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Special Agent in Charge,  
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RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PETTY BOY" FLOOD,  
with aliases (deceased) et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 18, 1934 the Division transmitted to your office an abstract of the criminal record and a photograph of one John Laxie, Division No. 881713, with the request that an appropriate investigation be made with a view to determining whether this individual is identical with the late John Laxie, Italian political leader, who was murdered at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 10, 1934.

The Division desires that this matter receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased) et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 13, 1934 you were instructed to prepare at the earliest practicable date diagrams of the Union Station Plaza and of the route followed by subjects Floyd and Richetti when they arrived in Kansas City with Sheriff Jack Killingsworth.

The Division desires that this matter receive immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
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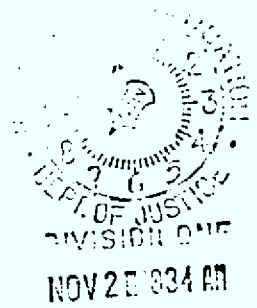
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October 31, 1934

Director,  
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Re: CHARLES ARTHUR  
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of October 27,  
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Heber Nash, brother of Frank Nash, deceased.

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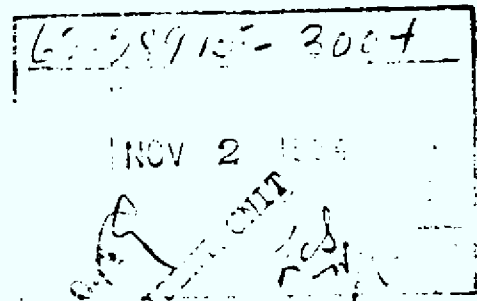
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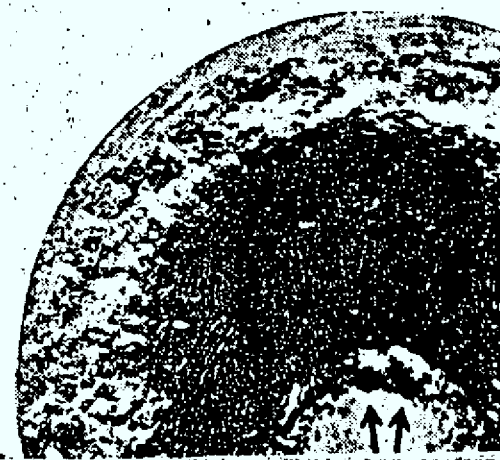
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Merle A. Gill, Ballistician,  
Reveals Definite Link  
in Shootings.

THEORIES CONFLICT

North Side Leader May  
Have Been Slain Because  
He Knew Gunmen.

Pictures on Picture Page.

By W. G. SECRIST.

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A machine gun firing pin  
used in the slaying of Frank  
a-h. recaptured convict, and

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the night before the massacre. The meeting was at a point in the Central Industrial district near the Loose-Wiles Biscuit company plant.

#### Talk of Banditry.

The sheriff and Walter Griffith, Clinton, Mo., real estate man, had spent all day preceding the massacre as captives of Floyd and his grim-eyed companion, Adam Ricchetti. They had been kidnaped early the morning of June 16, 1933.

Speeding along the highways of western Missouri, Floyd talked grimly of his life of banditry and admitted he probably would pass out with his body full of bullets from the guns of law enforcement officers.

The captives and their captors spent three hours that afternoon in a wood near Ottawa, Kas., waiting until darkness to keep a rendezvous in Kansas City, although the sheriff and Griffith did not know this at the time.

It was near 10 o'clock when the four drove across the intercity viaduct from the west and under cover of darkness stopped the car near the biscuit company plant.

#### Talked With Friends.

Floyd ordered the two victims to remain in the car for a few moments while he talked to friends. It was plain he had a prearranged plan to meet these friends.

Sheriff Killingsworth said Floyd and Ricchetti took the two machine guns and other weapons with them.

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Micro-photo of cartridge case found at scene of Lazia slaying.



Base of cartridge case found at scene of Lazia slaying.

These micro-photos, according to Merle A. Gill, Kansas City ballistic expert, prove that bullets fired in the Union station plaza massacre and the John Lazia "spot murder" were detonated by the same firing pin, indicating that the same weapon, or at least the same firing pin—the pins are sometimes switched from one gun to another—figured in both crimes. The upper photo, which is an enlargement of many times of the primer of a cartridge case recovered at the scene of the plaza massacre, discloses that there were flaws in the firing pin which detonated the cartridge. The center photograph is a similar enlargement of the primer of a cartridge case recovered at the scene of the Lazia slaying. It reveals that the firing pin that detonated the cartridge was the same as that which deto-

—Photos Copyright, 1934, by Merle A. Gill. nated the plaza massacre cartridge, as the same flaws show up in both photographs. The flaws in the firing pin caused the egg-shaped bulges indicated by arrows in the photographs. The bulges were caused by the backward force of the explosion of the cartridges which compressed portions of the primers into the flaws in the firing pins. These bulges are not discernible to the naked eye in an examination of the cartridge cases. The lower photograph shows the complete base of the cartridge case recovered at the scene of the Lazia killing, the primer being the inner circle and the bulges caused by the flaws in the firing pin again being apparent, although, of course, not enlarged in the same degree as in the two upper photos. Both cartridges were fired from a Thompson sub-machine gun.

information involving Lazia and his followers in the wholesale killing at the Union station has been supplied federal investigators by James LaCapra, Kansas City gangster. If LaCapra's statement is true, it would indicate the men who operated with the North side politician later turned on him and brought about his murder.

Gill, who has examined hundreds of guns of every description and thousands of bullets and cartridge cases, definitely links the two killings through ballistics evidence.

The conclusive evidence which connects the two machine gun slayings, in the opinion of Gill, involves two cartridge cases. One was picked up near the bodies of Nash and the four officers at the Union station and the other was found in a clump of bushes at the east side of the Park Central hotel, where Lazia's slayers stood the morning of July 10 last as they shot him down.

#### Show Similar Markings.

Microscopic comparison of the cartridge cases, both of which were from a Thompson sub-machine gun, showed similar markings, Gill said. The firing pin of the weapon used in the Union station killing had two defects which left markings on the primer of the firing case.

The markings were so clear that Gill used them as a guide in examining many other cartridge cases brought to him in the hope that they would lead to the identification of the station killers. His search went unrewarded for months. Then came the "spot" murder of Lazia.

#### Show Same Markings.

Although the ambushers of Lazia apparently fled from the scene without being seen, they left one bit of evidence behind in the shape of a cartridge case ejected from their machine gun. Gill obtained the little brass cylinder and examined it as a matter of routine. He then went through his files of similar exhibits and finally reached one labeled "The Union Station Massacre."

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Turn to Page 3, Column 4.

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#### Dog Tired.

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n were slain.

#### Federal Agents Firm.

ederal officers and Sheriff  
B. Bash Thursday stood  
their statement of Wednes-  
the Union station delivery  
as carried out by Floyd,  
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Moon," which the Kansas City  
Civic theater will present Friday  
and Saturday nights in Ivanhoe  
temple as its initial production.

point near Floyd's rendezvous of  
the night before.

Enforcement officers working on  
the case are convinced, they said,  
the three found sanctuary for a  
short time in a place there con-  
trolled by Kansas City gangsters.  
There they believe Floyd's shoulder  
wound, suffered in the station fight,  
was patched up.

#### Waited for Darkness.

Later, possibly not until after  
darkness had fallen, the three drove  
to the Miller house and remained  
under cover until they could flee  
out of town.

According to the enforcement of-  
ficers, Miller went to Cleveland  
after an agreement to meet Floyd  
there at an appointed time soon  
afterward, possibly for the payoff  
of the Union station job.

For Floyd's flight he used a mo-  
tor car which had been stolen some  
time before in St. Louis by Kansas  
City gangsters and brought here  
for the express purpose of being  
used in an emergency "getaway."

As a proof that Miller and Floyd  
did meet in Cleveland the officers  
assert the stolen St. Louis car was  
found later partly burned near  
Cleveland.

#### Offered as Proof.

This angle of the case is offered  
by officials as further proof Floyd  
did contact Miller and did partici-  
pate in the Union station slayings.

## Floyd Used Postcard to Deny He Had Part in Station Massacre

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd went  
to some pains to deny to Kansas  
City police a few days after the  
Union station massacre that he had  
any part in the slayings.

He utilized a postcard to make

selves.  
"My kindest regards to Sheriff  
(What-a-Man) Killingsworth. So to  
a picture show and to some of your  
night life and to bed."

One theory offered Thursday  
cerned reports that Lazia had been  
active in aiding police in solving a  
number of major crimes.

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away, according to this story.

The ballistics evidence connecting  
the Lazia killing with the Union  
station massacre was in the hands  
of federal agents July 30, just  
twenty days after the North side  
politician was shot down in front  
of the Park Centre hotel. Gill had  
made his comparison of cartridge  
cases found at the scene of both  
crimes and had discovered identi-  
cal markings. He notified the gov-  
ernment of this.

#### Then LaCapra Entered Case.

Whatever importance the govern-  
ment attached to this evidence at  
the time, so far as is known no at-  
tempt was made to involve Lazia  
followers. Then LaCapra was  
brought to the attention of police  
and government through two at-  
tempts on his life by gangsters, the  
first at Independence avenue and  
Benton boulevard and the second  
on a highway near Wichita, Kas.

LaCapra was brought to Kansas  
City from Wichita after he had been  
detained for questioning there and  
for treatment of wounds received  
in his brush with the gangsters. He  
was held incommunicado in a soli-  
tary cell in the gallows room in the  
county jail.

#### Questioned Many Times.

Federal agents and Sheriff Bash  
questioned LaCapra many times,  
but nothing of importance was ob-  
tained from him until September  
28 when he made a lengthy state-  
ment naming "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
Verne Miller, Minnesota gangster.



## 'LAZIA SLAIN BY UNION STATION PLAZA KILLERS'

Continued from Page 1.

two cases were made and the same markings left by the firing pin were found. The evidence is indisputable, Gill declared Thursday.

Two small bulges, the marks of a defective firing pin, were left in the cartridge cases and they were identical, Gill said.

While the ballistics believes the same weapon was used in the Lazia killing and the station slaying, he said it was possible that the killers exchanged firing pins—that is, took one from one weapon and affixed it to another. But even if that were true, Gill declared, it still would mean that the killers were associated and had the opportunity to handle both machine guns.

### Many Theories Advanced.

Many theories were advanced Thursday to explain why the men alleged by LaCapra to have been associated with Lazia should seek Lazia's life after participating in the Nash killing with Lazia's knowledge. LaCapra's purpose in making his statement involving Lazia is known to have been the result of a falling out over profits from various rackets. LaCapra also feared for his own life, and with good cause, as two attempts were made to shoot him down after Lazia had been slain.

One theory offered Thursday concerned reports that Lazia had been active in aiding police in solving a number of major crimes.

According to this theory, Lazia station massacre, Capra, but knew the could and the killers are of it he would even find. I, too, with information, comfort, the result of this, ent, co, this line of re- dules; li- loges agents reasserted by three men took a killing of Nash

from four different weapons, Gill said. Caffrey was mortally wounded by ball bearings fired from a shotgun. Nash met his death from bullets fired from one of the machine guns, and Reed was slain with bullets from a Colt .38 revolver and from a machine gun. A Thompson sub-machine gun also cut down Grooms and Hermanson.

### Discrepancies in Story.

Certain discrepancies have appeared in LaCapra's statement, indicating that some of his information may have been purely imaginative. According to Gill, his assertion that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was wounded by a bullet from Grooms' pistol is without foundation. There were two empty cartridge cases in the detective's weapon but one was placed there by Grooms several days before his death as a precautionary measure and the other was fired as he fell under the machine gun charge. The bullet from the second case was found embedded in the ground beneath his body.

Other discrepancies concern one of the cars that carried the killers to the Union station plaza to await the arrival of Nash and his guards. No trace of the vehicle was found after it sped away from the scene toward Broadway. However, witnesses have been found, it was reported Thursday, who say the killers' car made a sharp right turn after reaching Broadway and sped into the tunnel beneath the Union station where are located loading docks for the American Express company. The killers, it was said, parked their car, walked back to the Union station plaza and joined the crowd attracted to the scene of the killing. That night a huge moving van was sent to the tunnel and the car was loaded in it and carried away, according to this story.

The ballistics evidence connecting the Lazia killing with the Union station massacre was in the hands of federal agents July 30, just twenty days after the North side politician was shot down in front of the Park Central hotel. Gill had made his comparison of cartridge cases found at the scene of both crimes and had discovered identical markings. He notified the government of this.

and Adam Ricchetti, an associate of Floyd, as the station slayers. Miller was the victim of torture murderers in Detroit several months ago. Floyd and Ricchetti have not been heard from in months, causing some to advance the theory they were slain as was Miller. However, authorities give little support to that theory.

Floyd and Miller were named as members of the machine gun band by the government within a week after the station killing. Miller was known to have been in Kansas City at the time, posing as a family man and living with his wife and her 10-year-old daughter in the Armour Hills district in the southwestern part of Kansas City.

### Charged With Conspiracy.

Although Ricchetti was known to have been in company with Floyd when they made their sensational dash from Bolivar, Mo., to Kansas City with Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Polk county, Mo., as hostage, the day before the massacre, his name never was connected with the station massacre until federal agents made it public Wednesday following the announcement of the arrest of Richard T. Galatas, Hot Springs racketeer. Galatas, friend of Nash, was charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the belief that he started in motion the plot to free the escaped convict after he had been taken prisoner by federal agents in Hot Springs.

Miller was implicated in the crime at the Union station by finger print evidence found in his South side home by Jack Jenkins, chief of detectives of Kansas City.

Kas. Jenkins examined dozens of beer bottles in the residence and Miller's was among the prints found. That was the first knowledge that he had any part in the killing. Floyd's name was drawn into the slaying the day of the crime because it was known he had arrived in Kansas City the night before.

At least five other men, three of them convicts who escaped in the Memorial day prison break at Lansing, also were named. But later they were found to have had no part in the crime.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1934.

## KIDNAPED SHERIFF DOUBTS FLOYD HAD HAND IN MASSACRE

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walked down the street a short distance and stood talking to some men in another car, which he thought was a Chevrolet.

"Floyd had ordered us to remain in the car; had threatened that if we moved we would be mowed down by machine gun fire," said the sheriff.

"He told me that he was to be met in Kansas City and that he would release us there. But he told me we would be followed. He instructed me to drive to Lees Summit and eat dinner there.

"After a few minutes of talk with the men in the other car, it was driven alongside our car. Floyd and Ricchetti got in with the other men. They told us to drive on and to follow instructions or we would be sorry.

### Drove to Lees Summit.

"So we drove across Kansas City to Lees Summit. We knew we were being followed all the way. We knew we were being watched while we ate lunch in McKisson's restaurant there. That is why I didn't try to notify police of Kansas City until later."

The sheriff said he called some friends at Clinton, Mo., from Lees Summit and told them to meet him there. He and Griffith then began their drive to Clinton, leaving about 11:15 o'clock that night.

According to the sheriff their car was followed for some distance out of Lees Summit, probably fifteen or twenty miles. He said he did not believe Floyd followed him, but expressed the opinion it was some of Floyd's Kansas City friends who trailed them.

### Both Dog Tired.

Continued on his experience, the

## In Play at Ivanhoe



—J. Alfred Mitchell Photo.

Miss Mary Ann Blakeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blakeney, 5124 Walnut street, will play a leading role as Elizabeth Rimplegar in Gertrude Tonkonog's comedy, "Three-Cornered Moon," which the Kansas City Civic theater will present Friday and Saturday nights in Ivanhoe temple as its initial production.

point near Floyd's rendezvous of the night before.

Enforcement officers working on the case are convinced, they said, the three found sanctuary for a short time in a place there controlled by Kansas City gangsters. There they believe Floyd's shoulder wound, suffered in the station fight,

the denial and mailed it at Springfield, Mo. The message was addressed to the Kansas City police department. The postmark on the card was dated at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, June 20, three days after the bloody attempt to deliver Frank Nash at the Union station.

The card read:

"Dear Sirs: I, Charles Floyd, want it known that I did not participate in the 'massacre' of officers at Kansas City. CHARLES FLOYD."

At that time there had been speculation whether Floyd participated in the murders following reports he had been seen in and near the city the same day.

Following up his postcard denial to the police, Floyd, or someone representing himself to be that outlaw, wrote the Journal-Post, expressing thanks for publication of the postcard message.

The letter to the Journal-Post, written in facetious vein, was written on stationery of the Young Men's Christian association three days after the postcard was received.

The letter:

"One of your courteous officers directed me to your local Y. M. C. A., and I wish to thank you for your front page flash that I am innocent of the killing of the officers at your Union station.

"Also I wish to present my appreciation of the Sedalia police department in purchasing those new submachine guns. I am afraid I'll have to visit them again and confiscate them—they may hurt themselves.

"My kindest regards to Sheriff (What-a-Man) Killingsworth. So to a picture show and to some of your night life and to bed."

## 'LAZIA SLAIN BY UNION STATION PLAZA KILLERS'

Continued from Page 1.

two cases were made and the same markings left by the firing pin were found. The evidence is indisputable, Gill declared Thursday.

Two small bulges, the marks of a defective firing pin, were left in the cartridge cases and they were identical, Gill said.

While the ballistics believes the same weapon was used in the Lazia killing and the station slaying, he said it was possible that the killers exchanged firing pins—that is, took one from one weapon and affixed it to another. But even if that were true, Gill declared, it still would mean that the killers were associated and had the opportunity to handle both machine guns.

### Many Theories Advanced.

Many theories were advanced Thursday to explain why the men alleged by LaCapra to have been associated with Liza should seek Lazia's life after participating in the Nash killing with Lazia's knowledge. LaCapra's purpose in making his statement involving Lazia is known to have been the result of a falling out over profits from various rackets. LaCapra also feared for his own life, and with good cause, as two attempts were made to shoot him down after Lazia had been slain.

One theory offered Thursday concerned reports that Lazia had been active in aiding police in solving a number of major crimes.

According to this theory, Lazia station massacre, LaCapra, but knew of it—he would even involve them. The result of this line of reasoning; li-

from four different weapons, Gill said. Caffrey was mortally wounded by ball bearings fired from a shotgun. Nash met his death from bullets fired from one of the machine guns, and Reed was slain with bullets from a Colt .38 revolver and from a machine gun. A Thompson sub-machine gun also cut down Grooms and Hermanson.

### Discrepancies in Story.

Certain discrepancies have appeared in LaCapra's statement, indicating that some of his information may have been purely imaginative. According to Gill, his assertion that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was wounded by a bullet from Grooms' pistol is without foundation. There were two empty cartridge cases in the detective's weapon but one was placed there by Grooms several days before his death as a precautionary measure and the other was fired as he fell under the machine gun charge. The bullet from the second case was found embedded in the ground beneath his body.

Other discrepancies concern one of the cars that carried the killers to the Union station plaza to await the arrival of Nash and his guards. No trace of the vehicle was found after it sped away from the scene toward Broadway. However, witnesses have been found, it was reported Thursday, who say the killers' car made a sharp right turn after reaching Broadway and sped into the tunnel beneath the Union station where are located loading docks for the American Express company. The killers, it was said, parked their car, walked back to the Union station plaza and joined the crowd attracted to the scene of the killing. That night a huge moving van was sent to the tunnel and the car was loaded in it and carried away, according to this story.

The ballistics evidence connecting the Lazia killing with the Union station massacre was in the hands of federal agents July 30, just twenty days after the North side politician was shot down in front of the Park Central hotel. Gill had made his comparison of cartridge cases found at the scene of both crimes and had discovered identical markings. He notified the gov-

and Adam Ricchetti, an assassin, as the station slayer was the victim of torture in Detroit several months ago and Ricchetti have not been from in months, causing advance the theory they were as was Miller. However, ties give little support theory.

Floyd and Miller were members of the machine by the government within after the station killing. Known to have been in Kansas at the time, posing as a father and living with his wife, 10-year-old daughter in the Hills district in the south part of Kansas City.

### Charged With Conspiracy.

Although Ricchetti was have been in company with when they made their dash from Bolivar, Mo., City with Sheriff Jack Kil of Polk county, Mo., as he day before the massacre never was connected with the massacre until federal made it public Wednesday the announcement of of Richard T. Galatas, racketeer. Galatas, frier was charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the bel started in motion the the escaped convict al been taken prisoner agents in Hot Springs.

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October 29, 1934

Personal and Confidential

Mr. R. E. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The statements of Merle A. Gill, Kansas City ballisticsian, which were published in the Kansas City Journal-Post on October 11, 1934, relating to the Kansas City Massacre and Latta Murder Cases, have been brought to my attention.

I believe that it is a very unwise policy to discuss evidence of this type in the newspapers, prior to the actual trial of the cases in which this evidence may be of fundamental importance. I have observed from this newspaper article that the ballistics evidence collected in the Kansas City Massacre and Latta Cases has been photographed and the similarities appearing in the various bullets pointed out in the newspaper. This procedure, of course, places the defendants in these cases upon notice as to the nature and exact type of the evidence which may be introduced against them. I desire that you and the Special Agents of your office, hereafter, be very cautious and circumspect in your dealings with Mr. Gill and that under no circumstances should ballistics evidence in any Division cases be referred to him without prior specific Division authority.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
October 29, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases  
(deceased), et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL  
PRISONER.

There no longer exists any necessity of covering  
the mail of Leon Louquet and family, Freehold, New Jersey,  
and the same may, therefore, be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City  
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# WESTERN UNION

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

October 29, 1934

WILLIAM LARSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 30, 1934

DB:CG

Mr. George E. Hill,  
Post Office Inspector,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request in your letter dated October 29, 1934, I am enclosing here-with one photograph of "Shine" Rush, which is the only one I have available at this time. I have requested the Police Department at Oklahoma City to furnish you additional copies of this photograph.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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November 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased) et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 8, 1934 the Division requested an explanation as to why it is necessary to refer to a confidential informant in a personal and confidential letter without disclosing the name of the informant as was done in your letter dated September 25, 1934.

The Division desires that you give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased) et al;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 12, 1934 the Division requested that a photograph of Mrs. Esther Farmer be obtained and forwarded to the Division in order to complete its files.

It is noted that Mrs. Farmer has since appeared as a witness before the Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, and no doubt photographs were taken of her on this occasion. Therefore, copies should be immediately obtained and transmitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

6:00 P.M.

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October 30, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. R. B. Nathan called and stated that the Missouri State Highway Patrol is very anxious to get Richetti back to Kansas City from Ohio; that Major Means, their representative at Ohio was in to see Mr. Nathan today, with Colonel Castile. Mr. Nathan advised that the extradition hearing is set for Thursday and Means believes he (Richetti) will be extradited; however, he is not convinced of this fact. Mr. Nathan further stated that Means desires, for use in the extradition hearing, and any other hearing necessary, that the Division furnish them with test bullets and shells from Floyd's gun, on the theory that one of Floyd's guns was used in killing the two men in Boone county last summer. I advised that we would send Mr. Nathan test bullets for the use of Colonel Castile. He asked as to the possibility of having these bullets sent to Columbus, Ohio, for use in the extradition hearing; that they be sent to Means. I advised that at Colonel Castile's request, we would send the bullets to anyone he designates; therefore the bullets will be sent to Major L. M. Means, Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, tonight or tomorrow morning. Mr. Nathan advised that the local prosecutor states he is not endeavoring to have Richetti returned; that the prosecutor is considering tomorrow, endeavoring to secure extradition papers to have him brought to Jackson County on murder charges, in the event the Boone County officials are not successful in their efforts. He will take no action until after Thursday, so he can determine what action is taken in Columbus.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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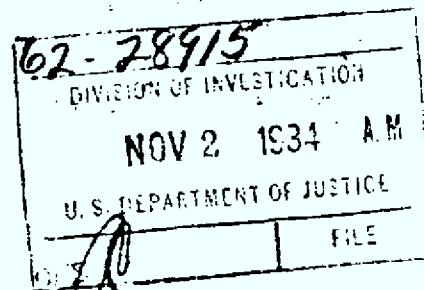
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P. O. BOX 1156,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

October 31, 1934

Mr. Park A. Findley,  
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Capitol Building,  
Des Moines, Iowa



Dear Sir:-

Concerning your request made to Special Agent  
O. C. Dewey, of this office, that the photograph of LEE BOSTETER,  
secured by one of your men and turned over to an Agent of this  
Division attached to the Saint Paul Office, be returned to you,  
I have secured from our St. Paul Office this photograph and am  
attaching hereto, said photograph, with an extra copy thereof for  
your office.

Thanking you very kindly for the loan of this  
picture, I am

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc.

CC Division, ✓  
St. Paul,  
Chicago,  
St. Louis,  
Kansas City

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



1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

October 31, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
Deceased; ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith an original subpoena calling for the appearance of Mrs. Frances Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, November 7, 1934, in the above case. You are advised that this subpoena was issued by the United States Attorney for the protection of Mrs. Nash, and he does not desire that she appear at Kansas City on the date indicated, but that she await further instructions in this regard. In view of this situation, the subpoena is being forwarded to you for appropriate attention, rather than being handled by the United States Marshal.

Very truly yours,

H. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Division  
Chicago

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P. O. Box 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 1, 1934

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

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Dec.)  
ADAM RICCHETTI with aliases; ET AL.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the recent telephonic  
request of Special Agent S. K. McKee of your office,  
there are transmitted herewith five photographs of  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, Deceased.

Very truly yours,

J. J. WATERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 1, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAME

Pursuant to your instructions I telephoned Mr. Reinecke at Indianapolis to advise him of the "wants" posted in the Identification Unit against Frank Lee Callan alias Franklin English, who according to the telegram of the Indianapolis Office dated November 1, 1934, was taken into custody by the Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department on October 31, 1934.

I advised Mr. Reinecke that Callan is wanted as an escapee by the authorities at Huntsville, Texas, having escaped on June 4, 1934 from the State Penitentiary where he was serving a twenty-five year sentence on a murder charge. I told Mr. Reinecke of the wanted notice placed by the Police Department, North Little Rock, Arkansas, against Frank Lee Callan as a possible ident wanted for highway robbery and kidnaping, according to information received by the Division on August 9, 1934. Mr. Reinecke was also advised that this individual is listed on page two of the Fugitive Bulletin issued by the Division under date of September 1, 1934, which Bulletin contains a reproduction of the right index fingerprint of this individual.

Mr. Reinecke stated that he had sent a second telegram to the Division correcting the amount of money reported to have been found on Callan at the time of his arrest. He said that the amount is \$4600.00 instead of \$46,000.00, which amount included a number of new fifty dollar Federal Reserve notes drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Virginia. He furnished me with the serial numbers of two groups which are in numerical sequence as follows:

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E 00440377A to E 00440398A

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Mr. Reinecke suggested that a check be made of these serial numbers to see whether they can be identified as part of any loot taken in any recent bank robbery and after consulting you I requested Mr. Pennington of the Washington Field Office to make an appropriate check with the officials of the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Virginia.

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Memo for Mr. Tamm

November 1, 1934

Mr. Reinecke stated that Agents have been questioning Callan but he refuses to give any information. I called Mr. Reinecke's attention to the report of Special Agent Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 1934 which reflects that an informant of the Chicago Office is acquainted with Callan and has stated that Callan is a contact for Lester Gillis. Mr. Reinecke stated that he would relay this information to the Agents at Louisville and have them question Callan thoroughly respecting Gillis.

I told Mr. Reinecke that the Division would not notify the State authorities at Huntsville, Texas, and North Little Rock, Arkansas, until the fingerprints of Callan had been received but that in the meantime he should communicate with Mr. Conroy at Little Rock in order to ascertain whether there is a Federal angle to the kidnaping case referred to in the "want" placed by the Police Department of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

In accordance with the telegraphic request of Mr. Reinecke I instructed Mr. Hince of the Identification Unit to furnish the Police Department of Louisville, Kentucky, with the criminal record of Callan as being possibly identical with the individual arrested by that Department on the evening of October 31, 1934.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby*  
R. E. Newby.

(COPY)

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 23, 1934.

DB:MMB

Mr. Ellis G. Christensen,  
Commodore Hotel,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18, 1934 with which you transmitted copies of letters you have written to Special Agents O. G. Hall and Paul Hansen of this office.

Please be advised that I am forwarding to the Director of this Division at Washington copies of your letters and you can be assured that the Division is always pleased to receive letters of this nature concerning the services of its employees.

Assuring you of my cooperation in matters of mutual interest, I am

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division

Wichita Kansas  
Commodore Hotel  
Oct. 18, 1934.

Paul Hanson,  
Dept. Justice,  
Okla. City, Okla.

Dear Hanson:

If you will forgive me for being so slow in writing this note I want to thank you for the very fine cooperation you extended me while I was in Oklahoma on the trail of Jim Clarke. Your willingness to cooperate and suggestions and help are appreciated more than I can tell you.

I trust that again our paths may cross and if I can be of any help to you up this way please feel free to call on me. I'll be glad to do what I can.

Sincerely and with best wishes,

Ellis G Christensen  
Highway Patrol  
Kansas.

(COPY)

Wichita, Kansas,  
Commodore Hotel.  
Oct. 18, 1934

O. G. Hall,  
Dept. Justice,  
Okla. City, Okla.

Dear Hall:

A lot of water has gone over the dam since our ride to Lansing with Jim Clarke. I want you to forgive me for not writing you sooner and thanking you for the very fine cooperation you extended us in our search for Jim. Especially for the suggestions, help and courtesousness you displayed to me all along the line. I want you to know I appreciate it all and want you to feel free to call on me at any time that I can be of any service here to you in Kansas.

I had hoped to see you long before this but have been in charge of this Wichita office and busier than a cranberry merchant. I trust our paths will cross again and until that time I wish for you all the luck, breaks and happiness possible.

Again many thanks to you.

Sincerely and with best wishes,

Ellia G Christensen  
Patrol Office  
Wichita Kansas.

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Wichita Kansas  
Commodore Hotel.  
Oct. 18, 1934

Dwight Brantley,  
Dept. of Justice.  
Okla. City Okla.

Dear Mr. Brantley:

The enclosed letters are copies I have written to Paul Hansen and O. G. Hall who worked out of your office and assisted in the capture of Jim Clarke. I would appreciate your noting same and if such is the custom would appreciate that they be made a part of their "file".

I also want to thank you for your part and cooperation. Any time that I can be of service to you in this part of Kansas just let me know and I'll do my best to get the job done.

Many thanks,

Ellis G. Christensen  
Patrol Office  
Wichita Kansas.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 23, 1934

DB:VMB

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter I  
have received from Mr. Ellis G. Christensen, a member of  
the Kansas State Highway Patrol of Wichita, Kansas, together  
with copies of letters he has written Special Agents O. G.  
Hall and Paul Hansen of this office.

A copy of my reply to Mr. Christensen's letter  
is attached hereto.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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W. C. H.

W. C. H.

# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
P. O. DRAWER 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

October 31, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of October 29, 1934 regarding information from one James L. Gordon, Shoe Repair Shop, Metropolis, Ill., please be advised that the letter in question refers to Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was recently killed, and I did not believe under the circumstances the Division desired the lead covered, however, Special Agent J. S. Bush now has this lead on his present road trip.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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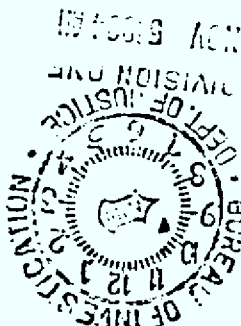
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MR DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

Mr. Nathan called from Kansas City and advised that he had just talked with Mr. Milligan, the United States Attorney out there, and Mr. Milligan said he had a telephone conversation with the Prosecuting Attorney, Lafferty, in Ohio and also with Fultz, the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio, who advised Mr. Milligan that they are ready and willing to turn Richetti over to the Government at any time the Government wants to take him; that Mr. Milligan is very anxious to get Richetti back in Kansas City, his principal interest apparently being to have him there while the present Grand Jury is in session in order to get some sort of a statement out of him for the Grand Jury; that the Grand Jury will expire on Saturday but he may be able to get an order of the court to keep it going beyond that time; that Prosecuting Attorney Lafferty says he speaks for the Sheriff at Lisbon and himself and they are willing to turn Richetti over to the Government. I asked Mr. Nathan if he was the man who was fighting the extradition proceedings before or was the Attorney General of the State fighting them. Mr. Nathan said as he understands it, Lafferty was fighting them for the Highway Patrol; that Richetti had an attorney employed for him by his relatives.

Mr. Nathan again stated that Milligan is very anxious to get Richetti back to Missouri and wanted to know if the Marshal from Cleveland should go down and take him or if the Division should go after him. I told him if the Marshal takes him there will be a great deal of red tape about removal proceedings, etc., but on the other hand there was no reason why the Division should spend money to bring him across the United States. I also told him that I thought it would be embarrassing to the Division to refuse to take Richetti in view of the attitude of the United States Attorney which Mr. Nathan agreed. I told him I would take the matter up with you and see what you wanted done about it and would give him a call as soon as possible.

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Mr. Nathan said the telephone call came to Bash and Milligan from Columbus but they talked to Milligan; that they advised they were ready to turn Richetti over to any representative of the Government presenting the proper papers. I told him that the catch was in presenting the proper papers. Mr. Nathan stated they had a warrant of indictment for Richetti, of which the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio has certified photostatic copies; that Richetti was indicted on a motor theft charge during the present Grand Jury term, since his apprehension and

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certified photostatic copies of the indictment were sent to the Assistant United States Attorney at East Liverpool, while Mr. Cowley was there; that, if necessary, the Division could secure certified photostatic copies of the indictment and get a waiver of removal.

Mr. Nathan suggested that there is in Kansas City, in the event it is desired to leave from there to get Richetti, a plane belonging to Mezare which is being offered to the Division for gas and oil. I told Mr. Nathan I would let him know what you desired to do in the matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized capital 'E' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

E. A. Tamm.

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TO: ✓ Director  
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       Mr. Tolson  
       Mr. Edwards  
       Unit Two

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       Chief Clerk's Office

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E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

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October 27, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated October 18, 1934, regarding the apprehension of one W. W. "Shine" Bush as a result of information furnished by [REDACTED]

In agreement with the recommendation, the Division authorizes payment of \$50.00 to [REDACTED] which should be paid by you to be covered as a confidential item in your next expense voucher.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Adams	✓
Mr. Allen	
Mr. Anderson	
Mr. Baker	✓
Mr. Bell	
Mr. Black	
Mr. Brown	
Mr. Campbell	
Mr. Carter	
Mr. Clark	
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Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 18, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :

For some time past, rumors have been current in various parts of Oklahoma to the effect that one W. W. "Shine" Rush had been an associate of Charles Floyd and Adam Richetti. It is a known fact that Rush is a bank robber and has participated in the robbery of at least three banks in this state.

b7D I have been endeavoring for some time to obtain the services of a confidential informant to furnish information as to the location of Rush in order that he could be apprehended. Several days ago, I found such an informant. [redacted] on a rural route out of Lexington, Oklahoma. Her husband was [redacted] Within a very few days after this woman consented to furnish information, Rush was apprehended by an Agent of the Division and some State officers. [redacted]

I am and have been convinced that Rush has not been associated with Floyd or Richetti. With his arrest, however, the robberies of three State banks have been cleared up. These robberies are as follows:

Comanche State Bank, Comanche, Oklahoma - April, 1933.  
Wayne State Bank, Wayne, Oklahoma - August 1, 1934.  
The State Bank of Garber, Oklahoma - August 29, 1934.

Identifications have been made in each one of these robberies. I had the witnesses come to this office and effect these identifications. [redacted]

b7D [redacted] identified as participating therein. Another associate of Rush, Hugh Matthew Gilley, now in jail at Oklahoma City on State charges, through our efforts has been identified as having participated in the robbery at Garber with Rush [redacted]

Investigation has failed to develop any evidence of a violation of a Federal statute against Rush, and he was by me turned over to the

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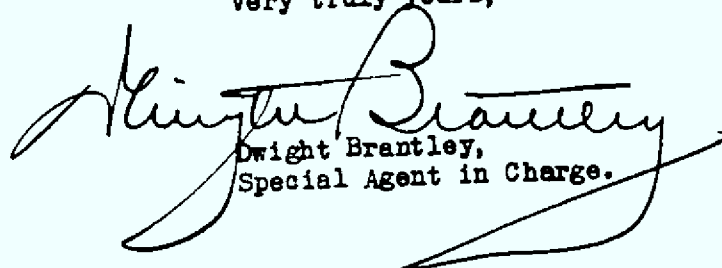
Sheriff at Enid, Oklahoma, on October 15, 1934, to be prosecuted in Garfield County for robbery of the Garber bank. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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While I realize that we have no Federal prosecution against Rush, it was through our efforts that this number of bank robberies has been cleared up, and it was through information furnished by this woman that we effected the apprehension of Rush. These men were potential National bank robbers, and I feel that some good has been accomplished by eliminating them from circulation. I made no definite promise to pay [REDACTED] anything, but I feel that we should pay her at least \$50.00, and I recommend that such be done. If the Division will authorize the payment of such a sum, please inform me whether I shall pay it to her and submit a blue slip, or whether a voucher should be signed by her. She prefers not to sign any voucher.

More detailed information concerning the apprehension of Rush will appear shortly in an investigative report in the case titled "Vernon C. Miller, et al".

Very truly yours,

  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

10:30 A. M.

November 1, 1934.

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Harris at Cincinnati and advised him that a little situation had happened over near Wellsville, Ohio; that Chief of Police Fultz at Wellsville is trying to turn Adam Richetti over to the Division or anybody that will take him this morning; that the Division does not want to have anything to do with him; that if he calls the Cincinnati office on the telephone to tell him the Division is not interested in the matter at all.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
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Laboratory Report

November 1, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Number: 62-28915-2956  
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur  
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al; Conspiracy to  
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens:

One .45 ACP REM-UMC exploded cartridge.  
One bullet.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office

Date received: October 29, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by: *Sw* Ward

The above mentioned empty fired shell calibre .45 ACP, manufactured by Remington, indicates from its appearance that it had been fired in a Thompson Sub-machine Gun.

The bullet part of the evidence consisted of one fired .45 calibre automatic pistol bullet of the metal case type, and it had been fired in a gun whose barrel was rifled with six lands and grooves inclined to the right. This bullet was probably fired out of a Thompson Sub-machine Gun.

These exhibits were checked through the Laboratory Files and no identification was made. They are however being retained for future comparisons when necessary.

It should be noted that these exhibits were received in a condition wherein the bullet was inserted deeply into the shell case, and it was necessary to partially ruin the case in extracting the evidence bullet from it. It is requested that when future exhibits are sent in, the bullets and shells are kept separate from each other.

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November 1, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased);  
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases, I.O.  
#1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd  
with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division October 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
SW

Director.

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November 1, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 4:17 P.M.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired if we had any biographical sketches of Floyd, Dillinger, and some of the more notorious criminals whom we had apprehended, dealing particularly with their boyhood. I informed Mr. Suydam the Division did not have anything of that sort.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases, Deceased, et al  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 6, 1934, addressed to the New Orleans Office in the above entitled case. A copy of this letter was furnished your office with instructions that the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, be consulted relative to the disposition of property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas which is referred to in the report of Special Agent D. W. Magee dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, September 28, 1934. The Division desires that your conference with the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, be expedited inasmuch as the New Orleans Office of the Division has been requested by Mrs. Galatas to surrender her property and car. The New Orleans Office should, of course, be immediately advised as to the decision reached by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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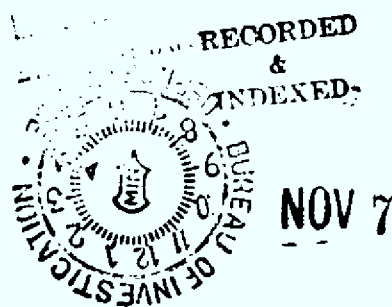
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W. H. FLYNN  
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NEW YORK CITY.

RETEL REWARD MATTER REFER YOU TO DIRECTOR DIVISION INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT  
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### Floyd Let Chief Fultz Down.

There seems to be little doubt that an unkind fate is dogging the footsteps of Police Chief John H. Fultz of Wellsville, O., whose sudden rise to fame as captor of Adam Richetti and near captor of Pretty Boy Floyd last Saturday has been related in the public prints this week. The unfortunate extermination of Floyd, within the ensuing twenty-four hours, by Melvin Purvis and party, seems to have been a detail not altogether expected by the Wellsville chief, and the manner in which the facts in Purvis's exploit have cramped the style of Chief Fultz's interesting version of Saturday's encounter suggests that he is being hounded by the same malicious fate that kept the late Sir John Falstaff from appearing the hero he doubtless really was.

Let us consider first the details of Chief Fultz's exploit, as related in his own simple, unassuming way, under his own by-line: "I shot Pretty Boy Floyd in the stomach. He is badly wounded. . . . Besides being wounded, he is disarmed." Those who were present, however, at the death of Floyd, after Purvis and party had finished with him, found that Floyd was not shot in the stomach; that he was struck by four bullets, three in the back and one in an arm. And he carried two automatic pistols, fully loaded.

This would seem to leave Chief Fultz's version of Saturday's affair 100 per cent wrong, which is altogether too wrong for credibility, even for a police chief. It leaves Chief Fultz in the position of not remembering exactly whom he shot or where he shot him, an uncomfortable position, not dissimilar to that in which Sir John Falstaff was placed by his faithless friends in one celebrated exploit. Falstaff's humiliation occurred because his friends let him down—didn't co-operate in making his story good. Likewise, Chief Fultz seems to have been let down. He supposed that if and when Floyd was captured, he would be facing the bullets. Instead, Floyd tried to flee, and received the fire in the back.

Clearly the blame is all Floyd's. He let the chief down.

Federal revenues are increasing, thanks to some betterment in business. But expenditures, having gained their stride, are keeping a full jump ahead. As the one quickens its pace, the other picks up added speed—and never the twain shall meet.

### FLOYD'S BODY STARTS HOME.

Mother Will Claim It on Arrival in Ballisaw Friday.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Oct. 24.—Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who came out of the West to terrorize and meet death in Ohio, returned to his native Oklahoma today. The body was encased in a rough wooden box and placed on a train here shortly before noon. It was expected to arrive at Ballisaw, Ok., where it will be claimed by his mother, Mrs. M. A. Floyd, some time Friday.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

October 27, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is attached hereto a copy of an editorial which appeared in the Kansas City Star on October 24, 1934 which, in some regards, properly labels Chief of Police John H. Fultz of Wellsville, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Please be informed that Mr. Purvis telephoned on October 27th with regard to the expenses incurred at Cincinnati relative to the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd and wanted to know in what manner these expenses should be covered.

I advised him that in view of the confidential nature thereof, same should be covered by blue slips.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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Post Office Box #2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday, please be advised that the two subpoenas duces tecum arrived in Cleveland the evening of October 30, 1934 and Special Agent W. E. Peters accompanied a Deputy United States Marshal to Walleville, Ohio where the subpoenas were yesterday served upon the Chief of Police and the Mayor of that city. These two officials were instructed to proceed to Kansas City at the earliest possible moment and to take with them the weapons which were taken from ADAM RICHETTI at the time of his arrest in Walleville on October 20. I understand that the weapons are one machine gun with a fifty round clip and a .45 automatic with one or two extra clips.

The Chief of Police informed Agent Peters that it was necessary for the Mayor and himself to appear before the Governor today, November 1, for the purpose of attending the extradition hearing regarding the removal of Richetti from Lisbon, Ohio where he is now being kept, to Columbia, Missouri to answer a State charge of murder. There was a question as to when the officials would be able to depart from Columbus, Ohio for Kansas City and following my telephonic conversation with you informing that it was the United States Attorney's desire that they appear there by at least Saturday, November 3, this information was relayed to the Chief of Police by Agent Peters and the Chief stated that there was every indication that both the Mayor and himself would be in Kansas City either Friday night or Saturday morning as they would undoubtedly be able to depart from Columbus at noon today, November 1.

Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson

Special Agent in Charge NOV 8 1934

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[Signature]

It is left to the discretion of the Kansas City Division  
Office what action should be taken on the letter.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
November 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
with aliases (Deceased), et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reginald Carter, Jr., United States Commissioner, New Orleans, Louisiana, called the attention of the writer to a letter received by him on November 1, 1934, from Henry L. Balaban, an attorney, address Suite 938, 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, dated October 29, 1934, which reads as follows:

"Please forward to me certified copy of order of extradition of Richard Galatas and Elizabeth Galatas from New Orleans to Kansas City, Missouri.

If you did not issue this order, will you be kind enough to redirect this letter to the United States District Court Clerk.

I will guarantee all expenses.

Very truly yours,

Henry L. Balaban (Signed)

By R. Rothstein, Sec."

Commissioner Carter advised the writer that he was going to ignore this request and was not going to refer it to the United States District Clerk.

Apparently, the attorney of reference has in mind taking an issue to the fact that Subject Galatas and wife were removed on a waiver and to Chicago, Illinois, instead of to Kansas City.

The original letter has been surrendered by Mr. Carter to the New Orleans Division Office and it will receive no response but will be placed in the New Orleans Division Office file.

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NOVEMBER 3, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases (Deceased) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letters of October 31  
and October 15, 1934, relative to the identity of one John Lazia,  
Division file Number 381713.

Please be advised that the photograph of the party in  
question, which was transmitted with the Division's letter of  
October 15th, was displayed to Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Kansas  
City, who has been a resident of this place for many years and  
has been acquainted with John Lazia, who was slain at Kansas City  
on July 10, 1934. Mr. Bash definitely identifies the photograph  
shown to him as the likeness of this individual.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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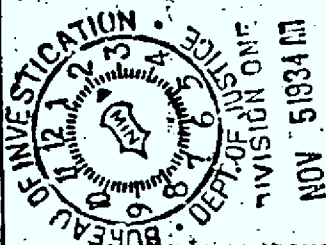
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TITLE: <b>CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Kenneth Frye, subject of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act advised he saw Bernard Phillips in Chicago, Illinois February, 1934. Subject Phillips was believed to be residing at 4425 Hazel Street, Chicago, during April or May, 1934; that Phillips was associating with one Mary Saunders, who resided at 4227 Broadway, Chicago, during June, 1934. Investigation failed to verify statements made by Frye.



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**DETAILS:**

Special Agent Abbaticchio was advised by Assistant U. S. Attorney Fisher, Chicago, Illinois that on October 12th or 13th, 1934 he had entered removal proceedings against one Kenneth Frye, who was being held for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; that Frye had waived removal and would probably be sent to Washington, D. C. for prosecution. Mr. Fisher further stated to Agent Abbaticchio that Frye had told him that he had seen John Hamilton, fugitive sought by the Division, in front of the Seneca Hotel on the near north side in Chicago, Illinois, around the first of October, 1934. However, a police officer, name unknown, according to Mr. Fisher, received the same information from Frye and advised that Frye was merely trying to soften his "rap" by pretending to have information.

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan further interviewed Kenneth Frye in connection with information he claimed to

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have concerning John Hamilton. During the course of this interview Frye advised Agent Sullivan that while in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas from 1930 to 1932, he was the clerk to the superintendent of the shoe factory and Bernard Phillips was the clerk to one of the captains of the guard. Frye stated that he became casually acquainted with Phillips while at Leavenworth; that in February, 1934, he met Phillips on the street at about 22nd Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and being in a hurry only spoke to him a minute or so. During the latter part of April or the first part of May, 1934, according to Frye, he again met Phillips on the street in the 4400 block of Hazel Street, Chicago, at which time Phillips was accompanied by a young woman who was introduced to him as Mary Saunders. Phillips and Frye talked for some time and eventually discussed the Dillinger mob. Phillips advised Frye that he knew all of the mob and told Frye that Hamilton was not dead. Phillips advised Frye, according to the latter, that he had just been to St. Paul and had almost been captured, further advising that he was "as hot as a firecracker." Frye stated to Agent Sullivan that after some further conversation Phillips and the Saunders woman went to the apartment house at 4425 Hazel Street. It was Frye's impression that Phillips was staying at this apartment. Frye furnished the further information that some time during the month of June, 1934, while riding in an automobile, he passed Mary Saunders, who was walking along Broadway about the 4000 block. Frye stopped and talked with her and they went to her apartment on the ground floor of the north wing of 4227 Broadway. This apartment contained a bedroom and living room. He stated the Saunders woman mentioned that she was from Minneapolis and appeared not to be well acquainted in Chicago. Frye stated that it was his opinion that Phillips was keeping her because she mentioned something about the "big boy" providing her with clothes.

Frye stated that he saw Mary Saunders once again and went to her apartment; that he, Frye, left for Washington, D. C. on July 25, 1934. He stated that about September 10, 1934 he desired to obtain some information in regard to a parole he was one from the state authorities at Chicago, Illinois on a charge of embezzlement and he wrote to Mary Saunders at the above Broadway address. He received an answer about September 28, 1934. Shortly thereafter he, Frye, returned to Chicago where he was arrested and he has not been in contact since his return with either Bernard Phillips or Mary Saunders.



Frye stated that he had given the above information to Detective Wright of the Fillmore Station, and in his presence Wright checked the criminal records located at the police station at Addison and Halsted Streets and found the record of an arrest of Ellen Sanders, 4227 Broadway. Frye did not know the charge upon which the woman was arrested, but believed that it was only for investigation. Ellen Sanders was described in the police department records much the same as the description of Mary Saunders given by Frye. Frye described Mary Saunders as follows:

Age	25 years
Height	5'5" or 4"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium

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The writer interviewed Mrs. B. M. Joffe, 4231 Broadway, who is manager of the building located at 4227 Broadway, which latter building is in the same group of other buildings also managed by Mrs. Joffe. Mrs. Joffe advised that she took over the management of the building on July 15, 1934 at which time two families were residing on the first floor at 4227 Broadway, one family being a C. Barrow and wife, who are presently residing there, and who, according to Mrs. Joffe, have been tenants in the building for a year or more. Mr. Barrow, according to Mrs. Joffe, is presently employed by the General Electric Company. She advised that the other family residing on the first floor at 4227 Broadway on July 15, 1934 was a Donald Akers and family. This family was composed of husband and wife and four children. Mrs. Joffe stated that her records disclose that the Barrow family had resided at that address for more than a year and that she had recently evicted them because of their inability to pay rent. She stated that they had been on the relief rolls for several months.

Mrs. Joffe was shown a photograph of Bernard Phillips and she advised that she could not identify the same as being a likeness of any individual which she had observed on the premises. She further advised that her records did not disclose that anyone by the



name of Saunders or Sanders at any time residing in any of the buildings managed by her. She was also shown a photograph of Winnie Williams, as it was believed that there was a possibility that Winnie Williams might be identical with Mary Saunders. Mrs. Joffe was unable to identify the photograph of Winnie Williams as being the likeness of any individual known to her. Mrs. Joffe stated that the caretaker of the building, Mr. Wagoner, had been employed in the buildings for the past fifteen years and was well acquainted with all the tenants residing there.

Mr. Wagoner was also shown a photograph of Bernard Phillips and one of Winnie Williams and he stated that he could not identify either of them and stated positively that no one resembling Bernard Phillips had ever resided in the group of apartment buildings and that he knew no one by the name of Sanders or Saunders who had ever lived there. However, numerous individuals resided there who would answer the description of Mary Saunders.

Mrs. C. R. Hedrick, 4425 Hazel Street, Chicago, Illinois advised that she is the manager of the apartment house at that address and has acted in that capacity for the past three years. She stated that during the time she has managed these premises no one except Filipino families have resided there, with two or three exceptions. She stated that during the past year she has had two or three white families residing at this address and she was positive that no one answering the description of Bernard Phillips had lived there during the past three years. She further stated that no one by the name of Mary Saunders or Ellen Sanders had lived at 4425 Hazel Street. Mrs. Hedrick could not identify the photograph of Bernard Phillips or that of Winnie Williams.

KAT:RD

November 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (deceased); ET AL;  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted to you under separate cover by registered mail today, the Gruen watch of Charles Arthur Floyd which was in his possession at the time he was apprehended by Division Agents. This watch bears serial #496692. There is also being transmitted to you by registered mail, under separate cover, a cameo ring which was likewise in Floyd's possession at the time he was apprehended. Attached to the watch described above is the watch chain and half-dollar silver coin which were also in Floyd's possession.

I desire that you immediately deliver these items to the mother of Charles Arthur Floyd, obtaining from her a receipt for the articles delivered to her. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Kansas City  
Chicago

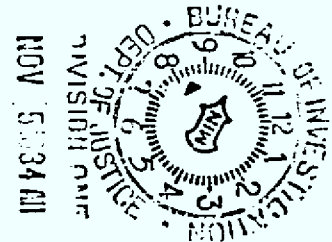
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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
(DECEASED) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letters of October 13 and October 31, 1934, relative to the preparation of diagrams of the Union Station Plaza and of the route followed by Subjects Floyd and Richetti when they arrived in Kansas City with Sheriff Jack Killingsworth on June 16, 1933.

There has been secured from Mr. Killingsworth a Missouri map outlining, by means of pencil marks on the various highways, the course pursued by Floyd and Richetti in their travel from Bolivar, Missouri to Kansas City on the date in question. The diagrams will be prepared and forwarded to the Division at an early date. Due to the session of the Grand Jury, which will terminate on November 3rd, the services of various Agents assigned to this case have been monopolized. However, this instruction of the Division will be followed immediately.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

1:05 P. M.

EAT:TAM

November 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. R. B. Nathan relative to the request of the County District Attorney at Kansas City for the affidavit of Lackey and advised that we should not make any affidavits in this matter merely upon an identification by photograph; that we would not commit ourselves until Lackey has had an opportunity to personally view the suspect.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
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TITLE: <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased.</b> <b>RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases, IO 1201.</b> <b>CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, deceased.</b> <b>ADAM RICCHETTI, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1221,</b> <b>et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

There being no outstanding leads in the El Paso territory, this matter is

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REFERENCE:

Apprehension Order #1194 - 322.  
Report of Special Agent S.K. McKee, Chicago, 10/21/22/34.

DETAILS:

The only outstanding leads in the El Paso territory were with respect to Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti. The death of Floyd and arrest of Richetti obviate the necessity of further attention to that angle, and the case is therefore being referred upon completion.

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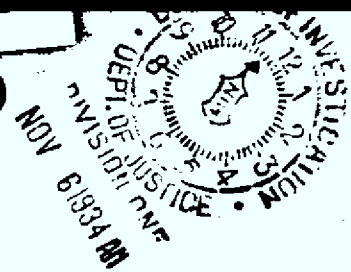
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Room 1900 Bankers Building  
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November 2, 1934.

Sheriff's Office,  
Clinton, Illinois.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
(Deceased) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

*D 29417*  
The Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of  
Justice is desirous of ascertaining the disposition of the follow-  
ing case: David Andrew McMillan, arrested Sheriff's office,  
Clinton, Illinois April 28, 1934 - Charge: Receiving goods under  
false pretenses - Disposition: Not given.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your con-  
venience in reply.

Please accept my thanks for your cooperation in this

matter.

Very truly yours,

RCS:EB  
Enclosure.

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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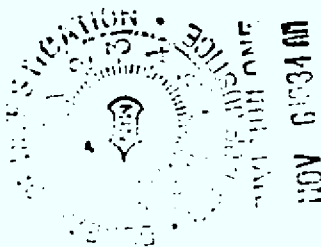
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Mr. Tracy	.....

I called Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and told him I had talked to you about the approach that Fultz made to Bash and also his statements about an apparent willingness to turn Adam<sup>O</sup>Richetti over to the Division; that you feel that the Division's attitude in the whole matter is not to having anything to do with same; that your advice to the Sheriff would be that this is a good thing for him to stay out of because he may become involved in contempt of court or something of that kind if he interferes with the extradition proceedings; that if Fultz should by any chance have any direct dealings with the Kansas City office to tell him that the Division does not want to have anything to do with him or his prisoner. Mr. Nathan said Fultz would probably be out there tomorrow.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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October 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Magee called to advise that Mrs. Galatas desires her baggage and also her car. I told him it was up to her to get them. He advised that the Division wrote to Kansas City asking them to take it up with the United States Attorney to ascertain whether the above articles could be recovered. I told him that the Division would follow it up with the Kansas City office and see what that office has done on same. I told Mr. Magee not to take any steps to help Mrs. Galatas secure her belongings; that if they were sent for the persons securing them should have power of attorney and that he get a full receipt for anything that was taken.

Mr. Magee further advised that Mr. Smith called him on the 29th about a Hortense Green. He said he sent the Division by air mail a letter which would reach the Division this morning, concerning same; that he sent Agent Kindell out again on the matter last night as some woman down there said she knew a Hortense Green and said she would try to locate her; that Kindell would talk to her again as there may be something to it but Mr. Magee said he doubted it. I told him to try to locate her anyway.

Mr. Magee advised that Mr. Quinn called him on the Thomas Robinson, Jr. case sometime ago concerning the informant in Mobile. He said that there is a possibility there but the informant is a very careless sort of person and has changed his dates on the time that he claims he saw Robinson; that he told Mr. Magee over the telephone he saw Robinson on the 25th but now says it was the 18th instead; that he claims his wife is a second cousin to Mrs. Stoll; that he saw Robinson about 100 miles north of Mobile at Collins about 8:30 P. M. with a man about seventy years old. I told Mr. Magee that there were indications from other sources that he was with an elderly man and to exhaust every possibility on the matter because there have been similar indications before. Mr. Magee said if it is true that Robinson was seen at 8:30 at night it would mean that he was working north because he was seen on the 18th, according to the informant, at Mobile in the morning, which would give him time to get to Collins about 8:30 at night, although at Collins they thought he was going south; that he could not be in two places on the same date but that they are covering all leads and think he is either in Mobile or New Orleans.

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E. A. Tamm.

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October 29, 1934

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Carusi this morning raised the question as to the fact that the weekly report submitted by the Division last week did not include any reference to the Floyd-Richetti or Stoll cases. I told him it was my understanding that it has only been the closed cases to which we have referred in weekly reports.

It is his desire, however - and I believe it is desirable from our point of view also - that there should be included in the weekly report, a report of any results obtained during the course of the preceding week in connection with any of our cases which have been of significant or outstanding character. Certainly, in the Floyd-Richetti matter, there should have been a paragraph in our weekly report upon this matter, as well as upon the Stoll case, because there have been some developments during the past week in connection with legal proceedings incident thereto. Obviously, our weekly report is not being prepared with the proper care and attention that it should have, and it does not reflect properly the efforts and work of these cases. I am informed by Mr. Carusi that the weekly report is used as a basis for the Attorney General's report to the President, and consequently, we should have it as comprehensive as possible.

In connection with the cases which are of a confidential character and upon which we do not desire matters at this time to be disclosed, Mr. Carusi states that a separate page might be prepared, indicating that it is confidential and that the information is not to be disclosed.

Will you please give your personal attention to seeing that this weekly report is properly and adequately prepared.

In connection with our last weekly report, Mr. Carusi read to me a portion thereof, referring to an incident affecting a Mr. Lester Jones, which, to say the least, was phrased in a most melodramatic manner. While I think our reports should be prepared in an interesting manner, I think we should avoid any phraseology of a melodramatic character.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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November 3, 1934.

Mr. Howard G. Robinson,  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Ohio State Bureau of  
Criminal Identification and  
Investigation,  
London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have just reviewed a communication received from Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division, relative to his very pleasant talk with you while at East Liverpool, Ohio and particularly to the splendid cooperation which you rendered to Division agents.

He informed me of your most generous offer with regard to utilizing the airplanes in case of emergency assigned to your organization and I want to express to you my deep appreciation of your assistance in this regard.

I want you to feel at perfect liberty to call upon the Division at any time and wish to assure you that it will be a pleasure to cooperate with you on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD CORPS AREA  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 23, 1934.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Cowley.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Chief of the Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

It is a particular pleasure to again extend  
to you and your splendid Force my congratulations on  
your successful running-to-earth of another public enemy,  
in the person of Pretty Boy Floyd.

Such a record as your Corps has established  
in recent months is an outstanding tribute both to the  
personnel and yourself as Chief.

Again I congratulate you. Please give my  
kindest regards to Mr. Keith.

Cordially yours,

*Paul B. Malone*  
PAUL B. MALONE,  
Major General,  
U. S. Army.

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My dear General Malone:

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your commendation, and of assuring you that it is especially gratifying coming from one in your position.

In compliance with the request contained in the last paragraph of your letter, I have conveyed your regards to Mr. J. M. Keith, of this Division.

Thanking you for your interest in the Division which prompted your letter, I beg to remain,  
with my best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

CC Washington Field

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

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

6:00 P.M.

EAT:TAM

October 24, 1934

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
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Mr. Gurnea	.....
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Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

Mr. Nathan of the Kansas City Office called and stated that the Grand Jury had just returned indictments against the following: Galatas, Fred Farmer, Esther Farmer, Mrs. Frank Nash, Fritz Malloy, (Frank B. Malloy), Louis Stacy, Elizebeth Galatas and ~~Ray~~ Mathis. The indictment does not name any of the three actual killers in the case and does not name Richetti. It charges conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to effect the release of a Federal prisoner, as well as substantive offense under the escape statute, there being three counts in the indictment. The other people were not named in the indictment, the United States Attorney believing that by naming only those who are in custody, will give them an opportunity to plead guilty without pleading guilty to the same facts later. It is indicated that the investigation is still being conducted as to Richetti, for the effect on the local situation; that probably he will be indicted tomorrow, in another indictment.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. Tamm

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NATHAN.

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
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- Mr. Coffey.....
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*Handwritten note: N. Nathan*

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1934

HN:CSH

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 11:40 A.M.

I just telephoned Bruce Nathan at Kansas City in regard to a telegram received from him stating that the Grand Jury desired my testimony in the Kansas City Massacre Case. He says that the testimony is desired in connection with an interview that Vetterli had with Reppert at the inception of this case, after which undesirable publicity ensued. I remember the nature of the interview, of course, but my definite recollection is that I was not present at this interview, although I, of course, discussed it with Vetterli prior to making this interview and authorized it. It is possible that Gus Jones went with him for this interview, although I think that he made it alone. Of this I am not certain, but I am almost sure that I was not a party to the interview in question.

Nathan said that this information was not secured from the files at Kansas City. I told him to immediately call Vetterli and get the facts from him, and call me back. I doubt whether I will go to Kansas City and am keeping my reservation for Detroit.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan

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Healdton, Oklahoma, Oct. 25, 1934

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: Charles Arthur Floyd

Dear Sir:--

I claim a part of the rewards offered for Charles Arthur Floyd in payment of the following services rendered by me:

In July, 1933, I sent information to your Offices in Washington, D. C., and to the Governor of Missouri, that Charles Arthur Floyd, using the name of Verne C. Moore, C. Miller/and Adam Richetti were the machine gun killers used in the Kansas City, Mo., Union Depot murders;

In April, 1934, the Federal Agent from Oklahoma City called me, saying that it was at your request, and asked me to keep in touch with the Oklahoma City Office and on September 25, 1934, I informed them that Charles Arthur Floyd was hidden in the "Underworld" of New Orleans and I also sent this information on the same date to the Federal Agent in charge at New Orleans; and to your office and to the Federal Agent at Dallas, Texas; and the Federal Agent in Cincinnati, Ohio;

On October 14, 1934, I informed the Federal Agents at Kansas City, Missouri, and at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that Charles Arthur Floyd was headed for Hanging Rock, Ohio, the home of "Bill the Killer" Miller.

In view of the above which can easily be corroborated, and knowing where to make my application for a part of the rewards offered, I am placing this in your hands and hope to be of further use in the future.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur W. Crawford*  
Arthur W. Crawford,  
General Delibery,  
Healdton, Oklahoma.

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Mr. Arthur W. Crawford,  
General Delivery,  
Heslton, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 25, 1934, wherein you set forth your claim to a part of the reward offered for information leading to the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd. As stated by you, this Division received a number of your letters but in no instance did they contain information which ultimately led to the location and apprehension of the fugitive.

Your interest and cooperation in this matter, however, are very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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NATHAN.

Mr. Nathan.....  
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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

10:35 A. M.

November 1, 1934.

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
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I called Mr. Larson at Detroit and advised him that Chief of Police/Fultz at Wellsville, Ohio called Sheriff Bash last night and made some overtures to him about turning over Richetti to them upon the basis that the extradition proceedings of the Missouri State Highway Patrol would probably not go through and he just thought that he would like to turn him over to Bash; that after consulting the District Attorney Bash declined to accept Richetti because there might be some contempt proceedings if Bash tried to get him away from the court; that Fultz then indicated that he might be willing to turn Richetti over to the Division this morning; that Mr. Nathan was advised not to have anything to do with it and there is a possibility Fultz will contact the Detroit and Cincinnati offices this morning; that if by any chance he does get in touch with the Detroit office to tell him that the Division does not want to have anything to do with the matter; that he had a chance to turn Richetti over to the Division when the Division wanted him and now the Division will have nothing whatsoever to do with the matter. Mr. Larson said he would Fultz this if he called.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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4:45 P.M.

October 26, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. R. B. Nathan at Kansas City and inquired as to the present status of the attempts of the Missouri State authorities to bring Richetti back there. He advised that they are still up in Ohio and that Richetti is not going to waive extradition. The authorities are taking the matter up with the Governor of Ohio today, and it is not known as to what success they are having. Mr. Nathan stated that the authorities at Kansas City will let him know when they receive advice relative thereto - they expect advice tonight. He stated he would advise the Division as soon as he receives such advice. He stated that they still had in mind the possibility of assisting the authorities get Richetti back to Kansas City. He stated that there was a plane there which cost nothing except for gas and oil; that there was a friend who would lend the plane to them. He stated that arrangements had previously been made with members of the highway patrol, together with one of our Agents to bring Richetti back. I advised that we should try to avoid, if possible, the responsibility should the fellow get away. He advised that if it appears advisable and if they secure the plane they will follow previous plans, and advise me as soon as possible as to the status.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
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CLEVELAND--ADAM RICHETTI, REPUTED PAL OF PRETTY BOY FLOYD, WAS BROUGHT HERE SECRETLY BY FEDERAL AGENTS TODAY FROM LISBON, O.

HE IS TO BE TAKEN TO KANSAS CITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNION STATION MASSACRE IN WHICH A FEDERAL PRISONER AND FOUR OFFICERS WERE KILLED.

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*make certain our  
men had nothing  
to do with this.*

*J. C. N.*

*Director  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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November 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
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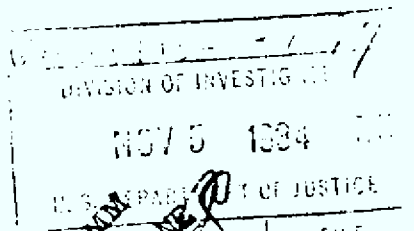
Relative to the press dispatch emanating from Cleveland, and indicating that Adam Richetti was brought to Cleveland by Federal Agents early today from Lisbon, Ohio, you are advised that I contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge Black of the Detroit Office at 11:15 A.M., who stated that in accord with previous Division instructions, no Division Agents are taking any action in this matter at all. Mr. Black has been advised that the United States Marshal has custody of Richetti.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

11:20 A. M.

November 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

I talked with Mr. Little at Oklahoma City and told him that I had talked to Mr. Brantley several times about Beulah Beard; that you have sent a memorandum out in which you said "I believe that the informant who is contacting Beulah Beard should be continued for the time being". Mr. Little advised that the informant is going to let the Division know when she leaves over there, when the train leaves and her destination. I advised Mr. Little that she has made the statement that Mr. Purvis was to be placed on the "spot"; that the matter should not be treated lightly and should be run down.

Mr. Little said he talked with Mr. Brantley before he left last night and he gave him the set up on the different informants. I told him to maintain the informant on this matter indefinitely until definite word is obtained as to any move against Purvis.

I advised Mr. Little that the watch and ring belonging to Floyd would be sent to Mr. Brantley in the course of the next few days, so that they can be turned over to Floyd's mother and a receipt obtained for them.

Respectfully,

*Has this been done?*

*11/2/34 J. E. H.*

*E. A. Tamm.*

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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

November 2, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,  
(Deceased); ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter addressed to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, by Charles H. Thompson, Norman, Arkansas, indicating that Thompson is interested in the possible connection of Richard T. Galt with the murder of Presley R. Austin at Hot Springs, September 29, 1934. This is forwarded for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. B. KATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Norman, Ark.  
Oct. the 30th, 1934.

To the United States Attorney,  
Kansas City, Mo.

49668

Dear Sir:

I did not know whether I would have time to send this request to Mr. Hoover, but I have been working on the Austin murder case ever since the murder, that is, Presley P. Austin of Victoria, Texas, millionaire cattle man murdered in the Arlington Hotel, September 29, 1929, about 11 P.M., Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I have a close trail on Richard Galatas, being one of the trio that murdered him and I would like, if it is within your power, to question him on this case really closely. I am sure that Raymond Hamilton was one and the brains behind the crime. No question but what some of his own folks either hired him murdered for a heavy insurance or just to get rid of him.

And I have worked hard on this case for 5 years and I have got the third man spotted and I believe next summer I can pick him up in New York State but if this case is ever -- I am due the reward not a gang of legalized outlaws that protected this crime and got theirs before the crime was committed and furnished misleading evidence to keep the world in the dark until the crime grew cold. The third man I have spotted is Herbert Coats. Was at Hot Springs. He is the man that killed Chief of Police Sullivan in Hot Springs several years ago. I shall not worry you longer now asking you to excuse this paper as I am out of real writing paper. I am just a private investigator of my own accord. I am a licensed attorney but not practicing just now. I have been in very bad health for several. I am too old to be a regular Department of Justice Agent.

John Edgar Hoover knows me as I am and knows I am working on the Austin case. If you want something pretty send me \$7.00. I will ship you by express a shoe box of my crystal. I have the largest mines in the country. I am sure you have heard of Hot Springs diamonds. They are made of crystal.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Thompson,  
Norman, Arkansas

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

November 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your inquiry as to the reason why the watch and ring of Pretty Boy Floyd were not immediately forwarded to the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office, you are advised that a letter transmitting these items was dictated by me as soon as such dictation was possible.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. Tamm

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Again that grimly determined band of federal men, the Department of Justice, has triumphed in the war against organized crime, and the slaying today of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, terror of the Southwest, adds to a long list of men who could ~~not~~ outwit state and county authorities, but who guessed wrong when they recked with the long arm of Uncle Sam.

World-wide fame has been gained by the Mounties of Canada for their historic ability to always get their man. Now the same applies to the Department of Justice of the United States, led by chief, J. Edgar Hoover. Where local officers conflict and cross-tail as the chase after gangsters leads from state to state, the federal group operates with a unity of action spelling disaster to the work of crime.

It was from Hoover's office in Washington that the word went out to get John Dillinger, dead or alive. In Chicago, Melvin Purvis, a young attorney who had turned his efforts to tracking down criminals, carried out the order. "Case closed" was written in the history of Dillinger in front of a small north side theater in Chicago when Purvis engineered the trap that ended this major criminal's career. Some say Purvis, who is an excellent shot, actually fired the fatal blast. He himself refuses to talk, but those who saw Dillinger brought speedy justice declare his gun barked first.

Purvis and his men brought more credit to the Department of Justice with the rounding up of the Roger Touhy gang, and the capture of Verne Searkey, thus breaking up two notorious kidnaping gangs.

And now, with Dillinger dead, most of his henchmen killed or behind bars, and "Pretty Boy" added to the list, there remains still another Public Enemy No. 1. He is George "Baby Face" Nelson, ~~successor to Dillinger's throne~~ *successor to Dillinger's throne*, who miraculously escaped a number of traps set for him.

There remains also John Hamilton, first lieutenant of the Dillinger gang, ~~who escaped the wholesale roundup~~ who escaped the wholesale roundup.

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Hoover and Purvis are working to track down every man implicated in the Kansas City Union Depot massacre. Floyd was declared to have been a ringleader there, when the bold attempt was made to free a prisoner, Frank Nash, an Oklahoma bank robber. Five men including Nash himself, fell before a blast of machine gun and pistol fire. Only one officer, a man in the back seat of the police car, mistaken by the raiders for Nash, escaped the deadly fire as he crouched low beneath the line of bullets.

There's still another man at large, wanted by the Department of Justice—Thomas Robinson Junior, accused of the kidnaping of Mrs. Berry Stoll, Louisville, Kentucky society matron.

There will be no stopping until Hoover's men track the down.

They haven't a chance. The Department of Justice always gets its man.

**S. Bureau of Investigation**  
**Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
October 24, 1934

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

*W. H. R.*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On the night of the 22nd instant, the news commentator of the Los Angeles Examiner, on their regular evening broadcast, which is heard on the Pacific Coast, made a four-minute comment on the work of the Division, having particular reference to the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

The comment, which was read by Mr. George Glass, the Los Angeles Examiner news announcer, was prepared by Mr. Russell Birdwell, a special writer on the Los Angeles Examiner.

I heard the broadcast, and it came over the radio exactly as indicated in the attached two pages which I obtained from the Radio Department of the Los Angeles Examiner.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. P. Dunn*  
J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enc. *cc*

*Miss Birdwell  
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Mr. George Glass,  
c/o Los Angeles Examiner,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Glass:

Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office of this Division, has forwarded me a copy of your four-minute broadcast as news commentator of the Los Angeles Examiner delivered on the night of October 22, 1934, and dealing with the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

I have read the copy of your broadcast with interest and wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for your kind references to the Division.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Edmund E. Quinn

Los Angeles



November 3, 1934.

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Mr. Russell Birdwell,  
Los Angeles Examiner,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Birdwell:

Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office of this Division, has forwarded me a copy of the four-minute broadcast delivered by Mr. George Glass, news commentator for the Los Angeles Examiner, on the night of October 22, 1934, dealing with the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

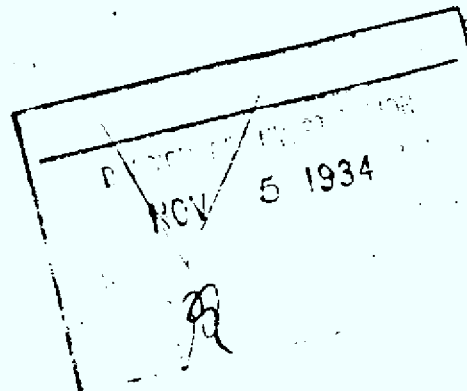
Mr. Dunn informs me that you prepared this particular broadcast and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for the many kind references to this Division and its activities contained therein.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Egan*

CC Los Angeles



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1111 National Resources Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

CHASLES JAMES HARRIS  
with aliases, I. O. #114  
Bismarck, Mo.  
Charged with being a  
fugitive from justice.

Dear Sir:

49668

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter  
of October 12, 1934, relating to the possible use of a 12 gauge pump  
by one of the officers involved in the recent murder case at Kansas City.

I have discussed this matter with Agent J. L. Lantry  
who stated that he is positive that there were only two officers in  
possession of the officers at Kansas City at the time of the massacre  
and that both of these officers were IT Jones men, one being the  
city of the Oklahoma City Police Department and the other the property  
property of Chief of Police Fred M. Hollister, Okla.

Agent Lantry is positive that there were no 12 gauge shotguns  
in possession of any of the officers at the time of the massacre. He  
further advised that he discussed this matter with the coroner who  
recently in Kansas City to testify before the Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

cc Division  
cc Chicago

One P. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Indianapolis, Indiana

(Name and address of Control Office)

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

Date Oct. 31, 1934

Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints were taken by the Division of Investigation:

Division Number	Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
92401	Louisville, Ky.	Hebe Nash	D.O. \$5.00 fine;
			M.O. Dismissed 11-17-28.
	Louisville, Ky.	Hebe Nash	Vagrancy - 30 days
	PD #21833		12-7-28
	Louisville, Ky.	Hebe Nash	Vagrancy - 30 days
	PD #21833		2-20-30.

62-28715

Very truly yours,

A. J. LINDSAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

(Instructions see reverse side)

1216 B Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
November 1, 1934.

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

VERNON C. MILLER, w.a. (Deceased)  
RICHARD WILLIAM DELANEY, w.a. I.C.  
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a. (Deceased)  
I.C. 1194; ADAM RICCHETTI, w.a., c  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Pri

Dear Sir:-

In response to your telephonic inquiry, I am attaching hereto in quintuplicate sworn statement of Special Agent F. J. Lackey executed before Mamie Levine, Notary Public, and attached to the affidavit is a Certificate of the County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, certifying that Mrs. Levine is a duly constituted Notary Public.

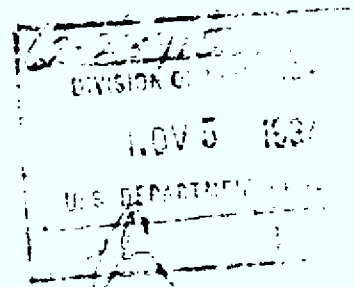
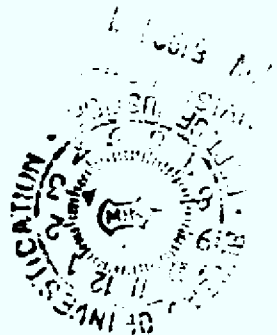
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Cas T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: CHARLES ALBERT FLOYD, with aliases, ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith for appropriate laboratory examination test shells and bullets from the pistol recovered from Adam Richetti at Wellsville, Ohio, and from the machine gun abandoned there by Floyd. These were forwarded to me from Columbus, Ohio by L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As I advised Mr. Tamm by telephone on November 2nd, similar tests were apparently forwarded by Means to Verle A. Gill, Ballistician at Kansas City. Mr. Gill called me by telephone today and advised me of the receipt of these tests, stating that if I desired he would like to have an Agent present when he opened and examined the tests. Gill was informed that we did not desire to participate in any examination which he made, nor to appear in connection with it in any publicity which he might give. In this connection it is noted that Gill informed me that he had been besieged by requests from the local press for a story in this connection.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Tracy	.....

I called Mr. Nathan back and told him that I had taken the matter up with you regarding the return of Richetti and that you stated that the Division is through with the matter; that if Milligan wants him returned, he should take steps to have the Marshal return him in the usual manner; that insofar as the Division is concerned it will not get mixed up in the matter any further; that it is up to Milligan to make appropriate terms with the Marshal to bring him back and that the Division will not assist the Marshal in getting him back.

I asked Mr. Nathan what the status of the test of Milligan was to get Richetti. Mr. Nathan stated that Milligan wired the United States Attorney at Cleveland asking him to take steps to have the Marshal take custody of Richetti; that he is also going to enter a habeas corpus and ad testificandum to see if he can't get Richetti right away without waiting for the removal proceedings; that his plan is to direct one of these to the Marshal and have the Marshal bring Richetti down there for the Grand Jury and, of course, he would have to go back up to Cleveland before he could be brought back for regular removal proceedings; that Milligan is sold on the idea that he wants Richetti down there before the present Grand Jury expires; that he has no knowledge as to how the thing is coming out. Mr. Nathan said he would keep the Division advised of the progress made. Mr. Nathan wanted to know if the Marshal did get custody of Richetti in Cleveland whether someone should attempt to talk to him up there. I told him the Division would not touch him.

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I advised Mr. Nathan that the Division received a telegram from Major Means at Columbus asking that the Division forward air mail special delivery test bullets of U. M. C. 18 stock nickel coated soft primers; that you wanted him to advise Colonel Casteel that the Division will not take any action on any requests which are made of the Division by Major Means because of his attitude in absolutely refusing to cooperate with the Division in the past; that the Division will, however, do anything that Colonel Casteel or the Commander of that organization asks which is within the Division's cooperative field. Mr. Nathan said that Colonel Casteel asked him to

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secure the test bullets this morning; that the others that came out there were not of the same type shell as the ones they previously had and Colonel Casteel thought they should have the others; that he forgot to mention this matter to me this morning. I told Mr. Nathan that the Division has been told by its ballistic man here that the U. M. C. 13 refers to the 1918 production and was not made on a nickel coated type with a soft primer; that he might advise Colonel Casteel of this fact; that the information the Division has in the telegram is evidently erroneous and the Division cannot identify any such type of ammunition; that if he requests anything else he should forward it direct to the Division but that the Division wanted him to know that, because of Major Means' absolute refusal to cooperate with the Division in the past, it would take absolutely no action on anything that Means wanted.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

11:30 A. M.

November 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Mr. Tracy.....

Mr. Nathan called from Kansas City and advised that Colonel Casteel of the Highway Patrol just called him to say that they have put off the extradition hearing at Columbus, Ohio for twenty-four hours to permit them to get an affidavit from Richetti who was not present and planned for all the various officials, including Richetti's attorneys and the Highway Patrolmen to go to Lisbon and take the affidavit; that the prosecuting attorney of that county is against it and the Sheriff is now willing to turn him over to the Division.

I told Mr. Nathan that the Division did ~~not~~ want him, to let them go ahead and manage it themselves because they were not fair when the Division asked for him; that they would probably turn him over to the Missouri State Highway Patrol anyway. Mr. Nathan stated that Col. Casteel said their attorney is fighting the extradition as vigorously as possible; that Casteel wants the Division to take Richetti so he can be turned over to them; that the District Attorney is willing to turn him over to the Division.

I told Mr. Nathan that the Division should not take him because the thing has been messed up and it was not up to the Division to save the day after they have made all those rash statements about what they were going to do. Mr. Nathan said he told Casteel that he would not do anything until he talked to the Division about it. I told Mr. Nathan that the Division would have nothing to do with it.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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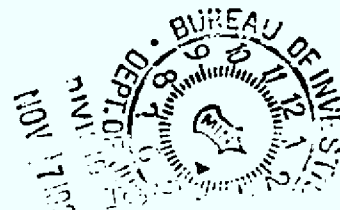
With reference to your memorandum of November 1, concerning your conversation with Mr. Bruce Nathan, Agent in Charge at Kansas City in connection with the Richetti case, as I have indicated, I do not desire to have this Division have any further connection with this matter. In the first place, I do not believe the Missouri State Highway Patrol acted in a proper manner. They proceeded to swear out a warrant and proceeded to Ohio, as I understand it, without any consultation with representatives of this Division at Kansas City and without any consultation with Sheriff Bash. Now that they have found that they cannot procure the return of Richetti to Missouri, they are turning to us to help them try to get him back, without having dealt with us in the beginning, and no doubt this is probably due to the influence of Major Means, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who has been particularly obnoxious in his relations with this Division. Furthermore, I do not desire that our Division have any further dealings with Chief of Police Fultz of Wellsville, Ohio, or with any official of that town, who, I understand, may be inclined to turn Richetti over to us now, since they have found they are in a rather difficult situation. We made every effort to get Richetti through proper legal process when we really wanted him, and his custody would have been of material assistance to us in the Kansas City Massacre Case. That situation has now changed, and Richetti could be of little assistance to us now in the investigation of that case. Whatever action the United States Attorney takes at Kansas City - that, of course, will be his own responsibility.

I think that Mr. Bruce Nathan should also be instructed to have a very frank talk with Colonel Casteel of the Missouri Highway Patrol, and advise Colonel Casteel that this Division does not desire to have any dealings with or any connection with Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and that it would be particularly helpful to any future relations between the Missouri State Highway Patrol if definite instructions were issued by Colonel Casteel that Major Means not contact officers of this Division. He might state to Colonel Casteel that this Division views Major Means' attitude and relation with us as particularly obnoxious and having found them to be so, we cannot deal with him, and that we do not wish the relations between the two organizations to be imperiled by having to come in contact with Major Means. The sooner Colonel Casteel understands this and makes the necessary arrangements, the better the relations will be between the two organizations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

Dear Mr. Nathan:

In confirmation of your telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Division on November 1, 1934, I desire that you inform Colonel B. M. Casteel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol that the Division will not undertake any investigation or furnish any evidence to Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, upon the request of Major Means. You should advise Colonel Casteel that Major Means in the past, has not only refused to cooperate with the Division, but has been unfairly critical of the Division's policies and personnel, and accordingly, the Division will not on any occasion take any action upon requests made of it by Major Means. You should inform Colonel Casteel, however, that the Division will at all times, within its investigative jurisdiction, cooperate with the Missouri State Highway Patrol upon the request of Colonel Casteel or other officers of that organization, with the single exception of Major Means.

Under date of November 1, 1934, there was received in the Division from Major Means at Columbus, Ohio, the following telegram:

"Bullets from Floyds guns received request you forward  
air mail special del test bullets of U M C eighteen stop  
nickel coated soft primer"

The Division is not responding to Major Means' telegram. You should, however, advise Colonel Casteel that the Division does not have available any bullets of the type described in Major Means' communication which could be used for test purposes. The Division is further advised that the description set forth in Major Means' telegram is erroneous since there are, in fact, no UMC 1918 bullets which were nickel coated and which had a soft primer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

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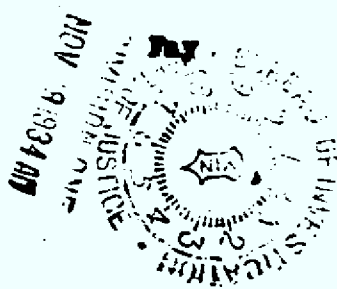
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*Wilmington, Del.*

*October 31, 1934*  
*Hon. John Edgar Hoover,*  
*Director, Division of Investigation,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

*My dear John: —*

*The enclosed clipping from*  
*the Philadelphia Record, issue*  
*of this date, may prove of interest.*

*Faithfully,*  
*Wm. B. Benham*

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[ROBERT S. ALLEN]

# Bonus Commitments Worry Party Chiefs; News of Floyd's Death Came at Dramatic Time

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.

THE American Legion's pro-bonus vote has inner Administration leaders secretly worried.

Their concern has nothing to do with the veterans themselves. For, weirdly enough, while the ex-soldiers went on record for the bonus, their new national commander, Frank Belgrano, Jr., a San Francisco banker, is not for immediate payment.

But what is worrying Administration leaders is the effect of the Legion vote next Congress.

Few realize it, but a large number of Congressional candidates, on both Republican and Democratic tickets, are running on pledges to vote for the bonus.

Take for instance the case of Harry S. Truman, Democratic Senatorial nominee in Missouri, a sure winner. Truman waged his primary fight largely on his promise to vote for the bonus, is making it a leading issue in his election campaign.

One high New Deal official has made a private check of the Congressional line-up, and believes that the bonusites will have a majority in both branches of the new Congress.

Such a situation would play squarely into the hands of currency inflationists, who have made repeated efforts to tie up the bonus and inflation in a joint log-rolling drive.

## "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

News of "Pretty Boy" Floyd's demise reached Attorney General Homer Cummings at a dramatic moment.

It was around 6 P. M. All day moving vans and a large corps of laborers had been carting away the last furnishings and equipment of the Justice Department to its new ornate home on lower Pennsylvania.

Except for Cummings' private office on the seventh floor, the historic brick building, which for decades housed the legal branch of the Government, was dark and deserted.

In Cummings' room remained only a few chairs, a frayed worn carpet.

About him, reminiscing quietly, were members of his immediate staff, among them Ugo Carusi, youthful executive assistant to the Attorney General. He had served many predecessors.

"We are leaving some interesting

ghosts behind," Carusi remarked.

At that moment a door opened. J. Edgar Hoover, broad-shouldered Director of the Bureau of Investigation, burst in. His dark eyes flashed with excitement.

"General," he said, "I am happy to report that our men have just killed

"Pretty Boy" Floyd."

"Congratulations," replied Cummings. Then, turning to Carusi, he added:

"There is another ghost you can add to your collection."

## OTHER INTERESTS.

Arizona's wealthy, statuesque representative Isabella Greenway is an

old and dear friend of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

She was a bridesmaid at their wedding, a staunch Democrat, and the White House door is always open to her.

But despite this intimacy, Mr. Greenway has other political interests.

She is a contributor and director of "Americans, Inc.," organized to

keep Congress and the Administration "from going too far Left."

And first vice president of the organization is Indiana's genial, expansive ex-Senator Jim Watson, former Tory-Republican floor leader in the Senate, and a strong New Dealer.

## SOCIALIZATION SETBACK

Madam Perkins and her social insurance advisers are more worried than they like to admit by the judicial defeat of the Railroad Pensions act.

Most worrisome aspect is the fact that many railroads already carried retirement insurance, and that rail lines are better organized for carrying out employment insurance than almost any other industry in the country.

If social insurance cannot be made to stick with the rail lines, the social experts are wondering how it can be made to stick with less organized industries.

Not many people knew about it, but one important factor in the judicial setback to the Pension Act was one of the most high-powered collections of railway lawyers ever to operate in Washington.

Working sometimes until 2 and 3 in the morning in an office at the Southern Railway Building, they drafted the arguments which caused the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to rule in their favor.

The railway legalists were: Emmet E. McGinnis, general counsel of the Santa Fe; Sidney R. Prince, general counsel of the Southern; Jacob Aronson, general counsel of the New York Central; D. F. Lyons, general counsel of the Northern Pacific; Edward N. Jouett, vice president of the Louisville and Nashville, and Robert B. Fletcher, general counsel of the American Association of Railroad—chief rail lobbying organization in Washington.

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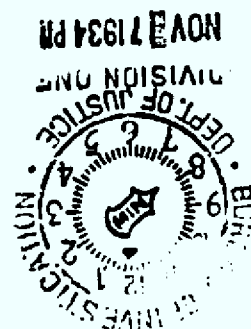
Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your note of October 31, 1934, with which you enclosed a clipping from the Philadelphia Record dealing with the handling of the Floyd case by Special Agents of this Division. I am very glad indeed to have this clipping.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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# DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Mo.

FILE NO. 62-785

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-5-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-26-34 11-1-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. B. Klein
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased), et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

## SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

Cincinnati Detectives Flaughar and Sweeney advise Frank English and two women companions rented a furnished apartment in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 10-11-34 to 10-21-34 and disappeared hurriedly. English was driving V-8 Cadillac Coupe carrying Washington state license plates #241-142. English spent and displayed large sums of money while in Cincinnati. Detective Flaughar further advised that English was arrested by the Louisville, Ky. Police on 10-31-34 in possession of Cadillac Coupe and had on his person about \$4,700.00 in currency.

## REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 10-18-34 and H. D. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 10-23-34; Division letter dated 10-27-34.

## DETAILS:

### AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

## DETAILS:

Cincinnati Police Detectives Lee Flaughar and William C. Sweeney advised that on 10-26-34 Abe Levy, tailor, 719 Vine St., Cincinnati, complained that one Frank English was brought to his place of business by his friend, Max Bockross, and that English ordered three suits of clothes to be made to measure; that before the suits were completed English disappeared and still owes Levy a balance on account; that he had related a story to Levy to the effect that his relatives in Oklahoma had sold some oil land in that state and he had received \$125,000.00 as his share of the proceedings.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-78915-3057	RECORDED AND INDEXED NOV - 7 1934
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Detectives Flaughner and Sweeney checked the home of Max Bockross, 245 Oak St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and learned that English on 10-11-34 in company with two women, whom he introduced as his wife and sister-in-law, engaged a furnished apartment at that address and at the time English represented himself to be an Agent for the Cadillac Motor Car Company. English was driving a Cadillac Coupe bearing Washington state license plates #241-142, and English stored his car in a private garage on the premises. This car was only used a few times by English, these being on occasions when he left the premises late in the evening; that English seldom traveled about in the day time and when he visited the tailor in downtown Cincinnati, Mr. Bockross drove him to the shop in his (Bockross') car. Bockross also advised the Detectives on the morning of 10-21-34 English and his women companions suddenly disappeared from the apartment and he has not seen them since.

The photograph of Frank Lee Callan, with aliases, was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Max Bockross and Abe Levy and Callan was identified as being identical with the person known to them as Frank English.

A photograph of Callan appears as bandit #4 in the Fugitive Catalogue of Wanted Criminals published by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc. The information as furnished in this Catalogue indicates that Callan is wanted by the Texas System Prison at Huntsville, Texas, for escape and also that Callan is wanted by the County at Wellington, Kansas, for bank robbery. Callan is described, as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	132 lbs.
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On the night of 11-1-34 Detective Flaughner advised the Cincinnati Office that Frank English had been arrested in Louisville, Ky., in possession of a Cadillac Coupe and there was also found in his possession about \$4,700.00 in currency and a revolver strapped to one of English's legs. English had a woman companion with him at the time he was picked up.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Ill., dated 10-18-34 wherein it is stated on page 12 that English might possibly be a contact in Chicago for Lester Gillis.

In connection with Division letter dated 10-27-34, addressed to the Indianapolis Office and enclosing the criminal record of Hebe Nash, Division of Investigation #99369, a communication was addressed to the Middletown, Ohio, Police Department, which department advised that the disposition to their arrest of Nash on 3-30-32 was, as follows: "Drilled out of city April 1, 1932".

Appropriate disposition sheet is attached hereto for the Division.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent H.D. Harris:

In connection with the apprehension of Adam Richetti and the death of Subject Floyd, Mr. H. F. Snyder of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised that he was at Wellsville, Ohio, on Sunday, 10-21-34, in connection with an investigation made of a hold-up at the Peoples Bank, Tiltonsville, Ohio, which is a state bank. The hold-up occurred on 10-19-34 at approximately 11:30 A.M. Mr. Snyder advised that three men were involved in this hold-up, two of them entering the bank and the other remaining in the automobile outside the bank, which carried Ohio license plates E 3-301; that the men entering this bank had a shot gun and that the automobile used by them was recovered on the following day approximately seven miles Northeast of Tiltonsville on an old abandoned road by Sheriff Ray Long of Steubenville, Ohio. He advised further that the officials of the Peoples Bank had viewed Adam Richetti but had been unable to identify him, although their descriptions of the two robbers entering the bank corresponded with the descriptions of Richetti and Floyd; that the men entering the bank had heavy growths of beard and wore toboggan caps; further, that a blanket was recovered in the abandoned automobile and this blanket was very similar to a blanket which Richetti had in his possession when apprehended.

On the evening of 10-29-34 Special Agent Rose of the Pittsburgh Office telephoned the Cincinnati Office advising that Sergeant Vance of the Ohio State Highway Patrol had been in touch with Special Agent in Charge Waters and had advised that State Patrolman Steinhoff at Cambridge, Ohio, had some information concerning this matter.

State Patrolman Spencer Steinhoff was contacted by telephone and he advised that the automobile recovered by Sheriff Ray Long as above mentioned was a black 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan, motor #18-549954, which was stolen on 10-15-34 from Wilferd C. Garrett of Summerfield, Noble County, Ohio, and that the plates carried by this car at the time of its recovery, Ohio E 3-301, had been taken from an abandoned Chevrolet near Summerfield. Patrolman Spencer Steinhoff advised that he was in receipt of information from Mr. Garrett, owner of this car, to the effect that he had seen a suspicious man in the vicinity of this car prior to its theft and that this man is known to him and is known to have recently been using an automobile with Oklahoma license plates; that this man has a sister living not far from Tiltonsville, Ohio; further, that the Mayor of Summerfield, Ohio, and Messrs. J. R. Dotson and C. W. Rodecker, all of Summerfield, are familiar with this matter. Mr. Steinhoff advised that he did not secure the name of the suspect reported by these people and that he had made no further investigation of the matter inasmuch as he considered it to be a Federal case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Summerfield, Ohio. Will interview Mr. Wilferd C. Garrett for further information concerning the suspect he has in mind as it may be possible that this individual has some connection with the instant case. It should be noted that there is no evidence of interstate transportation of this stolen car and further that the bank held up was not a national bank.

INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE at Louisville, Ky. Will interview Frank English held at that point by the police and thought to be identical with Frank Lee Callan in accordance with the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, 10-18-34.

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ADDENDUM:

Since dictation of this report an Associated Press article dated at Louisville, Ky., 11-1-34 relates that one Frank English alias Frank Lee Callan and a young woman were arrested at Louisville, Ky., 11-1-34 and that English will be arraigned before the U. S. Commissioner "on a new Federal statute forbidding interstate travel to escape prosecution"



**FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK**  
**DURANT, IOWA**

October 24, 1934

D. W. BATES, RECEIVER

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I cannot help but comment on the splendid showing your office has made as to capturing gangsters. You are to be congratulated.

The writer's brother-in-law, Raymond J. Caffrey, was killed, as you know, in the Kansas City massacre in June, 1933, and of course Mrs. Ryan and myself, since that time, have been vitally interested in the apprehension of those criminals.

Wishing you continued success, I am

Yours very truly,

*Richard A. Ryan*

Durant, Iowa.

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Mr. Richard D. Ryan,  
Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank,  
Durant, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 24, 1934, in which you congratulate the Division upon its recent activities.

This commendation is especially gratifying since it comes from the brother-in-law of former Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, whose untimely death I have always felt to be a keen personal loss.

I trust that you and Mrs. Ryan have noted the press reports which show the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Adam Richetti and the death of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, four of the individuals involved in the dastardly Kansas City Massacre.

With my best wishes and kind regards to you and Mrs. Ryan, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Rorertson

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

November 3, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Decensed); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,  
with aliases, I.O. 1210; CHARLES  
ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194,  
FUGITIVE; ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases;  
et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted, herewith, five photographs of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, deceased, which were obtained by this office through Special Agent in Charge J. J. Waters of the Pittsburgh Division office.

These photographs are being forwarded to the Division in order that the Division files in this matter might be complete.

Very truly yours,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. COWLEY,  
INSPECTOR.

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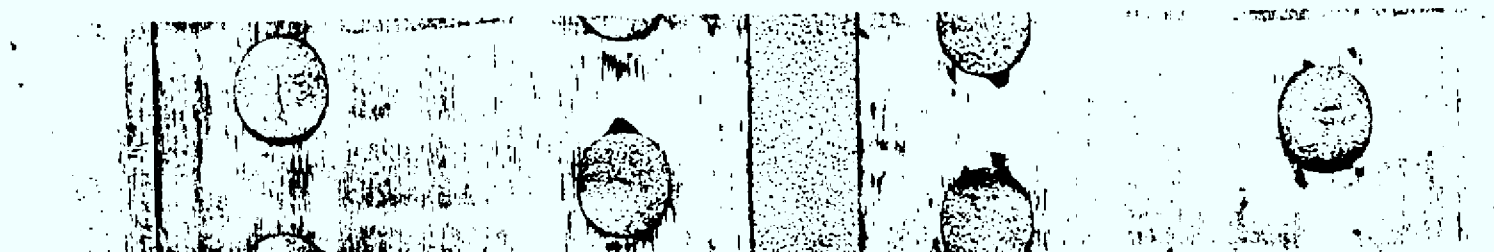
















# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City**

FILE NO. **62-2630**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>11/6/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/1/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Arthur McLashon JCM</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (DECEASED); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases: Dick Galatas, Richard P. Galatas, Dick Gladis, Pritchard Sheridan, Dick Sheridan; "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases (DECEASED), ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>William B. Murphy, Treasurer, Insurance Agency of Charlottesville states that on August 4th, 1934 while enroute from New York to Norfolk, Va. via steamship he engaged in conversation with a man whose conduct during the entire voyage was slightly unusual and who greatly resembles a picture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd which he subsequently saw in "Time" magazine. Murphy did not learn the name of this man who traveled alone and seemed to have no acquaintances on the boat.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: <b>Division letter dated September 17, 1934.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA.</b>			
<p>DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed inasmuch as Galatas has been taken into custody and Floyd has been killed.</p> <p>Agent interviewed William B. Murphy, who is Treasurer of the Insurance Agency of Charlottesville, Incorporated. Mr. Murphy stated that on August 4, 1934, while a passenger on the S.S. George Washington, enroute from New York City to Norfolk, Virginia, he engaged in conversation a young man who was standing by the rail looking over.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>L. R. Perry</i> <b>L. R. Perry</b> COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES Assistant SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>62-2630-3060</b> NOV 7 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>ONE</b> FILE	
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He said that this man was well dressed in a brown suit, but that he seemed very ill at ease, and did not leave the impression of being a very high type man. This man told Murphy that he had just arrived in New York from California; that he had come via airplane through Kansas City and not through Chicago; that he had not seen the World Fair in Chicago; that he was planning to go abroad very soon. Murphy said that the man did not seem a willing conversationalist and that though he saw him about the ship after that, he did not say anything else to him, nor did he notice anyone else talking with him. He did not know the stateroom number of this man.

On this voyage Mr. Murphy was accompanied by his wife. She also saw this man and while she did not talk with him, she had ample opportunity to look him over thoroughly. After he and his wife had returned to their home in Charlottesville they were looking through "Time" magazine, issue of August 6, 1934, and noticed therein a picture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. They both agreed that there was a very striking resemblance of this picture to the man that they had seen on the "George Washington" a few days previous.

Inasmuch as Murphy noticed no one with the man whom he believes to have been Floyd, and since Floyd prior to this report, has been killed it is not believed that further investigation of this lead is necessary. There is, therefore, no undeveloped lead being set out.

- PENDING -

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: UNIT #      UNIT #3

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TO: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
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☐ Unit Two

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E. A. TAMM - Room 5107



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

TFB:DE

November 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

It is believed that appropriate steps should be immediately taken to trace the two .45 automatic pistols recovered when "Pretty Boy" Floyd was apprehended.

These two guns were .45 caliber automatic pistols, one of them being marked United States property and bearing Serial No. 18001. It is possibly a stolen army gun. The other is a commercial gun, and while the number has been ground off, treatment with acid has partially restored the number. It appears to be C-84197.

This is to confirm verbal advice which I have already given you.

Very truly yours,

*T. F. Baughman*

T. F. Baughman.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm the oral request made of your office by Mr. Bowdy of the Division to trace through the Ordnance Division of the War Department two Colt .45 caliber automatic pistols, one being marked "United States Property," bearing serial No. 18001, and the other bearing serial No. C-84197. The latter gun does not bear the marking "United States Property," but it is possible that this gun may have been United States property at one time.

A telegram was directed to the New York office on November 1, 1934 requesting that this latter gun be traced through the manufacturers of Colt pistols at Hartford, Connecticut.

The Division desires that every effort be made to trace these two guns inasmuch as they were found in the possession of subject Floyd at the time of his apprehension and death near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*"Give Light and the People Will Find  
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1934

## THE LAW LAUGHS LAST

"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, like Dillinger, sneered at the law. He roamed through the Middle-West, leaving a trail of looted banks and bloodshed behind him. He was fond of leaving notes taunting the police for their inability to capture him.

But "Pretty Boy's" days, though he did not know it, were numbered. With Dillinger out of the way, the Department of Justice agents concentrated on the job of running down Floyd. They named him America's No. 1 public enemy. Agents in every city kept a close lookout for the Oklahoma killer.

As criminals have learned, the D. J.'s get what they are after. Though it may take weeks, or months, the Federal sleuths remain on the trail until the end.

So it is not surprising that "Pretty Boy" Floyd is dead, a victim to the gunfire of Federal agents and local police, near East Liverpool, O. A police chief had encountered Floyd the day before, and had exchanged shots with him. Within a few hours, dozens of government agents concentrated in the town—30 miles from Pittsburgh. With every road guarded and every exit of escape closed, they closed in on "Pretty Boy." In a few hours, they found him.

The killing of notorious criminals like John Dillinger and "Pretty Boy" Floyd will serve as a warning to law-violators the nation over. A criminal can laugh at the law. He can defy the police to capture him. He can, sometimes, stage dozens of robberies and "get away with it."

But in the end, the law always has the last laugh.

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October 31, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Leech,  
Editor,  
The Pittsburgh Press,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Leech:

Mr. J. J. Waters, Special Agent in Charge  
of the Pittsburgh office of this Division, has for-  
warded me a copy of the editorial entitled, "The  
Law Laughs Last", appearing in your publication under  
date of October 23, 1934.

Both the Division and I appreciate your com-  
mendation of the Division for its activities in con-  
nection with the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy"  
Floyd.

Thanking you for your continued interest  
in the Division which prompted this editorial, I  
beg to remain, with my best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 5, 1934

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Dec.)  
ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases, ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

I attach hereto a receipt dated October 22, 1934 by  
E. R. Sturgis, Columbiana County Coroner at East Liverpool, Ohio,  
indicating that he on that day received from K. J. Rose, Special  
Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,  
\$122.00, it being money taken from the person of "Pretty Boy"  
Floyd. The said amount of money turned over to Agent Rose for  
delivery to Coroner Sturgis by Inspector Cowley of the Division,  
consisted of the following described ten dollar notes:

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland:

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Central Union Nat'l. Bank of Cleveland: 9. A-024067 - Charter #4318

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Rochester, N. Y.:

10. A-015350 - Charter #13330

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11. B-001799-A - Charter #6158

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No record was made of the two additional one dollar bills.

The receipt is being forwarded to you as per suggestion received by Inspector Cowley.

Very truly yours,

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J. J. WATERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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November 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PARTY BOY" FLOYD  
with aliases (Deceased), et al -  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a copy of your letter addressed to the Chicago office under date of November 8, 1934 advising of the disposition made of the money taken from the person of Subject Floyd.

It is noted that a copy of this letter was not furnished the Kansas City office, the office of origin in the above entitled case, and, therefore, a copy of your letter is being furnished to that office, as well as to the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC Kansas City  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for sending us the architect's sketch of the new Department of Justice building, together with the memorandum concerning the facilities of the Division of Investigation.

Mr. Stone is out of the city but I am sure he will use this in the issue of the news letter which will go to press next week.

Congratulations on your latest capture--Pretty Boy Floyd.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dorothy Adams*  
Secretary to Mr. Stone

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 31, 1934

DB:MMB

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an article  
appearing in the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma, on October 28, 1934, reprinted from the  
El Reno Daily Tribune, which it occurred to me might  
be of interest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

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THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

OCTOBER 28, 1934

## Oklahoma Indebted to Purvis

THE American public owes a debt of gratitude to Melvin Purvis, mild-mannered department of justice agent who, Monday, added the extermination of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd to his already imposing list of accomplishments in the interest of law enforcement. It was Purvis, you will recall, who led the group of officers who sent John Dillinger to his death in front of a Chicago theater last July. Prior to that, he had participated in the rounding up of numerous other public enemies.

A quiet, unassuming southerner, Purvis has the appearance of anything but the popular conception of what a relentless, aggressive, fighting, shooting human bloodhound should look like. But the record of his successes in bringing criminals to the bar of justice or to the speedier justice of a slab in the morgue, is ample proof of his efficiency in his chosen line. Educated to the law, Purvis is rapidly winning for himself the title of No. 1 federal operative in the drive against major criminals which the United States department of justice instituted shortly after the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Oklahoma has particular cause to feel grateful to Melvin Purvis. His latest accomplishment eliminates from the crime picture, and the nation's headlines the last of the notorious so-called "Oklahoma Outlaws." Since territorial days, Oklahoma has always managed to have a desperado or more often a band of them, whose exploits have given the state publicity as wide-

spread as it has been undesirable. When one bandit or one gang has been rounded up, invariably there have been understudies or competitors in the line to take up the work of linking the name of Oklahoma with major crime.

At the moment, we cannot call the name of a single outlaw of any notoriety, still at large, who might be branded as an Oklahoman. While Melvin Purvis is not a resident of this state, we feel he, nevertheless, might well be given the 1934 award as Oklahoma's Most Useful Citizen.

—El Reno Daily Tribune.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 5, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Penna. Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOREY  
with aliases (deceased) et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Division's letter of October 31, 1934 relative to the above entitled case.

Mr. Clyde Weaver of Lost City, W. Va. will be interviewed as soon as it is possible to assign an Agent for the matter, which it is expected will be within the next four or five days.

In this connection the Division's attention is invited to the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher dated at Cincinnati, 10-8-34 which sets forth a lead for the Pittsburgh Office at Wheeling, W. Va. In view of the fact that ADAM RICCHETTI is now in custody it will be appreciated if this office is advised whether it is deemed feasible for the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Offices to continue the investigation as suggested in Agent Fletcher's report.

Of course, if it is possible to develop sufficient facts to warrant the filing of a charge of harboring a fugitive it is presumed that the investigation should be conducted.

With respect to the report of this Agent dated 9-14-34 at Pittsburgh, which also contains a lead for this office, advice is also desired as to whether investigation should be conducted since it appears that the information furnished by the informant is obviously without foundation.

Very truly yours,

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*J. E. Waters*  
J. E. WATERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Kansas City  
Chicago  
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November 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (DECEASED); ET AL;  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

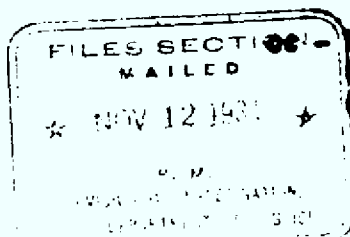
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 5, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein you request advice as to whether further investigation should be conducted by the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Division Offices as outlined in the reports of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 6, 1934 and your report dated September 14, 1934. Please be advised that no further investigation need be conducted with respect to the leads contained in these reports.

The Division desires, however, that Mr. Clyde Weaver, Lost City, West Virginia, be interviewed when an Agent is next in that vicinity regarding the letter which he addressed to the Division and referred to in Division letter dated October 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

Oct. 31, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania at 9th Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions from Inspector  
S. P. Cowley, I am forwarding, under separate cover,  
copies of the "East Liverpool Review" newspapers dating  
from Monday, October 22 through Tuesday, October 30,  
1934. Arrangements have been made to secure these papers  
through November 3rd and the additional copies will be  
forwarded to the Division as they are received at this  
office.

Arrangements have also been made to obtain copies  
of the newspaper published at Wellsville, Ohio, covering  
the same period, and they will be forwarded to the  
Division immediately upon receipt.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 3, 1934.

Colonel Lynn E. Black,  
Superintendent,  
Ohio State Highway Patrol,  
Columbus, Ohio.

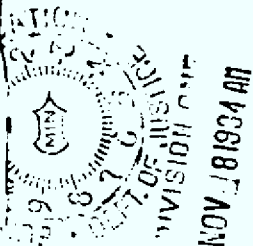
My dear Colonel:

I have just reviewed a communication received from Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of this Division, relative to his very pleasant talk with you while at East Liverpool, Ohio and particularly to the splendid cooperation which you rendered to Division agents.

He informed me of your most generous offer with regard to utilizing the airplanes in case of emergency assigned to your organization and I want to express to you my deep appreciation of your assistance in this regard.

I want you to feel at perfect liberty to call upon the Division at any time and wish to assure you that it will be a pleasure to cooperate with you on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,



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November 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent finger impressions heretofore developed in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased); Richard Tallman Calatas with aliases, I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Charles Jose Fitzgerald, our #93790, have been compared with all the latent impressions above mentioned but without effecting any identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Little Rock, Arkansas

October 13, 1934

DIVISION ONE  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a memorandum of Special Agent L. B. Reed at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 10th, 1934, which contains a digest of information secured from the TRUE DETECTIVE MYSTERIES magazine, issues of October, 1933, to April, 1934, concerning the life and escapades of CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD.

The memorandum in question apparently portrays the life history of Floyd in a condensed, but comprehensive manner. Of course, it is realized that there may be inaccuracies contained therein, because of a desire of the writer of the stories in the Detective Magazine to secure color for his articles. Agent Reed, however, has exercised care to incorporate into his memorandum all names, dates and events in order that they might be available for re-check by Division Agents, should the Division consider same appropriate.

The Division may desire to have various field offices of the Division review the events set forth in the memorandum, unless same have already been covered, for the purpose of securing a proper background of Floyd's life. It has occurred to me that various Peace Officers throughout the United States, who have come in contact with Floyd, as set

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forth in the memorandum, may have secured information regarding him, which if developed by Division Agents, might possibly lead to his whereabouts.

No doubt the Division and the office of origin on this case are in possession of much more complete information regarding Floyd than the Little Rock Office. Accordingly, this office has not attempted to prepare a summary report in connection with Floyd's activities and his contacts, to be used as a basis for further investigation. It is felt, however, that the enclosed memorandum may be of some value in that connection, when such a report is compiled.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City



MEMORANDUM

Little Rock, Arkansas,  
October 10, 1934.

This memorandum is a digest of information contained in True Detective Mysteries magazine, issues of October, 1933, to April, 1934, inclusive, concerning the life and escapades of CHARLES ARTHUR ("PRETTY BOY") FLOYD. No attempt is made to verify or substantiate the statements made by the author of the magazine articles. This digest is submitted for what purpose it may serve in the field offices of the Division. (L. B. Reed, Special Agent.)

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Floyd was born on a farm in the State of Georgia. His parents moved to a farm near Jkins, Oklahoma, when he was a baby. His father, Walter F. Floyd, was industrious, and the latter's wife had been a church worker for thirty-five years. Pretty Boy has four sisters and two brothers, said to be respectable people. He attended public school at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, where he was known as "Chock".

The oil fields near Sallisaw brought in tough characters. That country had been the home of Belle Starr, Matt Kimes, and George Kimes, notorious outlaws. The Kimes brothers were in the limelight. Pretty Boy married Ruby Hardgraves, a Sallisaw farmer's daughter, when he was eighteen years old. He worked in the Kansas wheat fields for a short time, then in the Sallisaw oil fields, and in September, 1925, he headed for St. Louis, Missouri, and his career of crime.

Pretty Boy pleaded guilty in St. Louis to the Kroger pay roll robbery committed on September 11, 1925. On December 18, 1925, he entered the Missouri State Penitentiary as No. 29078, and was released March 7, 1929. That robbery was a bold daylight holdup, but crude. Floyd and Fred G. Hilderbrand were arrested in Sallisaw with the loot in their possession. Joe Klavaty of St. Louis had driven the car during this stick-up.

On March 9, 1929, Floyd appeared in Kansas City, Missouri. Detectives learned of his presence and searched his room, where they found revolvers. They detained him and his companion, "Red" Lovett, convicted robber, for a few days. Through Lovett, Floyd met Mrs. ("Mother") Ash, Kansas City patron of hoodlums, and her clan. He became enamored of Beulah Baird, a member of the Ash household. Though warned by officers to leave the city, he remained to frequently see his new sweetheart. Beulah, noting Floyd's rosy cheeks, called him "Pretty Boy" and the name stuck. During one

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of these visits the police came, looking for murder suspects. The girls helped Floyd and the Ash brothers escape.

In the summer of 1929, Floyd received word his father had died, and he returned to Sallisaw. His father had been killed in a fight with a neighbor, Jim Mills. Floyd went gunning when Mills was acquitted, but Mills had left and never returned. Pretty Boy returned to Kansas City and met James Bradley, much his senior, and an experienced crook and fugitive, wanted for two bank robberies in Buckner, Missouri, of May 4, 1923. They went to Akron, Ohio, and were joined by Jack Atkins, bank robber from Toledo, Ohio, and Marie Maxwell. During the next few months, a series of robberies in central Ohio mystified the police. In March, 1930, Harlan F. Manes, Akron, Ohio, traffic officer, was killed in a running gun fight. Floyd, Bradley, Atkins, and Marie Maxwell were arrested. Bradley was convicted of the murder and electrocuted. Atkins was sentenced to life. The woman was not prosecuted. The authorities could not pin any part of that crime on Floyd. However, he was convicted at Toledo of robbing a bank at Sylvania, Ohio, and sentenced under the name of Charles Mitchell to serve fifteen years. On May 15, 1930, when being taken to prison by a Deputy Sheriff, Floyd dived out a train window and escaped.

Back in Toledo, Pretty Boy joined "Bill-the-Killer" Miller, the baby-faced gunman. The two went to Michigan and indulged in several robberies, and left with the police behind them. These included the assault and robbery of Marston Eichstien, Pinconning, Michigan, and George Seeley, Bay City, Michigan. With their stake, Floyd and Miller went to Kansas City and Pretty Boy immediately went to the Ash home to see Beulah Baird, where he presented Miller. They took Beulah Baird and Rose Ash away with them and established the girls in an apartment. Mother Ash and her sons did not like that. Someone told the police Floyd and Miller were in town. The officers started checking and the two couples left, showing up in Shawnee, Oklahoma. On March 9, 1931, Floyd and Miller held up the bank at Earlsboro, Oklahoma, and escaped with \$3,000.00. A raid in Kansas City followed, and the officers missed them by ten minutes. Another raid was made for them less than a block from Mother Ash's home. Someone had squealed. Her two sons had left the home an hour before. Later the Ash brothers passed their mother's house in their automobile, but did not stop. A mysterious car with two occupants was following. That night, just outside of Kansas City, the Ash boys were found dead, brutally beaten and shot several times. Their car was a burning mass. A local apartment was raided, and it was found that Floyd and Miller had just left. Mrs. Ash started working in her own way, and is said to have furnished the police many tips. She received an anonymous note reading, "quit stooling or we'll give you what the boys got. We're watching and we know what you're doing all the time."

Floyd and Miller, accompanied by Beulah Baird and Rose Ash, went to the home of Charles Flege, Grant County, Kentucky. He and Miller had worked on the same railroad years before, but the farmer did not know his callers were robbers. Riding about the country with Flege, Floyd and Miller spotted the Mount Zion Deposit Bank. A day or so later, they held up the cashier and fled with over \$2,000.00. Floyd and his companion fled to Michigan and rented a cottage at Algonac. On a trip into Toledo, Ohio, they saw a man following them. Later, that man was found brutally beaten. The Michigan and Ohio officers learned of the cottage at Algonac. They raided it and

found it empty. The robbers were trailed through Hanging Rock and Bowling Green, Ohio. In Whitehouse, Ohio, Floyd and Miller robbed a bank of \$1,600.00 and escaped. A few days later, they appeared again in Bowling Green, with Beulah and Rose, where they were accosted by Chief of Police Galliher and Patrolman Castner. Miller was killed. Beulah was shot through the head. Castner went down, and later died. Floyd and Chief Galliher had emptied their guns at each other. Floyd ran, with Galliher after him. Rose was captured. Floyd escaped in the car he had waiting. Galliher's clothes contained six bullet holes.

On April 18, 1931, Floyd got in a taxi in Toledo and held a pistol against the driver, Robert Robinson. They drove into the country, where Floyd took the chauffeur's cash and car. The automobile was found abandoned near Monroe, Michigan. On April 19, 1931, Cletus Dushane, taxi driver, Monroe, Michigan, was the victim of the same circumstances and the same bandit. Floyd then faded out for a while.

In July, 1931, prohibition agents and police in Kansas City, Missouri, conducted a raid at 1039 Independence Avenue for the sole purpose of seizing liquor and bootleggers. They found quantities of whiskey and a regular arsenal. When seven arrests had apparently completed the raid, Agents Curtis C. Burks and Glenn Havens found a man, apparently drunk, in a secret room. They took a .45 automatic from him. He drew another automatic and they again disarmed him, using flashlights in the dark. The stranger leaped for a bed and drew a third automatic from beneath a pillow. Shots rang out and Burks fell, wounded. As the killer's face appeared in a streak of light, Agent Thompson shouted, "It's Floyd." The bandit ran through the door, knocking the agents down as he ran. Patrolman Clarence Reidy poured shots at Floyd, who returned the fire. Reidy fell, shot through the neck. Floyd ran into the hall, where a number of prohibition agents and police fired at him. He leaped at them, firing as he came. E. C. Anderson, another prohibition agent, stood at the top of the stairs. He and Floyd fired together. Anderson collapsed, shot in the abdomen. Floyd came out of the front door firing, where a crowd mingled. M. P. Wilson, spectator, received one of Pretty Boy's bullets above the heart. The killer landed in the midst of the crowd and disappeared in the darkness. Prohibition Agent Burks died in the hospital the following day.

Floyd then had five murders charged against him: the two Ash brothers in Kansas City; Patrolman Castner at Bowling Green, Ohio; Prohibition Agent Curtis C. Burks and M. P. Wilson at Kansas City.

On September 29, 1931, Floyd and a companion (believed to be George Birdwell) armed with a machine gun and revolvers, robbed the bank at Maud, Oklahoma, and escaped with \$3,200.00. Bank employees identified a photograph of Floyd. The next day, officers waited for him to visit his brother-in-law in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Pretty Boy drove up in broad daylight. The officers opened fire and could see their bullets beat dust from Pretty Boy's clothes. The killer returned the fire, wheeled his machine around with one hand, and sped away.

Floyd, George Birdwell, and a third man held up the First National Bank, Paden, Oklahoma, January 14, 1932, and took \$2,500.00. They forced C. L. Southerland,

cashier, to ride on the running board of the car as they roared out of town. The cashier was released in Poley, Oklahoma, a near-by town. Twenty minutes later, the same trio robbed the Castle State Bank, Castle, Oklahoma, of \$2,000.00 and sped away, forcing bank employees and customers to ride the running boards as hostages.

On January 15, 1932, the governor of Oklahoma called a state-wide meeting of the Sheriffs to consolidate plans for catching Floyd. While the Sheriffs were in session, Pretty Boy staged an act of defiance. He drove into Newoka, Oklahoma, and stopped at a hotel. He entered and rounded up the employees, including the proprietor, and told them he was Charley Floyd; sat on a table, talked to them, drank a bottle of whiskey, and displayed his bullet-proof vest, then drove away. A picked posse, formed at the governor's request, searched throughout Eastern Oklahoma. While the officers were searching, three men entered the State Bank, Dover, Oklahoma, and robbed it in true Floyd style. The cashier, A. L. Fash, was ridden out of town as hostage. Photographs of Floyd were identified.

On January 23, 1932, C. M. Reber appeared at the State Bureau of Identification of Oklahoma and said Floyd would surrender if he would not be returned to Ohio for killing Officer Castner. The governor of Oklahoma refused to bargain. In February, 1932, Beulah Baird and Rose Ash, the killers' girl friends from Kansas City, were acquitted in a second trial for their complicity in the robbery of the Mount Zion Deposit Bank, Elliston, Kentucky, which had been robbed by Floyd and "Bill-the-Killer" Miller. Reports came in that Floyd had left his hiding in the White Horse Mountains. Another bank was robbed at Konawa, Oklahoma.

At midnight, February 7, 1932, Detective Wade Foor, Patrolman Willard Wilson, and four other officers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, recognized Floyd and George Birdwell sitting in a sedan on a dark street. The officers drove up on an angle, their lights playing on the sedan. Four officers jumped at the pair with drawn guns. Birdwell opened fire. Floyd, who was in the back seat, ducked and came up shooting a machine gun. Detective Foor from the rear poured six shots against Floyd's back, but the bullet-proof vest stopped them. The machine gun barked and Officer Wilson dropped, seriously wounded. Floyd's bullets smashed all the glass in the police car and wrecked the steering wheel. A patrolman drew a machine gun from the police car and began firing, but Floyd and Birdwell drove away. Their car was found abandoned in Tulsa. Identifying numbers had been filed off. Bullet holes of previous battles had been covered with putty and paint. A re-charge tag on the battery led to a garage and then to a residence address, a bungalow at 513 Young Street, Tulsa. Twenty police officers raided it at dawn, the following morning. They threw gas grenades through the windows. Floyd and Birdwell slipped out the back door, dropped on their stomachs, wiggled down a ditch, then arose and started running. The police gave chase, shooting at the pair, and the fire was returned. While the officers were on the chase, a girl and a small boy walked from the bungalow and disappeared. That afternoon, Floyd's wife, Ruby, and her small son, Jackie, were picked up in the bus station. She denied she was Ruby Floyd and said she was Mrs. Hamilton. A detective showed Floyd's picture to the little boy, who exclaimed, "There's daddy." Ruby then admitted her identity, but gave no information. While she was being questioned, Floyd and Birdwell rode back through town, their machine gun blazing. Police cars



chased them. Floyd rode the black Pontiac Coupe over a railroad embankment into darkness and wrecked it. The officers found two machine guns, a rifle, and two automatic pistols in the coupe. Floyd and Birdwell had again escaped. The automobile bore fifty bullet holes.

On March 23, 1932, Floyd and Birdwell robbed the bank at Meeker, Oklahoma. The doors to the money cages were locked. Floyd scooped up \$500.00 in loose currency, and while climbing over a partition, he accidentally touched a burglar alarm. A posse quickly formed outside. The bandits marched four bank employees out in front of them and made them ride on the running boards of the car as they sped away.

Ruby Floyd was released by police in Tulsa and was kept under surveillance for a while.

Birdwell's father died in Earlsboro, and the police there expected him to return out of fondness for his father. Floyd and Birdwell drove into Earlsboro, parked their car in front of the undertaker's, and entered. The undertaker's assistant said that Birdwell gave his right name, whom he recognized, and Floyd was also recognized. While Birdwell viewed his father's body in an adjoining room, Floyd stood watch with a machine gun in the front room. The undertaker appeared at the front door, recognized Floyd standing inside, and fled. As a crowd began to gather, Floyd emerged, waving his machine gun, and Birdwell followed. The crowd fell back. The robbers entered their car and left. Not a shot was fired.

The town marshal of Earlsboro was driving his car near town on April 1, 1932, when two men ahead of him stopped their sedan, halted the marshal, and forced him to ride with them out in the country. They beat and kicked him cruelly. One of the men said he didn't like "private detectives". The victim whispered that he was the town marshal. The men apologized, took the officer back into town, identified themselves as Floyd and Birdwell, and pressed a roll of bills into his hand, "to pay the doctor".

Ruby Floyd left Tulsa one night after buying an automobile and some new clothes and drove to the home of her father, Ben Hardgraves, in the lower section of the county, near Bixby, Oklahoma. Tulsa officers put out leads and received a tip that Floyd would visit his wife and boy there. They armed themselves with machine guns and automatic rifles and took up their watch April 8, 1932. Early the following morning, a car drove in. Sheriff Erv Kelly stepped from behind a chicken house, machine gun in hand, and ordered the car occupants to get out. Shots blazed from the car and Kelly fell, his heart burst, his abdomen and legs riddled. Floyd and Birdwell made a clean get-away. Kelly's body was returned to his widow, two daughters, and three sons.

A little later on, Floyd and Birdwell held up and robbed the First State Bank at Stonewall, Oklahoma, but obtained only \$600.00. The same procedure was followed, two employees being forced ahead as shields and made to ride on the side of the car as the robbers drove away in a large green sedan.

About 4:00 A. M., June 7, 1932, Floyd and Birdwell appeared, in a green sedan, at the farm of A. A. Nichols, twelve miles southeast of Ada, Oklahoma. An hour

or so later, officers began to arrive, and stationed themselves at strategic points. A tip had been received. Two of the officers attempted to place their car in a road, not far from Echols' barn, to block an avenue of escape, but got stuck in the mud. Floyd and Birdwell opened fire from the barn, and then ran for the car. The green sedan was riddled when the bandits attempted to flee in it, and they ran back into the barn, which was surrounded. They re-entered the sedan under withering fire, and drove away on two flat tires. They escaped the blockade apparently unscathed.

Three days later, Floyd stopped E. W. Wood, superintendent of the Booker T. Washington school at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on a road near Warner, Oklahoma. The bandit took Wood's car, transferred his weapons from the green sedan, made Wood ride with him a few miles, and let him out. Wood walked back to his wife and children. He identified the photograph of Floyd, and the green sedan proved to be the same one that had been at Echols' barn.

On June 29, 1932, Mother Ash died at her home at Kansas City, Missouri. Officers had counted on further underworld tips from her, as she believed Floyd had killed her sons, William and Wallace.

H. W. Nave, former policeman, driving from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to his home at Blackwell, Oklahoma, on August 3, 1932, was stopped in the road. Pretty Boy and a companion got in the car with him and drove off. In a ravine in thick woods, they made Nave strip so he could not make an early report. The killers left him and took his car. Nave, dressed like Adam, appeared on the highway, gesticulating wildly. Instead of picking him up, motorists stepped on the gas. Officers combed the vicinity fruitlessly.

Floyd, Birdwell, and a third man struck at Sallisaw, Oklahoma (Pretty Boy's home town), November 1, 1932. There were a dozen people in the bank. Floyd waved a machine gun while Birdwell scooped up \$2,530.00. Bob Riggs, cashier, was ridden out of town as a shield and released. No shots were fired. Spectators were positive in their identification of Aussie Elliott, twenty-one year old bank robber, as the third man. Aussie had been a professional baseball player in Oklahoma. On August 14, 1932, he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

On November 7, 1932, Ruby Floyd was stricken with appendicitis, and her father rushed her to a hospital at Tulsa, Oklahoma. On the same day, Pretty Boy, Birdwell, and a third man robbed the American State Bank, Henryetta, Oklahoma. Floyd handed A. D. Diamond, bookkeeper, a sack, who complied with orders and packed \$11,252.00 in it. Two employees were forced to stand on the running board of the bandit car as it raced out of town.

The Tulsa police learned on November 21, 1932, that Ruby Floyd was in the hospital, and that she would be discharged on November 23. They set a watch.

On the afternoon of November 23, 1932, a brown sedan drew up before the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in Boley, Oklahoma, very near Tulsa. A negro was at the wheel. He entered the bank and asked to have a check cashed, but was refused. The negro returned to the car and talked to two white men, who then entered the bank.

H. C. McCormick, bookkeeper, slipped into the vault. D. J. Turner, president of the bank, and town civic leader, pulled the burglar alarm. Birdwell killed Turner instantly. McCormick emerged from the vault with a rifle in his hands. He took deliberate aim and shot Birdwell through the head. Pretty Boy's chief lieutenant was dead. The vigilance committee arrived and started shooting through the window at the other bandit, who made the cashier, W. W. Riley, drag Turner's body, and advance as a shield. The negro, Charles Glass, in the sedan, tried to escape, but bullets riddled him. The strange bandit was shot many times and killed. He was not Floyd, but was identified as C. C. Patterson of Kiowa, Oklahoma. Prices on bank robbers in Oklahoma went up, and there was a total of \$6,000.00 reward over Pretty Boy's head.

On November 30, 1932, the Citizens State Bank at Tupelo, Mississippi, was robbed of \$50,000.00. Floyd was partially identified as being one of the bandits. On January 5, 1933, the First National Bank, Cleveland, Texas, was robbed of \$1,200.00 by three men. The Floyd technique was used, and some of the officers reported that Pretty Boy was the leader. On January 11, 1933, three men robbed the bank at Ash Grove, Missouri, and escaped with \$3,000.00. J. H. Perryman, cashier, is said to have identified Floyd's picture as one of the robbers. On June 2, 1933, three Deputy Sheriffs in Nowata, Oklahoma, went to an automobile accident and found three men standing by the car. They asked the men to identify themselves. One of the men whipped out a machine gun from the car and told the Deputies to get out. They recognized him as Floyd, and they quickly departed. The officers returned with reinforcements and found two women; one was Ruby Floyd and the other was Marie, wife of Blackie Smalley of Seminole, Oklahoma. Floyd and his companion had fled. Ruby said that the officers were not smart enough to catch Pretty Boy, so they arrested his "old lady". Floyd's eight year old son, Jackie, was found in the Smalley home, which Pretty Boy had just left. Ruby and Marie were released on bond in connection with the abandoned car, which proved to have been stolen.

On June 14, 1933, near Mexico, Missouri, Sheriff Roger Wilson and Sergeant Ben Booth were patrolling the road for men who had just robbed the Farmers and Merchants Bank. They stopped a car to question the occupants. Wilson and Booth were shot and killed. The killers were not identified, but the next day Floyd appeared in Bolivar, Missouri. Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar walked into a garage, where Joe Richetti, mechanic, was working on a car. By the car stood Adam Richetti, robber and bandit, and Pretty Boy Floyd. The Sheriff, mechanic, and bystanders were lined up at the point of guns. Floyd abandoned his crippled car, commandeered one from the garage, transferred his guns and ammunition, and made the Sheriff ride out of town with him. Local officers then decided that Floyd and his companion had killed Sheriff Wilson and Sergeant Booth near Mexico, Missouri. Sheriff Killingsworth was taken for a wild ride. Floyd stopped Walter F. Griffith, a real estate salesman, near Clinton, Missouri, and commandeered his car, transferred his guns and ammunition, and drove on, Griffith and Killingsworth with him. In a hidden ravine miles away, where Floyd stopped to rest, Killingsworth and Floyd talked. Pretty Boy Floyd denied any part in the Mexico, Missouri, bank robbery, and denied killing or participating in the shooting of Sheriff Wilson or Sergeant Booth. Killingsworth and Griffith were released late that night.

Floyd's name next flared before the public following the Kansas City Union Station massacre, June 17, 1933. The public has asked whether Floyd was one of the



killers, but Government officials have not published their reply to the question.

True Detective Mysteries magazine relates that on July 31, 1933, a report from Los Angeles, California, said that Floyd was behind a plot to kidnap a movie actress; that on August 1, he was reported in Neola, Iowa; that on August 5, stocks and bonds worth \$150,000.00 were recovered in Los Angeles and said to be part of the loot obtained by Floyd in Oklahoma bank robberies; that on August 14, 1933, officers saw Floyd in a restaurant in Coalgate, Oklahoma; on August 17, 1933, officers raided a cabin near Warsaw, Missouri, looking for Floyd and Vernon C. Miller. On August 20, Adam Richetti was reported in Missouri, and on August 28, a bank at Galena, Missouri, was robbed of \$1,600.00. Witnesses said Floyd and Richetti were the robbers.

Ruby Floyd was in an automobile wreck on October 17, 1933, near Charleston, Arkansas, and she was taken to a Fort Smith, Arkansas, hospital. She was questioned, but could not talk, due to a fractured jaw. She penciled a defiant reply.

L. B. Reed, Special Agent.

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