: - 8-15-34

Joe Alvarado is now in the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

Dwight Brantley,  
SAC.

Little Rock, Ark.

1/8/34

Mr. Solvin:

Complying with your telegraph instructions I proceeded to Hot Springs, yesterday and interviewed Superintendent T. J. Allen of the National Park. He stated that on January 4 last Miss Gladys Wilson who edits the Public Opinion Newspaper at Hot Springs informed him that one Joe Dillard of Hot Springs recently sold Frank Clarke, a friend of Galatis, a ten acre plot of ground located near Jessieville, Arkansas which had a log cabin on it; that recently Mike Sevier made the remark that Joe Dillard and a fireman from Hot Springs, name not known, while hunting near this cabin a few days ago were stopped by a man who is in charge of it and told that it was private property and they did not want any one around there.

Mr. Allen added that he later was advised by Sid Frank, Manager of the Albemarle Bath House at Hot Springs, that a man, whose name he would not divulge but who was high enough in the City circles to know, told him, Frank, that the "City Bunch" at Hot Springs were hiding Galatis out in the Country close to Hot Springs and that if Ed Spears was trailed he would lead officers to the hide-out as he was in contact with Galatis. I understand Ed Spears is a friend of Galatis and is in with the City Officials there. Mr. Allen stated that he had no information as to Galatis's whereabouts but that there had been rumors that Galatis may be hiding out near Hot Springs; that as he was a close friend of Frank Clarke who was formerly connected with him in the slot machine racket there, he thought the information was of sufficient importance to forward on to you.

I later interviewed Miss Gladys Wilson for any additional information she might have, she advising that she has no information indicating that Galatis is hiding out at the Clarke cabin at Jessieville. She stated this cabin is said to be located about three miles from Jessieville going towards Hot Springs; that she did not know whether it was on the highway but the cabin is located in what is known as Whit Bottoms. Jessieville is about fifteen miles Northeast of Hot Springs and is surrounded by mountainous and sparsely settled country. She stated she suspicious Galatis of being at the Clarke cabin or some other place in the close vicinity because of Clarke's close connections with him.

You are already familiar with Miss Wilson and her publication which apparently is fighting the City Administration at Hot Springs. I think her intentions are O.K. but do not think much of her as a source of reliable information. She stated she does not know the name of Clarke's nephew, who is taking care of his place. She added that she does not know Joe Dillard and that the information about Dillard being ordered from the land he sold to Clarke came confidentially from Mike Sevier who happened to overhear Dillard make the statement to that effect. Sevier apparently suspected that something might be wrong at the Clarke cabin in view of the fact that they seemed



to be guarding it against intrusions by strangers.

Agent Anderson came in this evening and I furnished him with the above outlined information.

L. M. Chipman  
Special Agent

SS-454-708

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City

Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases.

January 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Agent interviewed Mr. F. J. Ellison 1024 Park Ave., Hot Springs, Ark. at his home about 3 p.m. Mr. Ellison stated that he had been informed by a Mr. Neal who is the Manager of the Newberry's 5 and 10 cent store at Hot Springs, Ark. that Mr. Neal had heard City Detectives Cecil Brock and Charles Buckalow talking about delivering mail and papers to Richard Galatas. Mr. Ellison said that he was in the Newberry Dept. Store on Saturday, January 6, 1934 and heard Cecil Brock say to Charles Buckalow "You had better get the paper out to Dick at once as the paper says that he is to be taken dead or alive."

Mr. Ellison stated that either Cecil Brock or Charles Buckalow take a trip into the country daily and are gone for about an hour and that he believes that they may be in contact with Richard Galatas during these trips.

Mr. Ellison said that he does not know whether Brock and Buckalow saw him at the Newberry Dept. Store on January 6, 1934 when they had the conversation about Galatas.

Mr. Ellison is game warden in the western part of Arkansas and informed Agent that Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin and Judge Ledgerwood have been into Little Rock, Ark. and seen Gov. Putrell in an endeavor to have Mr. Ellison discharged as Game Warden. He said that he is not a favorite with any of the peace officers in Garland County and that he does not trust any of these officers. He asked Agent whether U. S. Commissioner was to be trusted. He said that he asked this question because he reported to Mr. Huff on January 9, 1934 that he had heard two men say that they knew where Galatas was located and that Mr. Huff asked Mr. Ellison a lot of questions concerning the two men in order to see if Mr. Ellison knew the identity of these men. He said that he became suspicious of Mr. Huff and did not tell him that the men were Police Officers in Hot Springs. He said that Mr. Huff called up someone in Little Rock, Ark. and reported what Mr. Ellison had told him but that Mr. Ellison did not know whom Mr. Huff called up over the telephone at Little Rock. He said that Mr. Huff asked him to come into Mr. Huff's office tomorrow and report if he had any further information concerning Galatas.

Agent advised Mr. Ellison not to give Mr. Huff any information which he may secure in this matter but to advise Mr. Colvin by letter if the information is not urgent and if he considers that he has any "hot" information concerning the whereabouts of Galatas to call Mr. Colvin by long distance, with charges reversed, from some point outside of Hot Springs, Ark. if possible and if it is imperative to call from Hot Springs, Ark. to make the call from a pay station over an automatic telephone.

Mr. Ellison said that he consulted Mr. Huff in this matter because he is U. S. Commissioner and because he did not know anyone else to trust in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Ellison stated that he will notify Mr. Colvin if he secures any information of the whereabouts of Richard Galatas.

cc Division Little Rock  
Kansas City Oklahoma City

R. N. Butterworth, Special Agent



FSS:MMB  
62-454

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
January 8, 1934

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al.

While at Muskogee, Oklahoma on the 3rd instant, Mr. Buckelberry Shell, former Deputy Sheriff at Stillwell, Oklahoma and at present on guard at the convict camp near Bunch, Oklahoma, advised me that on the Friday evening prior to Christmas eve, that he was at a public Christmas tree set up at the Greasy School Building about six miles south of Bunch, Oklahoma; that after dark a car drove up and parked some distance away and three men, whom he did not know but presumed were local characters in that vicinity, walked up to the crowd assembled at the Christmas tree and in a few moments they were followed by "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who shook hands generally, remained a short while and left.

Shell expressed the opinion that Floyd is hiding out near the Arkansas and Oklahoma line in the Cookson Hills and advised the writer that he would endeavor to obtain definite information of interest and would advise the Division office.

Shell receives his mail at the present time at Sallisaw, Okla.

F. B. Smith,  
Special Agent.

62-454-753

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City



TMB:MBB  
62-454

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 22, 1934

Re: Vernon G. Miller (Deceased), et al.

While Agent was in Chickasha, Oklahoma on January 12, 1934, he was informed by Sheriff Horses Crisp that a machine shop gunsmith shop and general hardware store had been operated for several years there by Percy, Tance and George Nichols, uncles of Eva Mae Nichols, who it will be remembered was in the house at Shawnee, Oklahoma when Underhill was apprehended. Sheriff Crisp stated that he had reason to believe that they were repairing guns and selling ammunition to the outlaw gangs in Oklahoma. Agent was also told by a former employee that at the present time the Nichols brothers had a Browning automatic rifle in their possession and it will be recalled that Wilbur Underhill had many loaded clips to fit a Browning automatic rifle at the time of his capture.

The Sheriff also informed Agent that these men had bank balances in three banks far in excess of any other shop doing the same amount of business.

Investigation at the First National Bank, the Oklahoma National Bank and the Citizens Bank, Chickasha, Oklahoma, revealed that this firm had accounts in all three banks of around \$2000.00; and that in two of the banks they also maintained safety deposit boxes.

Agent was also informed by Sheriff Crisp and Deputy Sheriff Marlow that George Nichols is a dope fiend.

This information is being submitted in order that an investigation might be made, if deemed advisable.

T. M. Birch,  
Special Agent

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

62-456-971

MEMORANDUM

62-456  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
January 30, 1934.

Pursuant to instructions from SAs R. H. Colvin, I inquired of Spence Aikin, Sheriff, Frederick, Oklahoma, concerning Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd who is alleged to be stopping on the farm of one Tipton about ten miles northwest of Grandfield, Oklahoma, and driving a Chevrolet Sedan with Washington, D. C. license plates, and having three or four weeks growth of beard.

Sheriff Aikin said that he believed this information is the result of some strangers being in Grandfield selling furs which are alleged to have been smuggled into this country. He said, however, that there is a Tipton who is a farmer and lives about nine miles southwest of Grandfield, and while he is regarded as a responsible citizen, he has several sons whose reputations are questionable. Sheriff Aikin said that that particular part of the country would be a good bet to locate Floyd as he attended school at Davis, Oklahoma at one time, and apparently has several friends in that vicinity. The Sheriff will make a more definite check at Grandfield and especially concerning the farm owned by Tipton nine miles southwest of Grandfield, and report his findings to the Oklahoma City office.

PAUL HANSEN,  
Special Agent

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

62-456-784

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 24, 1934.

Re: Vernon Miller, et al

On the afternoon of this date, 1-24-34, Mr. U. H. Reeves, lawyer, 415 Majestic Building, Oklahoma City, telephone 2-9033, called this office on the telephone, and stated that he had some information that he believed is of some importance in this investigation, and desired to talk to an Agent.

The undersigned Agent called on Mr. Reeves at his office, this date, and he furnished the following information: That Wesley G. Bailey, who now has offices in the Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, and purports to be an Attorney at Law, was in 1921 under prosecution in the State Courts of Wilkes County, State of Georgia, for defrauding Lida A. Smith out of some five or six hundred dollars; that the case was to have been tried in the August term of Court in Wilkes County in 1921; that Bailey disappeared, and that case has never yet come to trial. Further, that according to his, Reeves, information, Bailey was implicated in two hi-jacking jobs at Birmingham, Alabama in 1925; and was implicated in a hi-jacking job at or near Oklahoma City about 1931.

Reeves further stated that he secured part of his information from Dr. L. E. Glass of Oklahoma City, who is a very reputable and dependable citizen, and part of his information from the wife of Wesley G. Bailey, they being now separated.

Reeves stated that on the day before the Kansas City massacre, an unknown man appeared at Bailey's office in the Colcord Building, and left a letter with instructions to mail same thirty-six hours later; that this person was at that time endeavoring to contact Verne Miller; that this same party returned on the late afternoon of the Kansas City massacre and picked up the letter which he had left with Bailey to be mailed. Bailey is supposed to have told Dr. L. E. Glass about this.

Further, that Bob Brady, when he was in Oklahoma City, stayed in a rooming house run by Mrs. English, this being the same place where Bailey lives; that during the course of the recent Urschel Kidnapping trial, Wilbur Underhill and Vernon Miller were both in Oklahoma City, but did not come together; that they both contacted Wesley G. Bailey, Bailey having met Underhill at 114 SW 26th Street, Oklahoma City.

Reeves stated that according to his information, Bailey works with counterfeiters, and furnishes counterfeit money to Bankers who are short in order that the Bankers can put this money into the money stacks when the Banks are examined; that Bailey's fees are from five to forty cents on the dollar; that Dr. Glass can furnish more detailed information relative to this.



Also, that Vernon Miller and Bailey would hold their meetings at a widow's place which he, Reeves, believes was the last house on the north side of Southwest Twenty-third Street, going west off Walker.

Reeves advised that Bailey had a brother by the name of Vince Bailey; and that another man known as "Red" (last name unknown) and Vince Bailey works with Bailey; that the three of them always have a large roll of bills although they have no apparent source of income.

Mr. Reeves stated that he would secure the residence address of Bailey's wife here in Oklahoma City, in the event it is desired that she be interviewed.

K. D. DEADERICK  
Special Agent.

62-456-790

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City

Poteau, Oklahoma

January 26, 1934.

Mr. Frank Smith,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I believe I have a clue as to where Floyd (pretty boy), is hiding that is part of the time, not sure however, I think I have enough information to justify an investigation, have not taken this matter up with our County Sheriff, and would rather not. Did mention this to Bob Lackey, Sheriff of Pittsburg County, and he advise me to write direct to you, also, mention this to Mr. Prell, special agent for the K.C.S. Railway Co. and he thought it best to write you, hence, I write this letter.

To learn something about me, I refer you to Clark Wasson, United State Marshall, at Muskogee, would rather you would not ask our Sheriff, Marshal Blaylock about me, don't let him know that you want to see me. Will explain my reason for same if I can see you face to face.

Yours very truly

(Signed) Jasper M. Butler

P.S. Don't tell Wasson the name of the party I am writing about, will explain why when I see you.

62-456-798

cc Division  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



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From: UNIT 1

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:CSH

August 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the press dispatch dated at Belleville, Illinois, August 21, 1934, 11:38 A.M., which indicates that an individual believed to be Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was arrested there by the Sheriff, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Vetterli of the St. Louis Office, who advised that he was in receipt of a telegram from the Sheriff reporting that the individual arrested had been identified as Leonard Byington alias "Pretty Boy" Byington, who was wanted for a murder committed about two years ago, and that fingerprints had been taken and were being furnished to the Division. Mr. Vetterli inquired as to whether an Agent should be sent to Belleville and I advised him that if he is certain that the individual under arrest is not Floyd it would not be necessary.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby  
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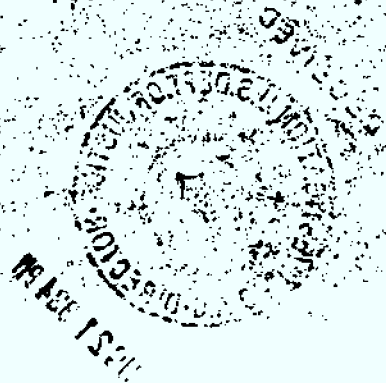
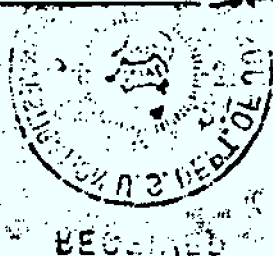
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**BELLEVILLE, ILL.--A MAN BELIEVED BY SHERIFF JEROME MUNIE OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY TO BE CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD WAS ARRESTED HERE TODAY.**

**THE MAN WAS ARRESTED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE SHERIFF. DETAILS OF THE CAPTURE WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN, OTHER THAN THAT THE SHERIFF WAS INFORMED THE MAN WAS CONSTANTLY REFERRED TO BY FRIENDS AS "PRETTY BOY."**

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**V BELLEVILLE, ILL.--SHERIFF JEROME MUNIE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A SUSPECT THOUGHT POSSIBLY TO BE CHARLES PRETTY BOY FLOYD WAS A ST. LOUIS GANGSTER**  
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**M ADD SUSPECT BELLEVILLE**

**SHERIFF MUNIE SAID THE SUSPECT WAS FOUND ARMED WITH TWO .45 CALIBRE AUTOMATICS.**

**HIS IDENTITY WAS NOT POSITIVE, THE SHERIFF ADMITTED.**

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