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SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

FILE: 62-28915

SECTION 7



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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Chevrolet seen in Los Angeles, Calif. sold to Milton Garrison, Novinger, Mo., who is now attending school. Bailey and four other men seen in Gary, Ind. 6-27-33 in Ford VB Coach by residents of Green City, Missouri. John Bovard unknown St. Louis, Mo.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 7-3-33.

DETAILS:

On July 7, 1933 the undersigned, accompanied by Capt. Lewis Means, State Highway Patrol, proceeded to Novinger, Mo. and interviewed Mr. Jesse M. Truitt, one of the partners of Truitt Bros., automobile (Chevrolet) dealers, that city. It is pointed out that Novinger is located in Adair County, Mo., about 6 miles from the Sullivan County line. Mr. Truitt permitted Capt. Means and the undersigned to examine his sales book which reflects that on Jan. 30, 1931 Truitt Bros. received at their garage from the St. Louis Assembly Plant of the Chevrolet Motor Co., Chevrolet Coach, 1931 model, motor #2,293,951, serial #3-AE-22710; that this car was shipped from St. Louis on January 28, 1931. The record further reflects that on February 14, 1931 Truitt Bros. sold the above car to Milton Garrison of Middletown, Mo. Mr. Truitt advised that Garrison is a school teacher; that he is not a native of Novinger and that to his knowledge neither Garrison nor the car are at Novinger or vicinity at the present time. He stated that Garrison taught school at Novinger in 1925 or 1926; that he is about 36 years of age and has a sister, Dr. Udebell Garrison, who resides at Kirksville, Mo.; that Garrison married a girl, name unknown, from Green City, Mo., which is about fifteen miles from Novinger; that at the time Garrison bought the above car from

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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him he, Garrison, had no connections in Novinger; that Garrison doubtless gave him the above business out of friendship. Mr. Truitt stated that he had no idea as to Garrison's present whereabouts; further, that Garrison bore an excellent reputation while in Novinger and was well thought of.

After the above statement, Mr. Truitt was shown photographs of subjects Bailey, Brady, Underhill, Clark, Davis and Floyd and stated that at no time has he ever done business with the above men; further, that he is not acquainted with any of the above men except subject Bailey whom he knows by reputation only and that he cannot remember ever having seen this man.

It is pointed out that before contacting Mr. Truitt, Capt. Means and the undersigned ascertained from Trooper C. Morris Parker, Highway Patrol, stationed at Kirksville, Mo., that Mr. Truitt bears a good reputation for truth and honesty; further, that he, Parker, was satisfied that Truitt is not friendly to the criminal element which infest Sullivan County and the vicinity around Novinger.

Following the above interview with Mr. Truitt, the undersigned and Capt. Means left Novinger for Linneus, Mo. In order to get to Linneus from Novinger it is necessary to drive across Sullivan County, which is located in the territory covered by the Kansas City Bureau Office. While enroute to Linneus a stop was made at Green City, Mo. where Capt. Means and the undersigned contacted [REDACTED]

67D [REDACTED] It is pointed out that Capt. Means and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Capt. Means asked [REDACTED] if he was acquainted with Milton Garrison, who formerly taught school at Novinger; that [REDACTED] replied that he was; that Garrison married a girl by the name of Lelia Posey of Green City about two or three years ago; that the last time he saw Garrison was on Decoration Day this year; that on the above occasion Garrison umpired a ball game at Green City; further, that Garrison told him that he planned on spending the present summer in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Calif. where he hoped to take a course at the University of Southern California. He further stated that Garrison also told him on the above occasion that he was located over near Kansas City, Mo., however, he was unable to recall the name of the town. When the undersigned suggested the name of Alma, Mo. [REDACTED] stated that he thought that was the town. 67D

[REDACTED] stated that Garrison was driving a Chevrolet Coach, however, he was unable to advise the model.

Following the above discussion as to Garrison, [redacted] of his own accord and without the subject being mentioned by either Capt. Means or the undersigned, brought up the subject of the Union Station Plaza murder at Kansas City. [redacted] stated that he could furnish some information that might assist in the apprehension of subject Harvey S. Bailey, however, he wanted his name kept confidential in the matter. The undersigned assured [redacted] that he would be interested in receiving any leads that he had to offer; further, that his, [redacted], name would be held in the strictest of confidence in this connection, whereupon [redacted] advised as follows:

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He stated that a day or so ago Mr. J. R. Chapman, Manager of the local telephone company, told him that [redacted] age about 24, had recently made a trip via auto from Green City, Mo. to Detroit, Mich., and return with [redacted] of Green City; that upon her return to Green City from the above trip [redacted] reported to him, Chapman, that while enroute to Detroit one day last week, the car in which [redacted] and she were riding was passed on three different occasions by a Chevrolet Coach or Sedan bearing Illinois plates on the outskirt, and in the city of Gary, Indiana; that the car contained five men; that one of the men was identified by [redacted] and her husband as being Harvey Bailey; that the men looked the party over carefully and finally after passing them the third time, pulled away and [redacted] saw no more of them.

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Upon receipt of the above information, Capt. Means and Agent interviewed Mr. Chapman at [redacted] home. Mr. Chapman stated that he knows Harvey Bailey; that Bailey is the son of Mrs. Amanda Bailey, who lives about five miles northwest of Green City; further, that Harvey Bailey's brother, Bot Bailey, who had not been in the vicinity of Green City for several years, dropped into that town shortly after the Leavenworth, Kansas break in 1931; further, that the picture which he saw in the Kansas City papers of Frank Nash following the Plaza Massacre on June 17th last, was identical with the man known to him as Bot Bailey. He stated that Bot Bailey was bald and wore a wig as did Frank Nash. Mr. Chapman then related the story told to him by [redacted] as having recently seen Harvey Bailey.

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Following the above interview Capt. Means and the undersigned interviewed [redacted] at the telephone exchange at Green City, Mo. [redacted] stated that on the night of Monday, June 26, 1933, she left Green City in an automobile owned by [redacted] of that city for Detroit, Mich.; that besides herself, [redacted] and his wife and [redacted] and wife, made up the party; that some time during the early

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afternoon of Tuesday, June 27, 1933, while thus enroute to Detroit and while on the outskirts of Gary, Indiana, five men drove up alongside of [redacted] car and carefully looked the party over but said nothing; that the five men were in a car which she took to be a Chevrolet Coach or Sedan, however, she is not positive as to the make thereof. She stated that three men were in the rear seat and two men were riding in the front seat; that a man whom [redacted] later said was Harvey Bailey was riding in the front seat at the right of the driver; that she never saw Bailey before and did not recognize him. b7D

At this point in the interview Capt. Means exhibited to [redacted] photographs of subjects Bailey, Brady, Underhill, Clark, Davis and Floyd as appear on I. O. #1189-94, inclusive. In exhibiting these photographs to [redacted] the Captain arranged them so as to hide the name of each subject and have the picture only appear. After looking at the above photographs, [redacted] stated she was "reasonably certain" that the man whose photograph appears on I. O. #1189 is the man whom she saw on the front seat of the above car. [redacted] could not identify the other four occupants of the car as any of the other subjects. She remembers Bailey because of [redacted] identification of him. b7D

[redacted] stated that the above incident took only a few seconds; that the car in which the five men were riding slowly pulled around [redacted] car and went on its way; that a few minutes later the car in which Bailey was riding again pulled up alongside [redacted] car; that the men continued to stare at [redacted] party, but not a word was said; this incident occurred in the city limits of Gary, Ind. and was a few minutes after the first incident; that the Bailey car again pulled away and went ahead of [redacted] car to a stop light located on one of the streets of Gary; that [redacted] car followed and coasted up alongside the car in which the five men were riding and then stopped for the light; that [redacted] exclaimed while his car was stopped alongside the Bailey car, "From Green City"; that the man identified by her as Bailey merely nodded and said nothing; that as soon as the stop light gave the "Go" signal Bailey exclaimed "Let's go", whereupon the driver pulled out and [redacted] stated she saw no more of the Bailey car. b7D

[redacted] stated at no time during the above incidents did the men in Bailey's car say anything to her party; that at no time did she see any arms or ammunition; further, that the men appeared well dressed and orderly. b7D

[redacted] stated that she was able to get a side view only of the men in the car; that the side view of Bailey on the I. O. strongly resembled

the man she saw. She further stated that the car in which the five men were riding had Illinois license plates but that she did not take their number.

At this point Agent desires to state that while interviewing Mr. J. R. Chapman as to Milton Garrison, Chapman stated he is acquainted with him; that Garrison's wife's maiden name was Lelia Posey of Green City; that she, Garrison and Mrs. Garrison's aunt, Mrs. Schuster, recently went to California; that Lelia Garrison's mother is a sister of Mrs. Schuster and is also a sister of John Cady's wife; that John Cady's son married a sister-in-law of Harvey Bailey.

[redacted] upon being interviewed by the undersigned and Capt. Means at her home at Green City stated that about noon on Tuesday, June 27th last, while her husband, her nephew, [redacted] and wife, [redacted] and herself were enroute to Detroit, via auto, they came upon the outskirts of Gary, Ind.; that while on the outskirts and just a few minutes before entering the city a Ford coach bearing Illinois license plates and containing five men drove up alongside her car on the highway; that three men sat on the rear seat and two men occupied the front seat; that the men looked over the occupants of [redacted] car and drove on; that after the car had passed her car she exclaimed to her husband "Did you see that guy in the front seat?"; that her husband said that he had noted the man referred to and that she and her husband agreed that the man was Harvey Bailey; that the man was riding on the front seat next to the driver; that she had not seen Harvey Bailey for at least fifteen years prior to the above incident but that she recognized him because she years ago used to go to Bailey's mother's house near Green City and visit and that she would often see Harvey there. b7D

[redacted] was shown the various identification orders of subjects and identified the subject of I. O. #1189 as the party above referred to. She was unable to identify the other occupants of the car as the other subjects. She stated that a few minutes after the above incident the car containing the five men again pulled up alongside her car and the occupants thereof again gave her party the "once over" and pulled away. This occurred on the streets of Gary. Following this, [redacted] car pulled up alongside the Bailey car at a stop light. [redacted] said while the cars were stopped at the light "From Green City"; to this Bailey nodded and as the "Go" signal flashed Bailey said to the driver of his car "Drive On". The above car then left [redacted] car and was seen no more. [redacted] could not recall the license number on the Ford car. b7D

[redacted] advised that the men in the car were well dressed, b7D

orderly, and at no time did she see any arms or ammunition therein.

It should be pointed out that [redacted] appeared greatly concerned at being questioned about this matter. She stated that Bailey is a bad man and that he would not hesitate to murder her entire family if he knew she had told the above to Government agents. Agent promised to keep her name confidential in the matter.

[redacted] upon being interviewed by Capt. Means and the undersigned [redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated that about 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, June 27, 1933 while about 8 miles from the city limits of Gary, Ind., and while enroute on a highway to Detroit, Mich. from Green City in his car with his wife, [redacted] all of Green City, a V8 Ford Coach car, bearing Illinois license plates and containing five men pulled up slowly alongside [redacted] car and the occupants of the former car appeared to be looking them over; that the car then pulled ahead of his car and apparently went on its way; that his wife exclaimed after the Ford had passed "Did you see that guy", whereupon he and his wife agreed that one of the two men in the front seat was Harvey Bailey who formerly lived near Green City; that it had been many years since he had seen Bailey, but felt that the front seat occupant was him because he had gone to school with Bailey when a boy. He further stated that the rear seat of the car contained three men; that Bailey was riding on the front seat with the driver.

[redacted] further stated that a few minutes after the above incident and after they had entered the city limits of Gary, the Ford again pulled up alongside of them and then pulled away and came to a stop at a stop light; that [redacted] coasted his car to the stop light and pulled up alongside the Ford and stopped; that by the time that he arrived at the stop light he and [redacted] determined that the man on the front seat of the Ford alongside the driver was Harvey Bailey; that [redacted] determined to try Bailey out and see what his reaction would be and said, in a tone of voice which he knew carried to the Ford, "From Green City"; that Bailey smiled and put his hand to his face as if trying to hide same; that the "Go" signal then flashed and Bailey said to the driver "Let's Go", whereupon the Ford pulled out and [redacted] never saw it again. [redacted] did not get the numbers off the Illinois plates on the Ford. b7D

[redacted] was shown the pictures of all subjects, as contained in the identification orders. He identified the subject of I. O. #1189 as being the man he saw in the Ford at Gary. He stated he is reasonably certain that this man is the fellow he saw alongside the driver in the Ford. b7D

[redacted] stated he knew of no reason why Bailey's car should follow him unless Bailey had recognized himself and his wife and was curious to verify same; that [redacted] car bore 1933 Missouri license plates but no city tags; further, that the five men in the Ford appeared to be well dressed, orderly and did not as far as he could see have any arms or ammunition. b7D

[redacted] was unable to identify the other occupants of the car as the subjects of the other identification orders.

An attempt was made to locate [redacted] of Green City for interview without success, however, these young people are permanent residents of that town and can be easily found if it is thought their statements in this connection would be worth while. [redacted] stated that neither [redacted] nor his wife knew subject Bailey. In this connection it is pointed out that Capt. Means counseled against interviewing [redacted] and his wife. His theory was that they are young and irresponsible; that they would give publicity to the thing and might injure future investigation in the vicinity of Green City. The persons interviewed appeared to be conservative people and did not want their names mentioned in connection with same and consequently promised to treat same in confidence. b7D

Sergt. McGuire, Hotel Detail, Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, Mo., has advised that the diamond ring of Winnie Williams previously left by her at the Forest Park Hotel in St. Louis is still at said hotel and further that he has again instructed the manager of said hotel that in the event Winnie Williams requests the diamond ring to be forwarded that he, Sergt. McGuire, be notified of the forwarding address prior to any action; further, in the event Winnie Williams calls for said ring Sergt. McGuire should be notified immediately.

In an effort to locate and identify a JOHN BOVARD, unknown address, alleged to be on Olive St. in St. Louis, Special Agent F. F. Yearaley of this office contacted the following superintendents of mail of the branch post office stations listed hereafter, each of which covers a portion of Olive St. in St. Louis, and was advised by each superintendent, after he had questioned the various carriers covering Olive St., that a party by the name of John Bovard, or other similar name, was unknown to any of said carriers and further that the removal and forwarding records failed to reflect any forwarding address for such a party since the beginning of 1931.

Superintendents of Mail contacted and portions of Olive St. covered by their stations.

E. L. Lemus	Field Station	4540 Olive St.
Covers both sides of Olive St. from Sarah to 4700 block (end of Olive).		
L. W. Cookson	College Station	3552 Lindell Blvd.
Covers both sides of Olive St. from Garrison Ave. to Sarah St.		
J. L. Whittaker	Anchor Station	2840 Franklin Ave.
Covers both sides of Olive St. from Garrison Ave. to Jefferson Ave.		
Emile Eberhardt	Progress Station	1701 Morgan St.
Covers both sides of Olive St. from Jefferson Ave. to 18th St.		
W. C. Lutz	Main Station	18th & Walnut Sts.
Covers both sides of Olive St. from Jefferson Ave. to 12th St.		
C. H. Goller	Central Station	8th & Olive Sts.
Covers both sides of Olive St. in business district.		

During Agent's interview with Supt. of Mail W. C. Lutz, carrier James Fraser stated that the name of Bovard sounded familiar to him and he thought perhaps such a party might be located at a small hotel at 1500 Chestnut St., however, Agent made inquiries at said hotel which is a very cheap, low class rooming house and was advised that no one by the name of John Bovard or similar name was known at said hotel.

An examination of the St. Louis, Mo. city and telephone directories failed to reflect a listing of anyone by the name of John Bovard and further the records of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Dept., both identification and record rooms, failed to reflect a record of a John Bovard or other similar name located on Olive St. in St. Louis.

The St. Louis city and telephone directories do reflect the name of one O. K. Bovard, managing editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper, 12th & Olive St. Louis, and upon investigation at said newspaper office it was ascertained that Mr. Bovard was out of the city and would not return until Monday, July 10, 1933.

Upon communicating with Mrs. O. K. Bovard, by telephone, she advised that her husband was commonly known as Jack Bovard and that as far as known to her there were no other Bovards in the City of St. Louis, however, there was alleged to be a Bovard residing in the tri-cities in Illinois (in the vicinity of East St. Louis, Ill.), and also a Bovard who formerly resided in Kansas City, Mo. who is now believed to be deceased. Mrs. O. K. Bovard was unable to supply agent with any additional informa-

tion, she not being advised of the nature of this investigation.

The St. Louis Bureau office will continue its investigation, endeavoring to locate JOHN BOVARD, alleged to be known on Olive St. in St. Louis, interviewing O. K. Bovard in this connection; Further, the St. Louis Bureau office will endeavor to ascertain the present address of Bertha Engler previously mentioned in connection with this investigation.

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July 12, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a report dated July 8, 1933, submitted by Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, St. Louis, Missouri, in the case entitled BARKER SUBJECTS, Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash, from which it will be noted that Harvey Bailey is reported to have been seen at Gary, Indiana, on June 27, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #214040.

CC - Kansas City
St. Louis.

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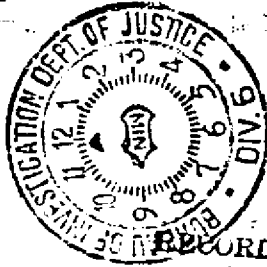
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HERBERT A FARMER CORRECT NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION ORDER

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Mr. Nathan
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NATHAN

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MESSAGES BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Los Angeles, Cal
July 2nd, 1933.

Mr. Harold Nathan
Asst. Director, Bm. of Inv.
905 Federal Reserve Bk.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

May I request an
immediate reply, re -
the air mail forward-
ed you from the local
Office Saturday July 1st?

I have now very
good connections, through
which actual contact can
be made with the Okla-
homa boys.

Of course I request
that my name and the
nature of my business
in Oklahoma, be an
absolute secret, until
such time as these boys

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shall be apprehended.

I ask for no salary, until after delivery of these people, where they may be taken. The only thing I ask is expense money, and a commission, so I will be able to take care of myself in an emergency.

For reference, I will refer you to Pinkerton N.H.A. Bureau of Ind. District Atty's Office. L.A. Cal. - Last worked out of Dayton, Ohio, last month. Prob. - Capt. Under Fend and Ruscel, many more if desired.

Thanking you in advance, for an immediate reply, I am -

Yours Very Truly

Paul R. Beach
224. N. Hope St.
Los Angeles,
Calif.

apt. # 8.

x (Operator X)

ME:DSS

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July 8, 1933.

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Mr. Paul L. Beach,
a/o Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
619 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to Mr. Nathan, of this Bureau, at Kansas City. In response to a communication received from this Bureau's Los Angeles office there was transmitted to said office, under date of July 7, the following communication:

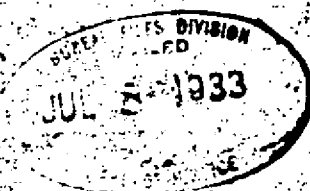
"The Bureau is in receipt of your communication of July 1, in the matter of Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases, et al.

The Bureau notes the willingness of Mr. Paul L. Beach, who was for two years an investigator under the State District Attorney for Los Angeles County, to be deputized in some capacity, furnished transportation to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and given expense money for a two weeks' period of investigative activity there in order that he may be able to procure information which might lead to the location of Charles Arthur Floyd. The Bureau feels that at this time it cannot avail itself of the services of Mr. Beach. It is desired, however, that you thank him and should developments in the near future make this procedure desirable the Bureau will again communicate with you."

I believe that this covers the situation in detail at the present time and you may rest assured that should it be possible for the Bureau to avail itself of your services at a later date I will arrange to communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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OFFICE OPEN
UNTIL 8 P. M.

HAVE YOU A CHANCE TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY HERE OR IN ANOTHER CITY OR LOCATION? TELL US WHAT YOU WANT AND WHAT YOU MIGHT BE WE HAVE IT LISTED AND RE. TO TRADE FOR YOU.

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UNTIL 8 P. M.

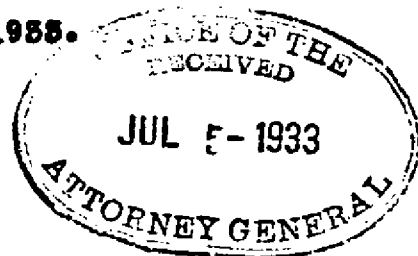
HARRY  SWAN

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PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

July 1st. 1933.

Attorney General Cummings,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.



Dear General Cummings:

The writer feels the Kansas City massacre should teach officers not to work in mass formation. This is not to criticize those good officers who were shot down without warning, but that those working in the future might profit by the mistakes of others. About the first lesson we received as army officers, was to have our men scatter at the first sign of danger.

You have at your command, a vast number of experienced Army Officers, who were dismissed from the service at the end of the war. At a time like this, when most all department have been out, why not appoint thousands of these men to work under your department, as \$1.00 a year men, placing them under a District Head? This would give your department a vast army of trusted officers and help stretch a net work throughout the U. S. A.

I feel most of these Ex-Army Officers could be trusted and would do nothing to harm the dignity of your department.

Trusting this will be received in the spirit in which it is sent, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Harry H. Swan

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Mr. Harry R. Swan,
2003 Procter Street,
Port Arthur, Texas.

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Dear Mr. Swan:

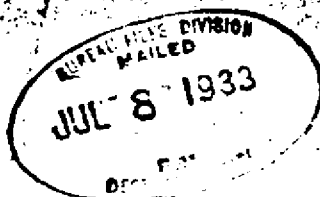
I beg to acknowledge receipt, by reference from the Attorney General, of your communication to him of July 1, and want you to know that I have read your letter with much interest. You may rest assured that the suggestion contained therein will receive careful study with a view to the exercise of every possible precaution in the handling of Bureau work.

With regard to the possibility of the Department and the Bureau availing themselves of the services of army officers at a nominal compensation of \$1.00 per annum, I beg to state that for a number of years past Departmental and Bureau regulations have provided that all those who render any services to the Bureau must be placed upon a regular payroll and give full time to the Bureau's work. You may be certain, however, that should any emergency arise I would not hesitate to communicate with you.

Thanking you for your communication, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

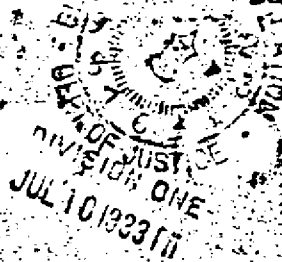
Director.



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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

July 8, 1933.



Mr. Clyde O. Eastus,
United States Attorney,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Eastus:-

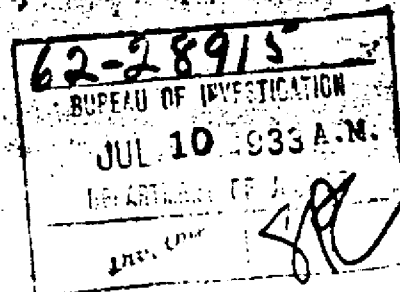
I am returning herewith Identification
Orders #1189, #1190, #1191, #1192, #1193, and #1194 -
which I borrowed from your office yesterday.

Thanking you very much for the loan of
these circulars, I am

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMF
cc Bureau



1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio
July 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: Unknown Subjects
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(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office dated June 30, 1933, there has been secured from the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department a photostat copy of the fingerprint impressions of Richard Tallman Galatis alias Pritchard Sheridan, together with two photographs of this individual. Same are being transmitted herewith to the Kansas City Office. As reflected by the Columbus Police Records, Richard Tallman Galatis is described, as follows:

Age
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Marks

Marital status
Occupation
F.P.S.

Criminal Record:

42 years, 11-1-32
5' 9 1/8"
155 lbs.
Slender
Dark chestnut, gray mixed
Blue
Medium
One upper rear gold tooth
Obl. cic. sc. rt. jaw.
Single
Salesman
(24) 17 1 21
3 0 20

As Richard Galates, #7973, arrested
Toledo, Ohio, 7-3-18, charge sus-
picion, son man; released.

As Richard F. Galates, #21434, ar-
rested Los Angeles, California,
8-14-23, charge fugitive - Bunco
from Chicago; disposition not given.

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Criminal Record,
continued:

As Pritchard Sheridan, #9091, ar-
rested Columbus, Ohio, 4-29-34,
suspicious person; forfeited
\$50.00 bond on 5-1-34.

As Dick Sheridan, #5283, arrested
Flint, Michigan, 4-11-37; suspicion -
con game; no disposition.

Very truly yours,



W. B. KLEIN,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Bureau
Chicago

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620 Post Office Bldg.
Dallas, Texas.

July 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
903 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: Unknown Subjects.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER FRANK NASH).

Dear Sir:-

With reference to my letter of 7/7/33 concerning
George R. Kelly, I am advised by the National Automobile Theft
Bureau that Ohio license #891-965 for the year 1933 was issued
on 6/3/33 to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon of Park Lane Villa, Cleveland,
Ohio, for Cadillac sedan, motor #1400263.

Across the street and in the next block from the
residence of Mrs. Kelly I observed another automobile bearing
1933 Ohio license, which license is #774-904; and I am advised
that this license was issued on 12/22/32 to Albert Tabor of 540
New Court Street, Youngstown, Ohio, for Studebaker sedan,
motor #CJ4289.

No known connection is existent between these two auto-
mobiles; I am furnishing you the latter for your information.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Riaks,
Special Agent in Charge.

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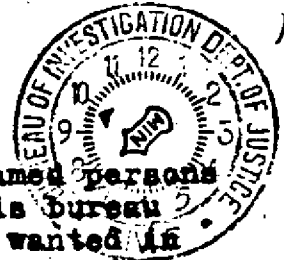
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE: CLEVELAND, O.
Bureau of Criminal Identification.

July 4-1933

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director.
U.S. Bureau of Invest.
Wash. D.C.
Sir:-

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In regards to the below named persons of whom you have forwarded to this bureau finger prints of, they all being wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police McAlester, Okla.

JUL - 6 1933 AM

I beg to state that our detective bureau is now distributed throughout the various precincts in the city, and if possible we would like to have about eight additional of each of these men, so that they can be posted in the various detective headquarters.

Also in the future when you forward prints and photos of persons wanted if you could send about eight of each, so that same can be distributed.

Harvey J. Bailey	--	Identification Order	1189
Robert G. Brady	--	"	" 1190
Wilber Underhill	--	"	" 1191
James Clark	--	"	" 1192
Edd Davis	--	"	" 1193
Chas. A. Floyd	--	"	" 1194

Respectfully,

Geo. Boettcher
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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

July 8, 1933.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Department of Police, Cleveland, Ohio, dated July 4, 1933, requesting that in the future eight copies of all Bureau circulars be furnished to that office.

A specific request was also made for eight additional copies of the following Identification Orders:

Harvey J. Bailey	I. O. #1189
Robert G. Brady	I. O. #1190
Wilber Underhill	I. O. #1191
James Clark	I. O. #1192
Ed. Davis	I. O. #1193
Charles Arthur Floyd	I. O. #1194.

A notation to the effect that eight copies of all circulars are to be furnished to the above office should be made on your mailing list, and the additional copies of each of the above Identification Orders should be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

BUREAU FILES DIVISION
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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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July 8, 1933.
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Nathan
Div. One
F. E.

Dear Sir:-

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Attempt to Deliver Federal Prisoner
FRA' NASH)

With reference to your long distance telephonic communication relative to John O'Hara, whose correct name is James Sammons, alias James Fur Sammons, alias John O'Hara, Palatine, Illinois, who was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, in possession of Chevrolet car, bearing Motor No. 3334510, 1933 Illinois license plates No. 801-733, which car he claims to have purchased from the Bergl Motor Company, 409 South Park Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, please be advised that the records of the Bergl Motor Sales Company, 5340 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, show the sale of 1932 Chevrolet Sport Coupe, Motor No. 3334510, Serial No. 21BA08-37342, to a John O'Hara, 409 South Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, on August 9, 1932, for \$540.00 cash, which price includes an \$86.00 discount.

Mr. Joseph Bergl, owner and operator of the Bergl Motor Sales, who personally sold this car to O'Hara, advised that he could furnish no information relative to this individual's identity or business connections.

Inquiry in the 400 block of South Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, disclosed there is no such a number as 409, the first number in the 400 block being 413. General neighborhood inquiry disclosed that O'Hara was unknown in that vicinity. The space where premises 409 would be, if there was such a number, is a vacant lot.

Through the Motor Vehicle Division of the Chicago Police Department it was ascertained that 1933 Illinois license plates #801-733 were issued to a John O'Hara, Palatine, Illinois, for Chevrolet car bearing motor #3334510, serial #21BA08-37842. In this

connection attention is called to the fact that the records of the Bergl Motor Sales Company show the serial number of the Chevrolet car sold to John O'Hara to be #21BA08-37342, and not #21BA06-57842.

Telephonic communications with the Police Department at Palatine, Illinois, disclosed that John O'Hara is unknown at that place. In this connection there is no telephone listed for a John O'Hara, Palatine, Illinois.

With reference to the telephone numbers, Wabash 8769 and Lackawana 1311, inquiry at the Illinois Bell Telephone Company disclosed that Wabash 8769 is assigned to J. S. Bache & Company, brokers, 141 W. Jackson Boulevard. Inquiry at J. S. Bache & Company disclosed that there is no record of John O'Hara having either a grain or stock account with that firm. It should be noted that the records of J. S. Bache & Company at the Chicago office also include the records of three branch offices, namely the offices located at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Kansas City, Missouri, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the time of this inquiry the records of the firm were also searched with a view of determining whether Harvey Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, might have either a grain or stock account with that firm. The records of this company disclosed that there is a Joseph Bailey, 4304 E. 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who has an account with the Kansas City office of J. S. Bache & Company; also that a George C. Bailey of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has an account with the Tulsa branch of J. S. Bache & Company.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company advises that there is no such number as Lackawana 1311, the Lackawana numbers beginning at 4800. Further, that there never was such a number as Lackawana 1311.

With reference to the four one thousand dollar bills found in O'Hara's possession at the time of his arrest, which bills bear serial numbers G00078218A, G00082634A, G00044787A, G0003774A, and the four five hundred dollar bills bearing serial numbers G00046219A, G00081596A, G00053987A, G00054487A, please be advised that I have communicated with the St. Paul Office with a view of determining whether or not any of this money was used in paying the ransom in the Hamm kidnaping case, which recently took place at St. Paul, Minnesota. Further, I have communicated with the St. Louis Office with a view of having this money traced at Peoria, Illinois.

Through the Warden's office at the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, it was learned that there was no record of a John

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O'Hara, #8838, being received at that place. However, it was ascertained that prisoner #8838 was a James Sammons, who, under that name had been received at that institution on June 18, 1904, from Cook County, Illinois, under a life sentence of robbery and murder; that he had escaped in 1917, exact date unknown, was later returned to this institution, and was released on a writ on July 16, 1932, pending appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Through Chief of Detectives William Shoemaker, Chicago Police Department, it was ascertained that James Sammons, as James Fur Samons, Chicago Police Department No. C-26303, was wanted in Chicago for robberies and hoodlum round-ups. Chief Shoemaker further advised that James Sammons, as James Fur Samons, was wanted by the Baltimore, Maryland, Police authorities for a forty-seven thousand dollar robbery about October 1st, 1925. He stated that in his opinion the Baltimore authorities would make a good case against Sammons, but in the event that they would not remove him, the Chicago Police Department would take Sammons into custody. Chief Shoemaker stated that he would search his records and advise at a later date as to more definite charges that the Chicago Police Department might have against Sammons; that Sammons was a well known police character in Chicago.

With reference to Fritz Mulloy, please be advised that Mulloy under date of June 5, 1933, registered at the Chatfield Apartment Hotel, 3333 W. Washington Boulevard, at which time he was accompanied by a woman and a young child. He registered as Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mulloy and child; that under date of June 7, 1933, he checked out of the Chatfield Apartment Hotel, leaving no forwarding address. Mulloy was driving an automobile, the make of which, as well as the license number being unknown. The records of the apartment hotel disclosed that prior to his departure on June 7, he communicated by long distance telephone with Frank Dugan, Kansas City telephone number, Linwood 5771.

The only available description of the woman accompanying Mulloy is that she is about 37-40 years old, weighs about 150 pounds, and has blond hair. The child, who is a girl, is described as being about five or six years old, has straight blond hair, and calls Mulloy "Daddy".

In addition to the foregoing mentioned long distance telephone call made by Mulloy, he made various local telephone calls which are being traced at this time.

Very truly yours,

W. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

JHM:OVR
cc: Bureau
62-1649

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

July 6, 1933.

Director,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of Bureau letter dated 6/26/33 directing that Identification Orders on Robert Brady, Harvey J. Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, James Clark, Edo Davis, and Charles Arthur Floyd, be mailed at the same time.

These Identification Orders have been received and mailed as directed by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake
F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 8, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects
Obstruction of Justice (Attempt to
Liberate Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Having reference to your letter of July 5 enclosing a statement made by an informant at Cincinnati, Ohio on July 1, enclosed herewith please find photograph of Charles Franklin Briley alias Frank Briley alias Slim Briley, Oklahoma City Police No. 2651, who is believed to be the person referred to in the statement made by the confidential informant, since the other person known as J. C. Braley alias Slim Braley is now in the McAlester penitentiary.

Charles Franklin Briley, whose photograph is enclosed, is presently wanted in Oklahoma for robbery of a Post Office and formerly operated around Okmulgee, Muskogee and vicinity.

With respect to Roy D. Sherrill, I have been unable to obtain any photographs of that subject but suggest that same may readily be obtained at Leavenworth and Atlanta penitentiaries.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. Colvin,

Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau
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Cincinnati

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Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Egan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

July 8, 1933

Vetterli called on the telephone and said that Herbert Farmer had been taken into custody by Ed Portley, Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff at Joplin, Mo. Vetterli did not know the details as to how he was taken. He may have just returned. I told Vetterli to take several agents and go down to Joplin and give him a thoro grilling. Jones and Brantley are to be in Joplin on their way from Tulsa tonight or tomorrow morning. I later told Vetterli to see that a Federal warrant was issued, in order that it might be held in reserve charging Farmer with conspiracy to obstruct justice or such violation as the US Attorney might decide would be applicable. Vetterli said that Chief of Police Higgins had called him on the telephone and inquired if he knew about it and he answered in the affirmative. Higgins is going down to Joplin. Vetterli first wanted to borrow an armored car and bring Farmer into Kansas City, but I vetoed that suggestion.

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224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
July 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

b7D Informant [redacted] has just returned from Joplin, Tulsa, and other points and reports that he has not made any valuable contacts as yet, but has gotten some information which he thinks will place him in a position to develop contacts of value shortly. First, he has ascertained that Fred Barker has a girl named "Jessie", last name unknown, who lives at 415 1/2 North Main Street, Tulsa, Okla., right next to a big dancing academy and that Barker visits this girl quite frequently. She is extremely goodlooking and informant's information is to the effect that when Barker has money he spends it on her, and when he is broke she helps him out. Informant was of the opinion he could contact this girl but it might cost considerable money. I advised him to "lay off" of her at this time, (My opinion being formed by reason of the fact that I don't think we have enough on Barker at this time to follow that lead up particularly).

Informant contacted an ex-convict named Malcolm Greer at Tulsa, Okla., who is a painter and who in casual conversation related that about a month ago he had a job painting a hotel at Blocker, Oklahoma, for a woman and he was assisted by another boy; that one day the woman who runs the hotel said "we are going to have company for dinner", shortly thereafter two men, wearing pistols, came in and sat down at the table, in the rear; that he thought nothing of it, thinking perhaps they were officers. Shortly, however, two other men walked in with machine guns and sat down to dinner. Greer, upon finishing his meal, started to leave, whereupon one of the men asked him where he was going and he stated he was through eating and was going out. This man forced Greer to retain his seat until they were all finished. Greer claims to have later ascertained that one of the men was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and from loose conversation overheard understood that Floyd visits this place quite often.

Informant at Joplin picked up information that a woman named Dutch Chamblis or Chambers, who works in the M. & O. Cigar factory, recently became informed that one Vaughn, who runs a drug store at 1512 S. Main

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Street, Joplin, had a machine gun in his house; that this woman went to the County Attorney with this information and he stated to her he did not like to go over the head of the Chief of Police in such matters, whereupon he called the Chief of Police, who called Vaughn into his office, by telephone, and questioned him about the machine gun; that Vaughn denied possession of it. Informant states that Vaughn is connected with a gang of liquor runners and his drug store is one of the "hottest" places in Joplin. He is reported to be associated with a man named Kate Melton, who is reputed to be a highpowered alcohol runner.

b7D [REDACTED] is leaving again tomorrow night for Tulsa, Miami, and Commerce, Oklahoma, where he desires to make certain contacts, and he will report further directly to the Kansas City office.

Agent advanced informant the further sum of \$20.00, making a total of \$120.00 furnished him to date by this Agent.

Very truly yours,

cc-Bureau.

R. E. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 8, 1933



Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

The following wire was turned over to the writer by Morton T. Jones,
of R. B. Jones and Sons, Inc., an insurance company, Kansas City, Missouri:

"MORTON T JONES
R B JONES AND SONS REC

"HAVE BARRYMORE MORE NEWYORKCITY ANY NOONTIME HAVE
MEYER FOUR FIVE SIX TWO ONE NAME DERRICO RE HENY COME
BERMUDA UNION STREET IF YOU CANNOT LOCATE HIM PLEASE
COMMUNICATE WITH ME AM DISGUSTED LOSING ALL TRACE OF
HIM HAVE MOVED

"RED 6844 FORTY THIRD AVE WOODSIDE NY."

They do not know what this wire refers to and thought it might have
some connection with the shooting at Union Station. When they asked for
confirmation from the sender, named Red, he advised that they never mind the
wire and refused to confirm.

When an Agent is at Woodside, New York, you might have an appropriate
inquiry made.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 8, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
824 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

It is understood that an attorney, named J. Earl Smith, was shot to death at Tulsa, Oklahoma, by gangsters about a year ago and that some of the friends of Frank Nash may have performed the murder.

It is requested that contact be had immediately with the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department in order that the original bullets or ballistic photographs thereof may be secured and forwarded to the Kansas City office for the purpose of later comparison.

Very truly yours,

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

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 8, 1933



Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
205 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

On July 7, 1933, A. P. Sanderson, Narcotic Agent at
Kansas City, Missouri, advised that one Gus Nichols is now
serving time in the Minnesota State Penitentiary. He reports
that he knows Gus Nichols real well and knows for a certainty
that Vernon Miller double-crossed Gus Nichols and as a result
Gus Nichols, if he will talk, will be able to furnish a great
deal of information concerning Miller. They both have the
same contacts.

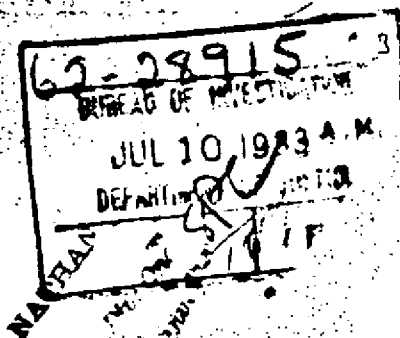
Will you please have Gus Nichols interviewed at an
early date.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
R. E. WITTELI,
Special Agent in Charge.

REV:MB

cc - Bureau



1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio
July 8, 1933

NBK:WJ
#62-785

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Unknown Subjects
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 5, 1933, in the above entitled case, in which you transmitted therewith photograph and fingerprints of Roy D. Sherrill, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #22865, and the photograph of J. C. Braly alias S. R. Barnes Kansas State Penitentiary #8973, please be advised that these photographs, together with the photograph of Harvey Bailey, Identification Order #1189, were exhibited to Edgar Jay alias Doctor H. C. Ingraham and he identified the photographs of Sherrill and Bailey as being the two men whom he had seen at Henderson, Kentucky. He was, however, unable to identify the photograph of J. C. Braly as resembling the likeness of any of those seen in the car at Henderson on that particular date.

The Cincinnati Office is also in receipt of copy of a letter addressed to the Chicago Office from the Oklahoma City Office dated July 6, 1933, enclosing a photograph of Charles Franklin Briley alias Frank Briley alias Slim Briley, Oklahoma City Police #2631. In this connection, informant Edgar Jay will again be contacted and this photograph exhibited to him for the purpose of having him identify Charles Franklin Briley as being one of the occupants of the car at Henderson, Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

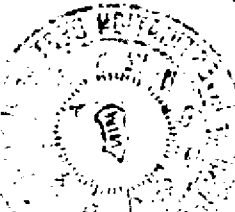
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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
July 8, 1933

R. E. VETTERLI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

MULLOY WIFE AND CHILD ARRIVED CHICAGO JULY FIVE DEPARTED PARTS
UNKNOWN JULY SEVENTH ON LATTER DATE PHONED FRANK DUGAN LINWOOD
FIVE FIVE SEVEN ONE YOUR CITY CHECK

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203 Post Office Building.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

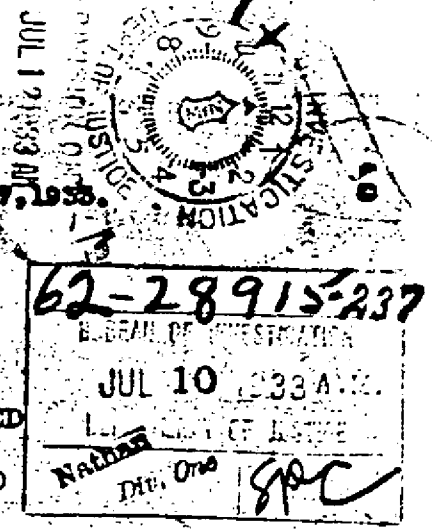
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner FRANK NASH).
St. Paul File No. 62-888.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W.F. Trainer, dated 7-3-33, at Kansas City, Missouri, particularly to page 30 of said report, on which is set out certain investigation to be conducted by the St. Paul Bureau Office.

This letter is for the purpose of informing the Kansas City, and other offices, the results of inquiries made by the St. Paul Office, to date. When investigation has been completed to the extent that a report can be submitted covering all known angles, the necessary investigative report will be submitted. This letter is intended only to summarize the results of investigation to date.

With reference to the telephone, Emerson 2426, which telephone is in the name of James P. McLaren, 204 Vernon Avenue, please be advised that the records of the local telephone company disclose that no long distance telephone calls were made from that phone during the time same was occupied by the individuals in question. In that connection, a search of the house resulted in finding a slip of paper, on which was written the telephone number, Emerson 2121. This telephone is at the Rallyhocks Roadhouse, a notorious gambling joint, operated by JACK PFELFFER, who is rumored to be a "Lieutenant" of LEON GLEICHMAN, leader of the St. Paul underworld.

With reference to Emerson 2121, an effort is being made to tap the telephone, as a review of the KRATING-HOLDEN-NASH files disclose that RAILLY, and other hoodlums of that gang, invariably called that telephone number when in St. Paul, and numerous long distance calls were made from that number in the past. A record of the toll calls from Emerson 2121 will be obtained and an attempt made to tap the line, this being believed the best source of information of that type in St. Paul.



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The fact that FRANK NASH was at 204 Vernon Avenue was originally established by the finding of fingerprints on an Engesser beer bottle, found on the premises, after same had been deserted. Investigation performed by this office, has established NASH'S presence there independent of the above information. His alleged wife was, also, at that address with her young daughter, according to identification made by a neighbor. Inquiry as to the place where the Engesser beer was purchased has proven practically futile. The two shops, at which beer could have been purchased in the neighborhood, have been contacted and none of the employees have any recollection of the beer having been purchased. In that connection, only six bottles of the Engesser beer are known to have been at the Vernon Avenue Address, and it is entirely possible that same may have been brought there by a visitor and purchased at some distant point.

The McLaren family, landlords, of 204 Vernon Avenue, have been interviewed. Mr. J. P. McLaren is positive, as is his son, James, that photograph of MARY PHILLIPS, with aliases, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Register #20399 is a very good resemblance of the woman at that address. Others, to whom the photograph has been exhibited, are equally positive that MARY PHILLIPS was not the person. All of the photographs, relating to this matter, were displayed to the McLaren family, but they were unable to make any further identification. A neighbor is of the opinion that the photograph of MARY PHILLIPS bears a close resemblance to the woman at the address, except that her hair was blond, with a slight reddish tinge. They state the profile view of MARY PHILLIPS is the best likeness. This particular neighbor also stated that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Register #8008, bears a close resemblance to one of the men at the house. This neighbor, also, stated that the photograph of FRANK NASH, in some way, resembled the person who was there for a day or two with a woman, whom she describes as NASH'S wife. Other persons interviewed picked the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as bearing a strong resemblance to one of the men at the Vernon Avenue address, but will not make a positive identification. In that connection, the officials of the Farmington, Minnesota, bank, which was robbed on May 16, 1933, state that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS closely resembles one of the bandits and also state that the robber wore a glove on his left hand. In that connection, attention is invited to the fact that KARPIS has a scar below the knuckle of the left index finger. They, also, identify WILLIAM WEAVER and describe, in some measure, FRANK NASH as being the third individual in the robbery, although the description is vague and uncertain.

MR. NEWMAN, Attorney at Law, who was interviewed three times by J. STANLEY SMITH, the assumed name of the occupant of 204 Vernon Avenue, also selected KARPIS' picture, but makes the same type of identification; that is, he is not positive.

The delivery men, who visited 204 Vernon Avenue, were never permitted to enter the house and never saw any of the occupants. The gas stove in the place was repaired by a representative of the Northern States Power Company, this repairing being done at the request of Mrs. McLaren. The reason the repair man could not enter the house, on his first visit, was that the occupants had not been informed by the McLarens that the stove was to be repaired. The repair man, when he did enter the house, states he saw only the woman in the house, and the story appearing in reference report regarding this is, apparently, an exaggeration. The repair man does not pick the photograph of MARY PHILLIPS as being a very good likeness of the woman, but states the profile view does bear some resemblance.

A search of the house revealed that the occupants had purchased two new mattresses. These mattresses were traced and it was possible to interview one of the delivery boys, and he believes that the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS bears a good resemblance, although, again, he is not positive. He, also, states that the photograph of MARY PHILLIPS resembles, to a considerable degree, the woman at the address.

Other investigation conducted disclosed that the automobile bearing Minnesota License H14-838, which was at 204 Vernon Avenue, during the period in question, is registered in the name of C.W. DAVIS, St. Francis Hotel, which car has motor number 2511319 and is a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan. This car was purchased from the Midway Chevrolet Company, in St. Paul, through one, HARB WILDES, whom it is known is a close associate of most of the hoodlums visiting St. Paul. He was interviewed but nothing of value obtained, this having been the experience of the St. Paul Office for some years. It was determined that the car had been in an accident, and tracing through showed that the car had been towed to HARB'S garage for repairs. C.W. DAVIS, in no way, fits the description of KARPIS or BARKER, as far as can be determined from people who spoke to him, nor does he fit the description of any of the members of the BARKER gang. Further investigation is being made of this angle, and the Kansas City Office will be promptly notified in the event identity of the persons at 204 Vernon Avenue is definitely established.

It is contemplated that, if nothing definite is learned of VERNIE MILLER within the next week, unusual steps will be made to determine his whereabouts from his relatives. The St. Paul Office has covered the telephone number at Brainerd, Minnesota, 29712, which is the telephone number of the father of VERNIE MILLER'S woman, VIVIAN MATHIS. At the present time, it appears that this may prove to be a very valuable source of information.

Agent Hall is arranging, among confidential informants and other reliable sources in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and vicinity, to have this office notified in the event any of the wanted men appear in this territory. In that connection, it has been determined from a source, considered reliable, that BAILEY spent a few days around the end of June, 1933, at Forest Lake, Minnesota, which is a resort near White Bear, White Bear being the hangout for HOLDEN and KATYING in 1931 and 1932. At that time, BAILEY employed a Twin City doctor to dress a wound in his leg. The various resorts, which are known to be hoodlum hangouts in this district, are being contacted and covered as fast as possible, experience having shown in the KATYING-HOLDEN matter information was obtained from sources of that type quite effectively.

In a recent communication from this office, it was requested that the St. Paul Office be informed as to the calibre of bullets used in the Kansas City shooting. This information has not, as yet, been received. It was thought that same might be valuable, inasmuch as a number of discarded cartridges were found in connection with the Farmington bank robbery and, since KARPIS has been identified as being involved in that, and an individual fitting the description of MAHE also identified, it was thought that this information might be of value.

Very truly yours,

R.C. COULTER, ACTING,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Chicago
CC St. Louis

AIR MAIL

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
218 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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July 6, 1933.

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: JAMES^O CLARK, alias JIM^O CLARK,
alias JACK^O MARTIN. I.O. #1192.
Murder of Special Agent R. J.
Caffrey.

It is respectfully requested that twenty
five additional copies of Identification Order No.
1192, in the above matter, be furnished the San
Francisco Bureau office, for distribution.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 13, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
318 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

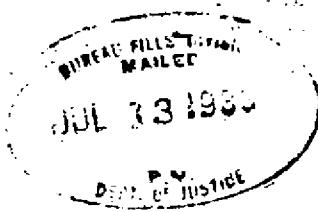
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of July 6, 1933,
there are enclosed herewith 25 additional copies of Identification Order No. 1192.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #547491.



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July 12, 1933.

Mr. A. W. Billingsley,
United States Marshal,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of July 6, and want you to know of my appreciation of your offer of assistance in the location and apprehension of those responsible for the massacre at Kansas City.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the following Identification Orders:

#1189 - Harvey J. Bailey
#1190 - Robert G. Brady
#1191 - Wilber Underhill
#1192 - James Clark

#1193 Ed. Davis
#1194 - Charles Arthur Floyd
#1195 - Vernon C. Miller
#1196 - Bernard Phillips

You may have already received copies of these from the Dallas office.

We are very anxious to pick these men up and feel certain that you can be of assistance to us. I think it would be well for you to keep in touch with our Dallas office, and I am sending a copy of your letter to said office with instructions to communicate with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

JUL 12 1933 -

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Encl. 320588.

RE: DSS

62-24915-239 July 12, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, attached hereto, a copy of a communication received from United States Marshal Billingsley of San Angelo, Texas, relative to his offer of assistance in the location and apprehension of those responsible for the massacre at Kansas City, together with a copy of my reply thereto.

It is believed that both of these letters will be found self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 320587.

JUL 13 1933

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

San Angelo, Texas
P.O. Box #911
July 8, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tolson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, U.S. Director Of The Bureau,
Department Of Justice
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover:-

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
RECEIVED JUL 11 1933 A.M.
of The Union Station Plaza Massacre
June 17, 1933., Kansas City, Mo.
DIRECTOR NATHAN TOLSON
FILE

Re: News Paper Date Of July 7, 1933
of The Union Station Plaza Massacre
June 17, 1933., Kansas City, Mo.

I notice where you have ordered the arrest of eight people connected in the above Massacre, if I can be of any assistance in the above matter I will be please to do my bit, and will appreciate any data that you may see fit to send me, I have charge of fifteen large Counties of The San Angelo Division, and will be pleased to place data with all peace officers in my District, five of the above eight men have been in my District since June 3, 1933., they were the Kansas convict bunch, I am responsible for two of the Kansas convict being apprehended at Junction, Texas, on Saturday June 10, 1933., by two U.S. Costome Officer of Del Rio, Texas.

On June 3, 1933., I was in Del Rio, Texas, on Business, and at the International Bridge I saw Wilbur Underhill the leader of the Kansas convict's on bridge going to Villia Acuna Mexico, so I immediatally joined him a foot on the bridge, and went into Mexico with him, and spent more than an hour with him in Mexico, then he disapeared, and I never did see him again, this was at night, I gained his confidence, he told me that he came from El Paso, Texas, that day and was, going from there to Galveston, and from there to Florida, I arrived back in San Angelo, Texas, on June 4, 1933., looked over the picture's, and wired The Warden at Lansing, Kansas, then on June 5, 1933., I sent pictures and other Data to Mr. E. E. Walker, U.S. Deputy Marshal stationed at Del Rio, Texas, and on June 10, 1933., two were apprehended at Junction, Texas.

Harvey Bailey, lived in this section until a few years ago, he has quite a few relatives here, that I knowwell, they have good connection's between here and Uvalde, Texas, in the Hill Country that adjoin Old Mexico, they have spent a good part of there time in this section since June 10, 1933.

COPIES DESTROYED

"Pretty Boy" Floyd does not come in this section often, I saw he ~~was~~, wife and son on State Highway #4,
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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South of Winters, Texas, in June 1932., I immediatally drove past him and stoned at Winters, Texas, got the City Marshal, and we waited until Floyd came along, he said that is him beyound question, I asked him what he wanted to do? I told him that He should be apprehended, for Okla., and he said he would phone to Abilene, Texas, and have the Sheriff and Police Department to arrest him when he arrived there, but they failed to get him.

Mr. Hoover, I am sure that you are aware of the fact in Texas, The U.S. Marshals Office, just serve the U.S. Courts, and are not allowed to arrest a fugitive or any one with out having a Warrant of arrest, so the only way we can do when we find a fugitive is to wire in for a Warrant of arrest, after receiving the warrant we have authority to apprehend, but some times the fugitive has gotten out our District, and then we have to pass the information on to the next District, for we are not allowed to go out of District.

Trusting that in the near future you will apprehend all of the eight fugitives, and place them where they belong.

Very respectfully

W. B. Billingsley
By _____
U.S. Deputy Marshal
San Angelo Divison.

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July 6, 1933

R. E. Vetterli
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Bank
Kansas City, Mo.

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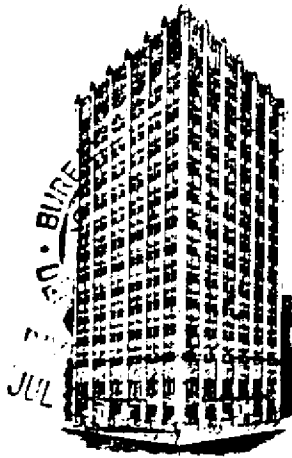
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Mr. Clegg ✓

MOST ACCESSIBLE HOTEL TO THE THEATRE AND SHOPPING DISTRICT

TULSA, OKLA.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

JUL 11 1933

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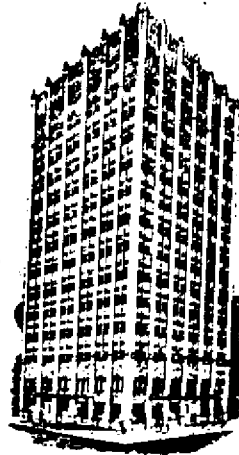
This is much disheartening and disgusting act as it is no more than I expected - the danger really is that we may lose the informants and certain sources of information that are here. We are now dealing with car thieves or white slavers.

An informant is here today and the big man from Eureka Springs and they have an engagement set for tonight then we will know what the big man wants him to do. I have been out of touch for two days with the K.C. office and will continue to be until this angle develops - I hope the informant does not see this article as I would be afraid he will quit us, especially if he thinks for a moment we are giving away stuff to the K.C. police - its tough enough

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MOST ACCESSIBLE HOTEL TO THE THEATRE AND SHOPPING DISTRICTS

TULSA, OKLA.

to be playing with fire out in this section
with the thermometer at 110 when things are
going good but to get a break like this
is a little too much.

I will phone you as soon as anything
that looks good develops, which should be
in the next two days -

Sincerely
John.

You can reach me at above Hotel
or through K.C. office -

CAPACITY 400 PERSONS—ALL ROOMS WITH BATH—CIRCULATING ICE WATER—CEILING FANS

NOW PLAZA KILLERS

Nation-wide Search on for Perpetrators of the Massacre That Cost Lives of Four Officers and a Convict.

THE MAN DID SHOOTING AND WAS SHOT

Verne C. Miller, the Killer, a Former Sheriff—Solly Weissman's Brother, William, Drove the Car.

The union station killers are known. There were two of them in that appalling event that cost the lives of four officers and a government convict the morning of June 17.

A Brother of Solly Weissman the Driver.

The machine gunner was Verne C. Miller, a former sheriff of North Dakota, later a Chicago gunman, active in several cities for other crimes.

His partner was William Weissman, brother of Solly Weissman, notorious Kansas City gangster active here a few years ago.

A Nationwide Search for Them.

The two men are the objects of a nation-wide search by the Kansas City police department and the United States bureau of investigation.

Pictures and complete descriptions of the men have been circularized over the nation. Their capture is expected at an early date.

Miller Wounded by Grooms.

Miller has a flesh wound in his left arm, inflicted by W. J. Grooms when Grooms fired his revolver just before Miller opened fire with the machine gun.

Miller lived here at 6612 Edgevale road from April 10 to June 19, two days following the killing. Miller and Weissman left Kansas City that night.

Verne Miller the Murderer.

Miller fired the murderous burst from the machine gun which killed W. J. Grooms and Frank Hermanson, city detective; William J. Caffrey, bureau of investigation agent; Fred Read, chief of police at McAlester, Ok., and Frank Nash, a convict. The killing of Nash was accidental. Weissman was armed with two .45 caliber automatic pistols. It is not known whether he did any shooting when Miller opened fire.

Trapped by Telephone Calls.

The police here and the bureau of investigation found the trail of the two killers when they checked telephone calls from Hot Springs and Joplin to Kansas City the day before the massacre. Men were sent to Hot Springs and to St. Louis for the purpose. Records of calls are filed in the St. Louis office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

A POLICE STATEMENT TELLS HOW THE TRAIL OF THE PLAZA KILLERS WAS FOLLOWED.

Immediately after the massacre at the union station on June 17, the United States bureau of investigation and the police department began an intensive investigation. A check was made of all long distance telephone calls out of Hot Springs, Ark., where Frank Nash was apprehended, to Kansas City, and calls were also checked out of Hot Springs, Ark., to all cities and towns north of Hot Springs.

In view of the fact that officers knew that Joplin had been the headquarters for some of the members of Nash's gang, calls were also checked from Hot Springs to Joplin, and from Joplin to Kansas City. It was found that a call had been made from Hot Springs, Ark., by a Mrs. E. B. Connor to one Herb Farmer at Joplin, Mo., at 4:42 p. m. June 16. A check of the calls made from Farmer's residence in Joplin revealed the fact that he had made a call at 10:09 p. m. on the same date to Kansas City, calling Jackson 7073. Investigation revealed that this telephone was located in a residence owned by N. E. McFarland at 6612 Edgevale road. On further investigation it was found that this residence had been rented by Mr. McFarland on April 10 to one V. C. Moore.

A thorough check of V. C. Moore revealed the fact that he was, in reality, one Verne C. Miller, who was a close friend of Frank Nash. Late Friday evening, June 16, one William Weissman, alias Bill Weiss, called on Miller at 6612 Edgevale road, and Miller, after being apprised of Nash's arrest at Hot Springs, and that he was to be returned to Leavenworth, enlisted Weissman's aid in rescuing Nash. Another telephone call was made from the union station at 12:05 a. m. on June 17, ostensibly by Miller. This call was to Herb Farmer of Joplin, Mo., evidently confirming the fact that Nash was really on the way to Kansas City, and while at the station it is possible that Miller determined the arrival time of the train from Fort Smith, Ark.

The following morning at about 6 a. m. Miller and Weissman drove to the station and parked Miller's Chevrolet sedan in the south parking lot opposite the east door of the station, and when the government officers went across the street with Nash, and they saw them all in a group and without firearms in readiness to shoot, Miller and Weissman decided to take Nash at the station. Miller was armed with a machine gun and Weissman carried two .45 automatic pistols. Miller covered the group and stated they wanted Nash. Detective Grooms pulled his gun and started shooting, the first shot striking Miller in the left arm, causing a slight flesh wound. Then Miller opened up with the machine gun, with the results as are already known. Nash was shot accidentally in the burst of fire.

After the shooting both drove west to Broadway and south to 6612 Edgevale road. They left the city the following Monday, June 19.

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The Signal for the Hall of Shots.

"All right, let 'em have it," Miller shouted to Weissman.

At the same instant Miller opened fire with the machine gun.

What happened then shocked the nation into a realization of the desperate situation as to gangsters and gunmen.

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In Hot Springs it was learned that a woman named Mrs. E. Connor had telephoned to one Herb Farmer at Joplin at 4:42 p. m. June 16, which was the day the federal agents captured Miller and Nash on the street in Hot Springs.

Home Telephone Was Jackson 7073.

At 10:09 that night Herb Farmer put in a call to telephone number Jackson 7073 at Kansas City. That number proved to be the house at 6612 Edgevale road.

The house belonged to N. E. McFarland, operator of a downtown cigar store. Mr. McFarland was appraised of the situation and aided the police in the subsequent investigation. He knew nothing about the crime or the connections of his tenant, Miller.

Blood Soaked Rags and Puncture Tacks in the House.

The police and the agents searched the house and found blood-soaked rags which had been used for bandages on Miller's arm. They found a keg of roofing nails such as bandits use to pry wheels from their motor car when they are fleeing to cause accidents to pursuing cars. There were other evidences of the presence of Miller. No firearms were found.

Telephone Call From Here.

While checking the telephone calls the police learned that shortly after 10:00 p. m. June 17, the morning of the killing, someone called Herb Farmer from the union station here. That man presumably was Miller. Weissman got into the killing largely by accident. He called on Miller at the Edgevale road home the afternoon of June 16. Miller told him of his capture and his plan to release Nash.

Weissman Agrees to Go Into It.

Miller told Weissman he planned to overtake the convict and his escort on the highway after they had left the union station, get the drop on them and free Nash. Weissman agreed to aid.

The two men went to the union station from the Edgevale house early in the morning of June 17. They parked their car in the parking lot opposite the east entrance of the union station before the officers arrived to meet the train on which Nash was being brought.

An Accident Aids Killers.

It was purely accidental that the federal car parked near the killers' car was not the result of a careful check of police movements by the killers. It was at first believed.

It is not known whether either of the killers was in the union station when the shooting took place. If one of them was, he preceded the other and their prisoner into the street.

Decided on Massacre Suddenly.

The killers stood at their car watching the approach of Nash and his escort. They saw that one of the officers had his firearm in his hands and was about to shoot. They made a quick decision to make the rescue there at the moment. The officer put Nash into the car Miller stepped out with his ma-

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When the police and the federal agents completed a check of the telephone numbers and located the house on Edgevale road they ordered the arrest of Farmer in Joplin and the Connor woman in Hot Springs. Both had disappeared and have not been seen.

It Is Weissman's First Major Crime.

Weissman is known here also as William Westerman. So far as is known this is his first big crime. His record shows several arrests for minor crimes.

Miller's criminal career began near Fargo, N. D., where he was a sheriff. He embezzled some funds and served a term in the prison there. His later headquarters, after he took to underworld pursuits, was Chicago. Police do not know just when he arrived in Kansas City. He rented the house at 6612 Edgevale road April 10.

Called the Landlord Once About a Lock.

Mr. McFarland, the owner, told the agents and the police that he was not in the house after he rented it to Miller and that the rent was paid to July 10. On one occasion, Mr. McFarland said, Miller called him and told him the lock on the back door was out of order. Mr. McFarland offered to send a man to repair it, but Miller protested, saying he would repair and asked that the cost be deducted from the rent.

Complained Also of Pigeons.

On another occasion, McFarland said, Miller called him and told him pigeons were getting into the eaves. McFarland offered to send a man to make repairs to shut out the pigeons. Again Miller told Mr. McFarland that he would get a man to do it if McFarland would deduct the cost from the rent. McFarland knew Miller as V. C. Moore, the name under which Miller rented the house.

PASTOR AND WIFE IMPROVING.

Temporary Paralysis Still Afflicts the Rev. L. B. Conrad.

The Rev. L. B. Conrad, associate pastor of the Country Club Christian church, and Mrs. Conrad, who were injured Monday in a motor car crash near Oklahoma City, were reported to be in an improved condition yesterday. Mrs. Conrad has almost recovered. Mr. Conrad still is suffering temporary paralysis of his left arm and left shoulder, the result of a deep cut on the back of his head. His skull was not fractured.

A PRICE ON A KIDNAPER.

Police to Offer \$500 for Clarence Stevens, Last of McElroy Gang.

A reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of Clarence Stevens, the only missing member of the gang which kidnaped Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of H. F. McElroy, city manager, will be offered by the police department today.

E. C. Reppert, director of police, said last night circulars bearing a new picture of Stevens and notice of

the reward would be sent throughout the United States today.

Stevens is 33 years old. He is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 155 pounds and is of medium dark complexion.

OTTO H. KAHN GOES ABROAD.

Trip to Europe Is for Purpose of Recuperating Strength.

New York, July 5.—Otto H. Kahn, New York banker who recently appeared as a witness before the senate subcommittee on banking and currency, and Henry L. Stimson were among the passengers who sailed tonight on the liner Aquitania.

Mrs. Kahn said her husband was not feeling well and said he was going abroad to regain his strength.

Mr. Stimson, former secretary of state, was accompanied by Mrs. Stimson.

H. C. Furlong, Wichita, Dies.

WICHITA, KAS., July 5.—Henry C. Furlong, 80, widely known Kansas barber who has operated a shop here the last fourteen years, died late today. He was a past president of the Kansas State Master Barber's Association.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 26, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____

The following is the criminal record of Harry J. Garner with aliases, as reflected by the Bureau's files:

Subject as Herbert Black, #172, arrested PD, Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 25, 1914, charge assault; \$100.00 fine and 90 days.

As Herd Farmer, #2014, received SRef., Granite, Okla., Oct. 27, 1917, from Creek, crime assault and attempt; sentence 5 years.

As H. A. Patton, #3262, arrested PD, Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1919, charge larceny of auto; disposition not given.

As W. H. Williams, #35330-782, arrested PD, Wichita, Kans., Dec. 22, 1920, charge vagrancy - con.; Notation: "#782, Wichita, Kans., fined \$100 and 6 months."

As W. H. Baker, #25414, arrested PD, Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 10, 1921, charge investigation - bunk; fined \$200 and costs - suspended and given hours.

As Herbert Allen Farmer, #4475, arrested PD, St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 16, 1921, charge investigation; released.

As H. A. Farmer, #1539, arrested PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7, 1922, charge larceny from person; disposition not given.

As H. A. Farmer, #33825, arrested PD, San Francisco, Calif., Mar. 10, 1923, charge vagrancy; disposition not given.

As Harry J. Garner, #12790, arrested PD, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12, 1924, charge con man; fined \$100.00.

As Harry Allen Farmer, #2933, arrested PD, San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 26, 1925, charge investigation - pickpocket; pending.

As William Hilary Baker, #35634, arrested PD, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 20, 1928, charge con man - fugitive; 7-26-28, released.

Additional Notations: "As Herb Farmer, #7258, received Oklahoma St. Pen., Nov. 5, 1916, assault to kill; 5 years.

As Henry Allen Farmer, #2933, San Antonio, Tex., 1-26-25, investigation - con man; released."

A copy of his photograph and fingerprint card is attached. (duplicate).

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Record from: Police Department (Address) Colorado Springs, Colo.
On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail



Date of arrest July 20, 1928.
 Charge Con Man-Fugitive
 Disposition of 2-26-28, released.
 Residence None
 Place of birth Chicopee Co., Mo.
 Nationality Am.
 Criminal specialty Confidence Man.
 Age 35 Build Large
 Height 6-0 Comp. Light Hair Blonde
 Weight 210 Eyes Brown-green
 Scars and marks _____
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CRIMINAL HISTORY

NAME	NUMBER	CITY OR INSTITUTION	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE
Herbert Black	172	Tulsa, Okla.	2-25-14	Assault	not given
Herb Farmer	7258	Okla. State Pen.	11- 5-16	Asslt. to Kill	5 yrs.
H. A. Patton	3262	Memphis, Tenn.	9-11-19	larc. of Auto	no disp.
W.H. Williams	782	Wichita, Kansas	12-22-20	Vag-Con	fined \$100 & 6 Mo.
W. H. Baker	25414	Colo. Springs	8-10-21	Inv-Bunco	\$200 & costs, susp.
Herb Farmer	1539	Salt Lake City	7- 9-22	larc. fm Person	no disp.
H. A. Farmer	33885	San Francisco	3-10-23	Vagrancy	no disp.
	4475	St. Joseph, Mo.			no data
Henry Allen Farmer	2933	San Antonio, Tex.	1-26-25	Inv-Con Man	Released.

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Name William Hilary Baker

Classification

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Alias Herb Farmer; H. A. Patton; W. H. Williams;

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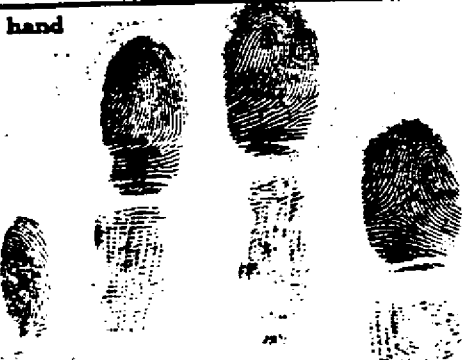
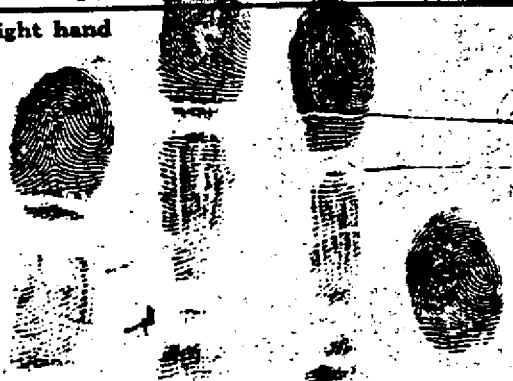


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J. W. Henderson; Herbert Black; H.A. Farmer Ref.

No. 35634 Color White Sex Male

1.—Right Thumb	2.—R. Index Finger	3.—R. Middle Finger	4.—R. Ring Finger	5.—R. Little Finger	
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6.—Left Thumb	7.—L. Index Finger	8.—L. Middle Finger	9.—L. Ring Finger	10.—L. Little Finger	
					
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Classified by C. F. Mathews.

Prisoner's signature

Verified by

Searched by

W H Baker

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

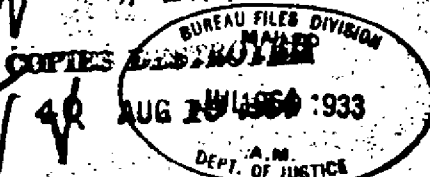
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Farmer's home was in Joplin, Missouri, and as indicated subsequently in this memorandum, he disappeared therefrom simultaneously with the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri. Immediately upon his apprehension at Joplin, Missouri, Agents of this Bureau removed Farmer to Kansas City, Missouri, a Federal warrant having been issued for Farmer charging obstruction of justice.

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By Special Agent
7:52 A.M.



The Attorney General - R.

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The examination of Herbert Farmer is proceeding in due course. He has entered a sweeping denial of any connection with the massacre and has even denied making and receiving the telephone calls in question. A Federal warrant has also been issued for Ester Farmer, his wife, and she has been brought to Kansas City for examination there.

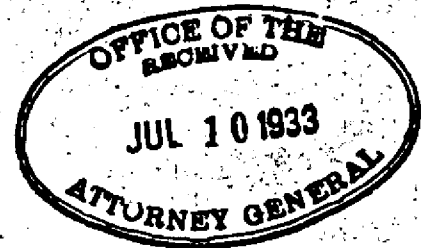
Respectfully yours,

Director.

Enclosure #712805

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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



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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
July 10, 1933

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner,
Frank Nash)

b7D [REDACTED]

b7D In view of the foregoing, a copy of this letter is being addressed to every field office, to make certain that under no circumstances is the name of [REDACTED] the informant, to be given out to anyone, and that the report in question should be kept confidential in the respective field offices.

b7D Even though some subjects should be later apprehended in any field office district, no United States Attorney should be furnished with a copy of the report in question, which divulges [REDACTED] name and his activities.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge

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c-c All field offices.

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DIRECTOR
NATHAN TOLSON

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Trinidad, Colorado.

Jul 7, 1933.

U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

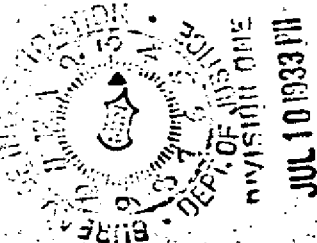
Gentlemen:

Is it possible for you to furnish me with a circular, description of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, and five other escaped convicts from the Kansas Penitentiary, whom escaped on memorial day, whom is believed to be the murders of Government Agent, Chief of Police, and two Detectives, in Kansas City.

Possible you may not be able to furnish these descriptions, but if you are able to do so I would greatly appreciate it. I have been in the Government service for six and one half years as a Federal Prohibition Agent, at this time a Deputy Sheriff, and special investigator, we are located here on the New Mexico line, Mountain district, gangsters, black handers, and all kinds of law violators hide out here, as the local Officers take very little interest on investigations, I am interested on this line of work and 25 years experience, record with the Prohibition Department, as for reference, all communications are confidential, this Floyd, has acquaintances living here, whom knew him in Oklahoma, I believe this gives you a sufficient line on me, this has been my home for many years. I wish to thank you in advance for these ~~xxxxxxxx~~ circulars if possible to be furnished.

Yours Very Truly,

Oscar Vanderbur
Oscar. Vanderbur,
P.O. Box. 282.
Trinidad, Colo.



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Mr. Oscar Vanderbur,
Post Office Box 282,
Trinidad, Colorado.

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Dear Sirs

In compliance with your request of July 7, 1933,
there are forwarded herewith the following Identification
Orders:

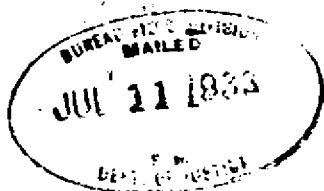
<u>Name</u>	<u>Identification Order No.</u>
Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases	1189
Robert G. Brady, with aliases	1190
Wilber Underhill, with aliases	1191
James Clark, with aliases	1192
Ed Davis, with aliases	1193
Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases	1194

Should you obtain any information concerning the
whereabouts of any of these individuals, kindly transmit
same to the Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau
of Investigation, 900 Ezra Thompson Building, Salt Lake
City, Utah.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #214097

Director.



NPL:GJR

July 8, 1933

Mr. George Keesete, Superintendent,
Bureau of Criminal Identification,
Department of Police,
Cleveland, Ohio.

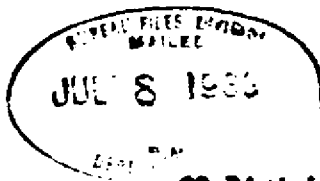
Dear Mr. Keesete:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated July 4, 1933, requesting that additional copies of circulars issued by the United States Bureau of Investigation, be furnished to your office for distribution throughout the various precincts in Cleveland.

I am pleased to inform you that arrangements have been made to have eight additional copies of the Identification Orders relating to the persons wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed and others at Kansas City, Missouri, sent to you by the Detroit office of this Bureau. I have also made arrangements whereby a similar supply of all circulars issued by this Bureau will be furnished to your office in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EPC:CJ

Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tolson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

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June 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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For possible use in the issuance of an Identification Order there is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of the fingerprints of VERNON C. MILLER, South Dakota Penitentiary #4240. The attached fingerprints represent the only record of this person in our files. No photograph appears. The correct fingerprint classification is as follows:

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The negative photostat is being used to expedite transmittal and if the Identification Order is issued the original prints will be furnished Division Ten for reproduction purposes.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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July 5, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith fingerprints, photograph, specimen of handwriting and descriptive data of Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, for the preparation of Identification Order No. 1196, Bureau file #62-28915.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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ORDER NO. 1196
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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VERNON C. MILLER, aliases
VERNE MILLER, VINCENT C. MOORE, VERN MARLIN

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE

DESCRIPTION

Age 37 years
Height, 5' 7 1/2"
Weight, 135 pounds
Hair, medium blonde
Eyes, gray
Complexion, florid
Scars -

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graph here)

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ture here)

Curved scar at outer edge
left eye; irregular scar
of 7.0 on left side of head;
end of third finger left hand
missing.

RELATIVES

Mr. Charles Miller, father,
White Lake, South Dakota.
Mrs. Charles Miller, mother,
3724 Broadway, Kansas City,
Missouri.
Miss Ethel M. Miller, sister,
3724 Broadway, Kansas City,
Missouri.
Mrs. Robert S. Young, sister,
1857 Portland Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Vernon C. Miller, No. 4240,
received South Dakota Penitentiary,
April 4, 1923, from Beadle County;
crime, embezzlement of public funds,
sentence, 2 to 10 years, fine \$5,200.00.

As Vernon C. Miller, indicted Sioux
Falls, South Dakota, October 20, 1925;
charge, violation National Prohibition
Act; bond forfeited, no prosecu-
tor entered.

Vernon C. Miller is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief
of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police
officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United
States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri,
on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or
criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

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If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Issued by:

Director.

(OVER)

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO. 62-785

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-8-9-33	REPORT MADE BY F. E. Hurley
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.			CHARACTER OF CASE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DIVISION ONE
JUL 14 1933 AM

Lieutenant E. F. Parsons, Police Department, Louisville, Ky. reports information received from an M. T. Brandberg, Louisville indicating that the latter had identified one Verne C. Miller, resident of Louisville, as being the Verne C. Miller sought in this case. Said suspect taken into custody at Louisville, July 9, 1933. Examination at Police Headquarters developed that the said Miller is not one and the same as Verne C. Miller, whose apprehension is sought. Fingerprints and physical descriptions do not correspond.

REFERENCE:

Telephone calls between Cincinnati and Kansas City Bureau offices 7-8 and 7-9-33; telephone call to Chicago Office from Cincinnati Office 7-9-33; telegrams from Cincinnati to Kansas City Office 7-9-33 and 7-10-33; telegrams between Chicago and Cincinnati offices 7-9-33 and 7-10-33.

DETAILS:

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Agent was informed by Lieutenant Roy E. Parsons, Auto Theft Bureau, Louisville, Ky., Police Department to the effect that a Mr. M. T. Brandberg, Manager of the Auto Finance Company, 2220 West Broadway, Louisville had reported having intimate business relations with one Verne C. Miller last March; that he, Brandberg had recently been in his home in

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

F. E. Hurley

Acting
SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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 - 1 St. Louis
 - 1 Chicago
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TOLSON
Mr. Clegg

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Kansas City, Mo., and noticed a newspaper article in a local paper to the effect that a Verne C. Miller was wanted as one of the gang that had quite recently murdered several officers at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri that the uncommon name, Verne C. Miller, aroused his, Brandberg's curiosity as he remembered having business relation with a person of that name in Louisville last March; that on his return to Louisville, Mr. Brandberg noticed an Associated Press photograph of one Verne C. Miller in the Louisville, Ky. Times July 7, 1933 together with a brief account to the effect that Miller was a fugitive and his apprehension was desired by the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department. According to Lieutenant Parsons, Mr. Brandberg seemed certain that the Verne C. Miller that he had transacted business with in Louisville, Ky. last spring is the same Verne C. Miller whose photograph appeared in the Louisville Times on July 7, 1933. Lt. Parsons suggested that an investigation be conducted and promised the full and complete cooperation of the Louisville Police in an effort to locate and apprehend Miller or any other member of the Kansas City gang with whom he was associated.

Agent interviewed Mr. M. T. Brandberg, Auto Finance Co., 220 West Broadway, Louisville, at which time he made statements to the following effect:

His home originally is located in Kansas City, Missouri. For several years he has been in business financing automobiles. Of late years his place of business has been located in Louisville, Kentucky. On March 20, 1933 one Verne C. Miller, giving his address as Room 414 Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, sought and obtained a loan of \$100.00 on his Auburn Cabriolet, Motor #34283, Serial #5928. He made periodic payments on the loan until May 15, 1933 on which date the loan was paid in full. Miller gave his former address as the J-B Apartments, #2450 Glenmary Street, Louisville. He claimed to be a salesman in the employ of the Hanney Motor Co., Freeport, Illinois. The records also show that Miller was formerly employed by the Sayars-Scovill Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. He claimed to be 42 years of age, born in Bloomington, Ill. Prior to coming to Louisville, Miller certified that he had resided in Peoria, Ill. He gave the name of Dr. E. L. Miller, 434 East 32nd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. as his brother and named Mrs. Harry Berley, #1237 South Western Blvd., Chicago, Ill., as his sister. Miller named Messrs. Frank Johnson, Manager of the National Casket Co., Louisville, and Manager Harry E. Moore, United Casket Co., Louisville, as references. The record card #1501 as submitted by Mr. Brandberg was signed as Verne C. Miller.

Mr. Brandberg also informed Agent that just recently he had been visiting his folks at Kansas City, Missouri. Considerable space has been given by the newspapers of the efforts being made to apprehend the several gangsters who had committed the massacre near the Union Station, Kansas City, last June. While reading an evening paper, Mr. Brandberg noticed that a Verne C. Miller was named as one of the gang who had participated in the murder. The unusual name caught and held his attention. He remembered trans-

acting business in Louisville with a person of the same name. On returning to Louisville he extracted an account from his record file in the name of Verne C. Miller. That same evening, July 7, 1933 he noticed an Associated Press photograph of the Verne C. Miller who is wanted in connection with the murder at Kansas City. Same had been released by the Kansas City Police Department. His examination of the said photograph convinced him that the photograph is that of the Verne C. Miller with whom he had done business last March. Acting on the strength of same, he called Lieutenant Roy F. Parsons, Auto Theft Bureau, Louisville Police Department and briefly narrated the facts as he knew them. Mr. Brandberg seemed convinced that he had located the fugitive Verne C. Miller, wanted in connection with the Kansas City case.

Agent ascertained that one Vernon C. Miller, a Salesman, is listed in the 1932 and 1933 City directories, Louisville, Ky., as being a resident at the J-B Apartments, #2450 Glenmary Street. His wife's name is given as Nona A. Miller.

Inquiries at Police Headquarters and at the office of the Clerk of Courts, Automobile Registration Bureau, Armory Building, Louisville, developed that no automobile had been registered by Vernon C. Miller either in 1932 or 1933. Further inquiries at Police Headquarters, Detective Bureau, developed that Detective Cecil Ezell of the Auto Theft Squad remembered seeing a Henney Motor Company automobile near the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, quite recently; that the license plates on same were Illinois (1933) D-1420. Investigation developed that same had been issued to the Henney Motor Company of Freeport, Ill. The said company manufactures special bodies for Funeral and Ambulance purposes.

Agent's discreet investigation in the vicinity of the J-B Apartments #2450 Glenmary Street, Louisville, developed that Vernon C. Miller and his wife still occupy apartment #1 at the above address. It was also learned that the Miller's are a quiet couple and that Mr. Miller was out of town most of the time. At the time Agent called, Mr. Miller was not in Louisville, but notice was taken that Mrs. Miller was in her apartments. Her husband was expected to return late Saturday evening, July 8, 1933.

The facts as obtained by Agent were discussed with Lieut. Roy F. Parsons, Police Department. The Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives volunteered full cooperation with a view to the apprehension of Miller. The conviction was entertained at Police Headquarters, Louisville that the Miller under suspicion was the Fugitive Miller wanted in connection with the Kansas City case. The apartments at #2450 Glenmary Street were placed under surveillance by the police, continually from Saturday afternoon to late in the evening of Sunday, July 9, 1933. Miller was taken into custody for police examination to which he voluntarily submitted. His fingerprints were taken with his consent at Police Headquarters, Louisville. He readily consented to submit to any identification test as made by the Police.

His fingerprints were classified as being 1 T 6 ref: 1 R 6

The police records were searched but nothing was found against the Miller in custody.

During interrogation by Agent in the presence of several Police Detectives, the Vernon C. Miller in custody made statements to the following effect:

He claims to be 42 years of age. His wife's name is Nona A. Miller, nee Nona A. Walker, Santa Fe, Tennessee. They have no children. His parents, Henry Vernon and Dora N. Miller have died. His mother died in Nashville, Tenn., last January and was interred at Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Dora Miller resided with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Serley, 1237 South Western Blvd. Chicago just prior to death. His brother, Dr. Ernest Lloyd Miller, resides at 304 East 32nd street, Brooklyn, N. Y. His wife's parents reside at Santa Fe, Tenn. Miller's father-in-law is one A. L. Walker, Santa Fe. Miller claims that he has been in the employ of the Henney Motor Company, Freeport, Ill., since 1930. He came to Louisville, Ky. in January, 1930 from Peoria, Ill. Prior to his connections with the Henney Motor Company, Miller claims to have been in the employ of the Sayers and Scovill Co., Cincinnati, Ohio for 17 years. He contends that his present business is confined chiefly to selling specially manufactured bodies for Ambulance and Funeral purposes. For that reason, he has made close business connections with the National Casket Company and the United Casket Company, both of Louisville, Kentucky. Consequently, whenever called on to give references, Miller stated that he usually names Messrs. Frank Johnson and Harry Miller, Managers of the two above named casket companies. Miller admitted that he has frequently signed his name as Verne C. Miller; that he is more frequently called Verne by close friends and associates; that quite recently he has been jocularly accused of being the Verne C. Miller named in connection with the murders which were committed by gangsters in Kansas City, Mo., last June.

During the close examination of Miller at Police Headquarters, Louisville, Miller expressed himself in a garrulous and friendly manner. He was quickly recognized by Detective Jones as a man seen frequently at the Kentucky Hotel. In some respects Miller's description tallies with that of subject Miller. However, the facial resemblance is not strong. It was the consensus of opinion among the several police detectives and officers present that Vernon C. Miller is not the Verne C. Miller wanted in connection with the Kansas City case. Furthermore, a careful examination of Miller's fingerprints disclosed that the classification of same does not correspond with those of subject Verne C. Miller, as recently obtained from the authorities in South Dakota. Accordingly, Miller was released from custody. As evidence of good faith, the same Miller voluntarily called at Police Headquarters, Louisville, on July 10, 1933 for any further examination that the Police cared to make.

The physical description of Vernon Carroll Miller, resident of Louisville, as obtained at Police Headquarters, is given herein, as follows:

Name	Vernon Carroll Miller.
Age	42 years, born in Bloomington, Ill.
Height	5' 8½"
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Medium brown and quite heavy. Brushed straight back.
Eyes	Blue-gray.
Complexion	Dark; smooth shaven
Teeth	Good condition.
Occupation	Auto salesman, employed by Hanney Motor Company, Freeport, Ill.
Marital status	Married; no children.
Race	White
Residence	#2450 Glenmary Street, Louisville, Ky.
Criminal record	None known. Claims none.
Fingerprint Classification	1 T 6 ref 1 R 6 P. D. Louisville, Ky. 1 Ra 1 Ra

The fingerprints as taken at Louisville were given to Agent for future reference. Same were not placed in the Police files because of the rule prohibiting same unless the subject is formally placed under arrest.

The copy of Vernon Carroll Miller's prints are being submitted by letter to the Bureau for the purpose of having the same compared with the prints of Verne C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary #4240 or other prints on file. In the event the prints of Vernon Carroll Miller are not identified, they will be returned to Vernon Carroll Miller.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1933.

SPC:LC

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the murder at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933 of Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, Otto Reed, Chief of Police at McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, the following Identification Orders have been issued:

	Identification Order Number.
Harvey J. Bailey, with aliases	1189
Robert G. Brady, with aliases	1190
Wilber Underhill, with aliases	1191
James Clark, with aliases	1192
Ed Davis, with aliases	1193
Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases	1194

The Identification Orders on Harry J. Garner, with aliases, Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, and Bernard Phillips are now in the course of preparation.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 28, 1933

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	

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Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching a bill which was forwarded to this office from the Chaney's Funeral Home, McAlester, Oklahoma, covering the funeral expenses of Chief of Police Otto Reed. This bill is being forwarded to you with the request that appropriate instructions be issued.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Spear
H. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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McALESTER, OKLA., ~~June 24~~ 1933

United States Bureau of Investigation

K.C., Mo.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

CHANEY'S

FURNITURE, LINOLEUM, RUGS, STOVES
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

PHONES 53 AND 54

Funeral of Ott Reed	
Casket	\$20.00
Vault	120.00
Suit	\$250
Embalming &c (K.C., Mo.)	75.00
R.R. Tickets	2272.

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The Above account is correct, and has not been
paid.

Harry E. Chaney
By Harry E. Chaney
V. Pres.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 26, 1933, transmitting a bill from the Chaney's Funeral Home, McAlester, Oklahoma, covering the funeral expenses of Chief of Police Otto Reed, of that place, who was killed at Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933.

In response to its request that the Department consider this bill with a view to its payment by the Government, the Bureau has been advised by the General Agent and Chief Clerk of the Department that that "office knows of no Federal funds which could be used for this purpose. It is thought that the only possibility for relief would be by a special Act of Congress."

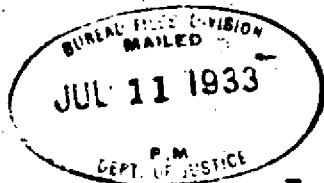
In view of this information, and in view of the fact that a request for Congressional relief could not be made until Congress convenes in January 1934, it is suggested that this bill be paid by the proper parties, and that a certified copy of the paid bill be furnished to the Bureau. The Bureau will then endeavor to procure Congressional relief, using the copy of the paid bill as a basis for its request.

The Bureau is returning herewith, the original and duplicate of this bill, and the third copy is being retained for its files.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #547467.



J. W. GARDNER
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK

Department of Justice

Washington

July 8, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

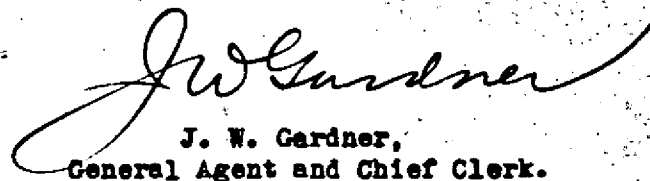
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 30, 1933, wherein you inquire as to the use of the Bureau's appropriation to cover the funeral expenses of Otto Reed, Chief of Police, McAlester, Oklahoma, who was murdered in Kansas City, Missouri, while transporting one Frank Nash, a Federal fugitive from justice.

This office knows of no Federal funds which could be used for this purpose. It is thought that the only possibility for relief would be by a special Act of Congress.

Very truly yours,


J. W. Gardner,
General Agent and Chief Clerk.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
— DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. J. W. Booth, a free lance writer, telephoned and stated he was writing an article concerning "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that press clippings before him indicated in one instance that Agents Smith and McCaffrey and Chief of Police Reid located Nash. Others indicated it was Agents Lacey, Smith, and Chief Reid. He stated that he would like to have accurate information on this point. I conferred with Mr. Hughes, who saw no objection to giving out the correct information. I therefore advised Mr. Booth that Nash was located by Special Agents Smith and Lackey, and Chief Reid of McAlester, Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

July 10, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
619 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
JUL 12 1933 PM

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
Kansas City file #62-760-

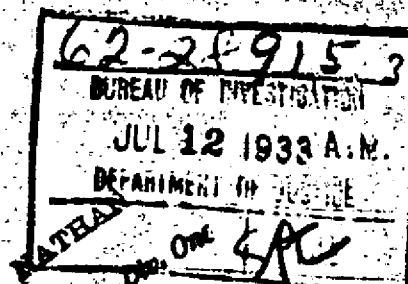
Please refer to the report of Special Agent E. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933, photostatic copies of which have been forwarded from Chicago to all offices of the Bureau not indicated as having received same direct.

Your attention is called to the memorandum of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, quoted in that report, beginning on page 13, wherein discussion is had of one Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, who is being sought in connection with this matter.

The Los Angeles office is requested to make suitable inquiry at El Paso, Texas, Tucson, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of locating Galatas.

Copies of this letter are being also forwarded to the Portland and New Orleans offices, with request that investigation be conducted at Victoria, B.C., and at Tulane University, New Orleans, at which latter place Galatas is reported to have a son in attendance.

A photograph bearing physical description has just been received through the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, and same is transmitted to the offices receiving copy of this letter.



For your information, Galatas has the following criminal record:

As Richard Galatas, #7973, arrested Toledo, Ohio, 7-3-18, charge suspicion, con man; released.

As Richard F. Galatas, #81434, arrested Los Angeles, California, 8-14-23, charge fugitive - Bunco from Chicago; disposition not given.

As Pritchard Sheridan, #9091, arrested Columbus, Ohio, 4-29-26, suspicious person; forfeited \$50.00 bond on 8-1-26.

As Dick Sheridan, #5283, arrested Flint, Michigan, 4-11-27; suspicion - con game; no disposition.

A warrant was issued at Kansas City, Missouri, on 7-10-33 by the United States Commissioner charging Galatas with conspiracy to violate Title 18, Section 88 and Title 18, Section 753 H of the U. S. Code, in that he conspired to cause the escape of Federal Prisoner Frank Nash at Joplin, Missouri, on June 16, 1933, and performed overt act as follows: Assisted Mrs. Frances Luce Nash in transporting herself from the Joplin airport to the residence of Herbert A. Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, on that date. A non est return was made on the warrant by the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri, on 7-10-33, and Galatas is, therefore, to be termed a "fugitive."

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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

U.S. Bureau Investigation
906 Federal reserve bldg. Los Angeles Cal. July 8th. 1933
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re. E.J. Bailey et al. O.O.I.

1933 Chevrolet coach or town sedan blacker dark blue with 1933 Missouri license plates one naught one six naught seven seen front residence seven six one Gaviota Avenue Long Beach Stop Lead there would mail cover out going letter from E.B. BAILEY half brother subject Bailey addressed to Mrs. Henry Schuster Stop. Lead furnished by Chicago office Stop ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ascertain name and address of registrant and legal owner Stop Endeavor ascertain if purchaser identified as subject Bailey or other subject. Advise immediately.

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Acting.

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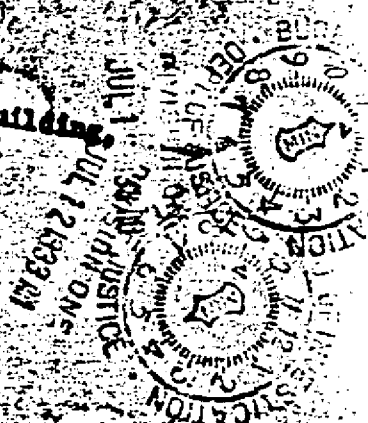


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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri
July 8, 1933



Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
234 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
prisoner, Frank Nash)
Kansas City file 62-760

Enclosed is copy of memorandum by Special Agent R. E. Nathan, referring to Charles A. Walker, who claims to be in position to furnish information.

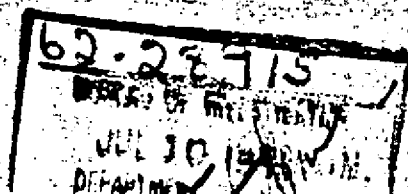
If you believe advisable, from any former contacts with Walker by Special Agent Smith of your office, it is suggested you might make further contact with Walker at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTEL,
Special Agent in Charge

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In accordance with your instructions, contact was made with Deputy Marshal Charles McDonald, who advised that the individual referred to in his letter would call at his office on the morning of July 5th. He was accordingly interviewed by Agents Bray and Nathan, advising that his name is Charles A. Walker; that he lives in Oklahoma, but has no permanent address now; and that he is enroute to Tulsa, Oklahoma from Joplin.

Walker advised that he served 7 years in the Oklahoma State Pen at McAlester, being released in 1916. His penitentiary number was 2260, and he was sentenced for manslaughter. He claims that his record at the prison was good and that he was paroled when he had about 10 months to serve. After being out a time, during which he was employed on the construction of the Capitol building at Oklahoma City, he returned, voluntarily, to the penitentiary and completed his sentence. He did this because he was unable to obtain a pardon. Since then, he has not been in trouble, and claims that he was employed by the State of Oklahoma for 3 years, in construction work, and worked for the Burlington Railroad for a while as Special Agent.

Walker claims that he is personally acquainted with Special Agent Frank Smith, having known him in Oklahoma City. He also claims that he knew Chief Reed of McAlester. He states that he knows Governor Murray of Oklahoma and considers him to be a friend.

He advised that he came to see McDonald, under the impression that the Marshal's office would be making an investigation of the killing at Kansas City. He has friends in Joplin with whom he stays, and was going to Tulsa "by the highway." He states that he is not primarily interested in money, but feels that the guilty parties should not be allowed to get away with a crime like this. However, should he be able to earn money by assisting the authorities, he, of course, is interested.

Walker states that he was in Kansas City on the day of the killing and had been to the new Post Office Building looking for work as a plumber. Leaving the Post Office, he proceeded to Mulder Street on his way back to the place he was staying. He did not see the occurrence, nor any of the persons connected with it. He claims that he does not know who committed the crime, but that he knows people who do have this knowledge and that he can find out who did it and where they are. When asked if he had any suspicions as to the guilty parties, he stated that he has, naming Frank Brady and "Shorty" Gilliam, both former inmates at McAlester.

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He advised that there was a third party who took part in the actual shooting with the two named, but that he doesn't know his name. In addition, he claims that one of the two cars used was driven by a fourth individual - name not known - who was not a regular member of the gang.

Walker stated that the object of the attack was the release of Nash and not to kill him. He stated that they undoubtedly confused Nash and Agent Smith, because of the way they were seated in the car - they expecting Nash to be in the middle on the rear seat. He further stated that the killers were not from Chicago; that they had two cars, both Chevrolets, and that they went to Oklahoma after the affair. He advised that he had read in the papers of the identification by a woman of Floyd as one of the killers, which he says is wrong. He says that Floyd is not that kind of a man, but is in the game for the money. Floyd might, in Walker's opinion, have been hired to kill Nash but not to release him.

With reference to Frank Brady and Gillham, Walker states that they were both in Mailester when he left in 1916. He does not know their criminal history since that time. It was determined by questioning that Walker was not referring to Bob Brady. In fact, Walker stated that no one named Brady was in the Lansing break, mentioning that there was a Bailey in that break, who he thought had been recaptured. It was apparent that Walker had no information concerning the Lansing break.

Walker advised that if he were furnished some funds for travel and expenses, he could, through friends in Oklahoma, definitely establish the identity and whereabouts of the killers. He says it will take some time, but that within 5 days he can develop information which will definitely show that he is on the right track and in good faith. He is broke, and feels that he should have about \$25.00 before starting to work on the matter. He says that he will first have to go to Mailester, Oklahoma. He claims that he is willing for anyone to go with him, but believes he will be more effective if he works alone.

Agents told Walker that they were without authority to deal with him, but that the matter would have consideration, and in the event it was determined to go ahead with Walker's plan, he could be advised. Walker could not give an address other than General Delivery, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He plans to reach Tulsa about Friday, July 7th and will be there a week or ten days. If he receives a letter, he will meet representatives of the Bureau at some point in Tulsa, to be designated in the letter.

During the interview, agents disclosed nothing to Walker concerning the matter. When questioned as to his acquaintance with Agent Smith, he claimed that he met Smith when the latter was working on the Coage March Case.

Walker is 34 years of age, has the general appearance of a bum or a man down on his luck, but seemed to talk frankly and openly. He was not intoxicated. It is noted that at 8:30 A. M., on July 5, 1933, Walker accosted Agent Eray for a "cup of coffee" on the street near Agents' hotel which is also near the Post Office Building. Walker came to the Marshal's office at about 9 A. M. He did not appear to recognize Eray.

Walker stated that he met Nash at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and saw him only once after his escape from Leavenworth, at which time he did not know that Nash was an escape. Walker also advised that he saw a man who used to be one of "the gang" in Joplin within the past few days. This man is named "Ile Stover." Walker does not think this man is now connected with the gang - particularly since he is addicted to dope.

Walker advised that he has no information as to how the arrangements were perfected by the killers. He advised that the killers were in Kansas City already. It is also noted that while Walker at first stated that he did not know who the guilty parties were, he later let it be understood that his information was authentic. During the interview, Walker expressed doubt that anyone could identify the persons involved. He also stated that he would have called on authorities at Kansas City, but felt that by doing so he would make himself a target for the gangsters.

This interview has been set out in complete detail in order that you may have the whole picture and be guided accordingly.

905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.
July 8, 1933.

Mr. R. H. Colvin,
701 N.W. 29th St., Apt. 2,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

RECEIVED
DIVISION ONE
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

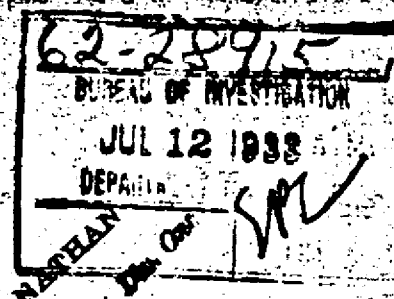
Pursuant to telephonic request there are transmitted herewith
by Special Delivery Air Mail, two photographs of Vernon C. Miller, #4240
South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

R.E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge

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(Copy)

Creston, Ia.
July 9, 1933.

Memo. for Mr. Vetterli:

Re Unknown Subjects.
Obstruction of Justice
#62-760

Referring to your letter of July 5th, 1933 enclosing copy of letter from the Chicago Office date July 3, 1933, I wrote to you on the 6th covering interview Deputy Sheriff Harold Gesell and what the court records show. After writing the above I made still further investigation and learned the following:

From a confidential informant I learned that following the arrest of Wincil Urban, William Engler, Ed Wilhite, and John Luger, the \$12,000. cash bond for Urban was put up by one John Huber, a Court Bailiff, and a party named Miller, a Justice of the Peace from St. Louis, Mo. This bond was supposed to be good for one year.

Inquiry of Mr. I. L. Wright, Central National Bank, Des Moines, Ia. revealed that this \$12,000 had been placed in trust to secure Tony Scalise, bondsman, should Wincil Urban fail to appear. On June 27, 1933, Urban surrendered himself, and the bond forfeited and the money returned to the alleged owner. Mr. Wright informed me that while the transaction was in the name of John Huber, a party with him by the name of Miller, did all the talking, and seemed to be more or less familiar with legal procedure. These are the two persons who had originally placed the \$12,000 in trust. I learned further that two trust vouchers were made out to Huber, one for \$12,000 covering the principal, and the other for \$400 covering interest. Huber converted the \$12,000 into cashiers checks and cash. He secured the following checks:

Check #54885	in the sum of	\$5,000,	payable	John Huber	dated	6/30/33
" #54886	" " " "	6,000,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
" #54887	" " " "	800	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "

The above totals \$11,800; the remaining \$200 was taken in cash. To date none of these checks have been cashed.

These subjects were represented by Charles Bowers and Louis Ansher, attorneys. I interviewed Ansher, who has offices in the S and L Bldg., and without giving him any information other than I wanted to know what was going on in my territory and also wanted to make his acquaintance, I had a talk with him about subjects. For your information, Ansher some years ago was connected with the local court house and was arrested for embezzlement, and I believe served a short sentence or was fined, as near as I could find out. Ansher admitted that these men were no "angels", and that their particular line was safe blowing; that Wm. Engler was the leader; that the bond for Urban was put up by two prominent men from St. Louis, Mo. whose names he did not like to disclose. The understanding was that it would not be for

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more than a year, as it was expected that the appeal would be heard by that time, however, it will not be heard until September, and Ansher believes the decision of the lower court will be affirmed. He gave as the reason for Urban surrendering himself was because these St. Louis men were in need of their money, and it was understood the money would not be needed for more than a year. Ansher further stated that he was in St. Louis about two months ago endeavoring to collect further on his attorney fees; that he contacted John Joynt, their attorney, and he saw the men, and they stated that they were broke and were unable to pay him a thing.

From another source it was learned that John Lugar can be located through his brother, believed to be Charles Lugar, whose office is at 605 Bank of Commerce Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. and whose home is at 3647 Bowen St., St. Louis. Another party through whom Lugar can be located is Joe St. John, 7151 Manchester Ave. St. Louis, telephone Hiland 0347. All these men make their home in St. Louis and should be well known to the police.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) O. C. Dewey

Des Moines, Ia.
July 6, 1933

Memo for Mr. Vetterli:

Re: Unknown Persons
Obstruction of Justice
K.C. File #82-760

Upon receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing letter from Deputy Sheriff Harold Gesell, Des Moines, I contacted Gesell and also examined the records at the court house as to case #25815 involving William Engler, Edward Wilhite, Wincil Urban, and John Lugar, and found that they were indicted 12/22/31 for possession of burglary tools, and were convicted and sentenced on 5/28/32 to an indefinite term in the Iowa State Penitentiary, Ft. Madison, Ia. to a term of years of not to exceed 15 years. On the same date all the subjects made appeal bonds in the following manner. Urban released on \$12,000 property bond signed by Tony Scalise, but the gang placed on deposit \$12,000 in the Central National Bank, Des Moines, which was cash. Engler was released on \$9000 cash and \$3000 property bond; Lugar released on \$12,000 property bond signed by Tony Scalise and Dewey Berlovich and the same for Wilhite, however, on 5/9/32, Wilhite's property bond was changed and the gang deposited with the Clerk of the Court \$13,000 in Liberty bonds. On June 27, 1933, Urban surrendered himself and on the following day was taken to Ft. Madison, Ia. It was generally understood that he only intended remaining there a few weeks when they would have him out again.

The St. Louis, Mo. Police advises the local Sheriff that on 6/13/33 a fugitive warrant was issued for Wincil Urban, as a fugitive on a burglary (bank job) charge at Summit, Ill. Urban was arraigned in court at St. Louis and later secured his release on \$10,000 bond returnable on 6/27/33, but he failed to appear, nor did his attorney Thomas J. Rowe appear, and the Judge continued the bond until July 11, 1933. As shown above Urban surrendered himself in Des Moines on the date he was to have extradition hearing at St. Louis, Mo. for his return to Summit, Ill. The local officers are unable to figure this move, other than the gang needed the \$12,000. cash on deposit here.

The St. Louis Police further advise that Urban wanted by Andrew Botz, Chief of Police, Summit, Ill; D. F. Lyons, Post Office Inspt. Chicago, Ill; Arthur Denney, County Attorney, Fairbury, Nebr, and Franklin Miller, Circuit Attorney, St. Louis, Mo. I understand he has been positively identified on the Fairbury, Nebr. bank job.

As to Vern Miller, none of the local authorities have any information on him. Park Findley, Iowa Bureau of Investigation, advises me that Millers picture has never been exhibited on the Ottumwa Savings Bank robbery, on 9/9/30, however, I will have this done tomorrow and if possible get a process outstanding for him.

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I am having the Sheriff's Office send you six pictures of John Luger and they should be in the office tomorrow. The Police Department has a full length picture of Urban, Engler, Wilhite, and Luger, but I understand that Park Findley secured this for you and is supposed to have sent it to you. If you do not have this full length picture I have one, and as I have to go to Fairbury, Nebr. I thought I would show it to Mr. Denney, the County Attorney there, and find out what I can there on Urban, and the others as to whether they were in on that bank job.

Park Findley further advised me that he received a telephone call this afternoon from our Chicago Office, he did not get the name of the party with whom he talked, advising that they had intercepted a shipment containing a machine gun and several other guns that was being shipped by express by one J. B. Jarret, Steel Pier, Atlantic City, N. J. to K. M. Emmack, Route 2, Fairfield, Ia. When talking to Spears this afternoon he said he had not heard from Chicago relative to the above. I offered my services to Mr. Findley, but he seemed to have plenty of men, 4 from his office, two local police, and the Sheriff and deputy at Fairfield. The shipment was leaving Chicago today and should be in Fairfield by Friday morning. His men have instructions to lay on this until the guns are called for. He promised to telephone you the result. Should you want me to join his forces and will wire or telephone me tomorrow morning, I can proceed to Fairfield. I will be at the Kirkwood Hotel until about 10:30 AM when I expect to leave for Ottumwa and can be reached in care of Western Union and if I am delayed in my investigation I will probably be there that night at the Ottumwa Hotel.

(Sgd.) O. C. Dewey

801-Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Mo.

July 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905-Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
Obstruction of Justice,
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)

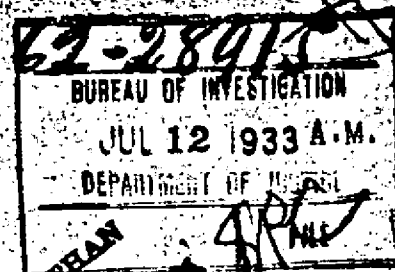
With reference to the arrest of John O'Hara alias Sam
Summons at Kansas City at which time he was found in possession of
\$3600.00 I desire to advise that Agent Morris made a check at all
of the Federal Reserve Banks in Peoria, Illinois in an effort to
trace these bills. At all of the banks he was advised that they
had no record of these bills, further that this subject was unknown
to them, not maintaining an account at their bank or a safe deposit
box. No record was found of the reported theft of these bills.

It is suggested that if available a picture of this subject
be forwarded to this office in order that it may be definitely
ascertained if this individual is known in Peoria under some other
name.

Very truly yours,

D.M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

RM
cc-Bureau
Chicago.



905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 10, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Hamilton)
K. C. File 62-760

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In response to your letter of July 8, 1933, there is enclosed two copies of photographs of Mrs. Bertha Engler, William C. Engler, Edward Wilhite, Wincel J. Urban and John Lager, mentioned in your letter.

There are also enclosed two copies of circulars issued by the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, for the arrest of Kenneth Conn, Kansas State Penitentiary #2195, and Alvie Payton, Kansas State Penitentiary #1755. These photographs contain fingerprints, photographs and physical descriptions of the individuals.

Pertaining to circulars of Harvey Bailey, Bob Brady, Jim Clark, Ed Davis and Wilber Underhill, you are referred to Bureau Identification Orders numbers 1189, 1190, 1192, 1193, 1194 and 1191, respectively, which give the fingerprints, photographs and physical descriptions of those parties, same now being in your possession.

For your information concerning the status of State cases against Wincel J. Urban and others on charges of Bank Robbery, at Des Moines, Iowa, there are enclosed two memoranda dated July 6th and July 9th from Special Agent Dewey, of this office, based upon his investigation at Des Moines. Copies of Agent Dewey's memoranda together with a copy of this letter are being furnished the St. Louis Office at this time, with request that the status of the bond of Urban be investigated at St. Louis, and the identity of the parties who acted as sureties be ascertained. In Agent Dewey's memoranda it will be noted it refers to one Miller who was interested in the bond of Urban, and it is quite probable that that party might be identified with Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary number 4240, who is

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wanted on Federal Process in this case, warrant having been issued at Kansas City, Missouri, July 8, 1933, charging Miller with conspiracy to cause the escape of Federal Prisoner Frank Nash on June 17, 1933.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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CC - Bureau

CC - St. Louis

601 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri
July 10, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
803 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 6, 1933 in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

In connection therewith please be advised that Mr. O. K. Bovard, age between 50 and 60 years, managing editor, St. Louis Post Dispatch newspaper, 18th and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, residing at Dallas and Conway Streets, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised upon interview that his nick-name was "Jack" Bovard, but he had never to the best of his knowledge been called or referred to as "John" Bovard. Mr. O. K. Bovard denied knowing anyone by the name of J. Stanley Smith, or Alvin Karpis. He further stated that he was not indebted to anyone by either of these names in any amount, adding that he had not received any letters or other communication from anyone by either of the above names or from a party by the name of Thomas Newman of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. O. K. Bovard then stated that he was to the best of his knowledge, the only male Bovard residing in St. Louis, Missouri, and as far back as he could remember there had been no other Bovard in this vicinity, however, he feels sure that there is one "John" Bovard residing in Kansas City, Missouri, engaged in the coal business. Mr. O. K. Bovard is also of the opinion that there are other Bovards in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, however, their reputations, character, associates or relatives are unknown to Mr. O. K. Bovard.

It was ascertained at the General Delivery window of the St. Louis Post Office, 100 South 18th Street, that there is no record at the present time of a party by the name of John Bovard receiving his mail at General Delivery. Further, the various clerks assigned to General Delivery duty are unable to recall anyone by the name of John Bovard receiving mail at General Delivery during the past.

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It would appear from the reference letter that Thomas Newman should have in his files copies of the letters he alleges were written by him to John Howard, Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri, for J. Stanley Smith, and inasmuch as the St. Louis Office has been unsuccessful in locating John Howard, it is suggested that Thomas Newman might again be interviewed along the lines reflected in the reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Bureau
cc. Kansas City
cc. Chicago

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Bldg.

TELEGRAM

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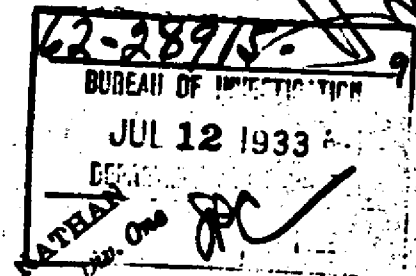
July 9, 1933

E. J. Connelley
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Unknown subjects obstruction of justice attempt deliver Frank Bush Henry Motor
Company Freeport Illinois sells ambulances hearses Vern C. Miller described
thirty five years slender build fair complexion represents Henry with head-
quarters Louisville Miller reports to Freeport about twice each year last
in Freeport January first Miller has wife but no children suggest continued
discreet inquiry Louisville will forward best available photo Miller to agent
in Louisville advise his address stop Miller in Louisville fits general
description of Miller wanted Fingerprint classification twenty five over
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DIVISION ONE
Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1420 Enquirer Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Special Delivery
Air mail

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
K.C. File 68-960

There are transmitted herewith for your use
two copies of photograph of Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota
State Penitentiary register 4240, whose apprehension is
desired as one of the principals in the massacre which
occurred in this case.

As a guide there is transmitted a copy of
the warrant issued July 8, 1933 at Kansas City, Mo. by the
U.S. Commissioner charging Miller, with Herbert A. Farmer and Mrs.
Eather Farmer, with conspiracy to violate Title 18, sec. 753 of
the United States Code, in violation of Title 18, sec. 88 of
the United States Code.

Upon receipt of advice of the apprehension of
Miller this office will have certified copies of the process
immediately forwarded through proper channels, looking toward
the removal of Miller to the Western District of Missouri.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. Vetterli, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash).

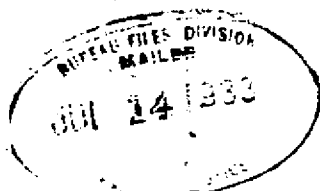
The fingerprint impressions of Vernon Carroll Miller,
submitted with your letter of July 11, 1933, have been searched
through the fingerprint files of the Bureau and no previous
criminal record has been disclosed.

In accordance with your request the fingerprint card
in question is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #201252



Handwritten initials and signature.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

**1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio**

July 11, 1933

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**Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.**

**Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash.)**

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the report of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Cincinnati, Ohio dated July 11, 1933 there are transmitted herewith the fingerprint impressions of Vernon Carroll Miller, Louisville, Ky., who apparently, in view of the difference in ages, is not one and the same person as Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary register #4240, whose apprehension is desired in connection with the above entitled case.

In this connection it is requested that the fingerprints of Vernon Carroll Miller enclosed, be searched through the files of the Identification Division, with a view of ascertaining whether or not he has a previous criminal record, and also if these prints compare with those of Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary register #4240.

In the event there is no criminal record found on Vernon Carroll Miller, it is requested that these prints be returned to the Cincinnati Office, in order that they may be delivered to Mr. Miller in Louisville, so that he can destroy the same.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein

**N. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge**

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Clegg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Assistant Attorney General Sisson.....	
Assistant Attorney General Youngquist.....	
Assistant Attorney General Rugg.....	
Assistant Attorney General Dodds.....	
Assistant Attorney General St. Lewis.....	
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Mr. Hoover, Dir. Bureau of Investigation.....	
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Mr. Woodcock, Dir. Bureau of Prohibition.....	
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(General Agent.....	
Mr. Gardner, (.....	
(Chief Clerk.....	
Mr. Robb, Division of Mails and Files.....	
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MEMORANDUM

The highlights of this memo. were given out at the Press Conference this morning by the Attorney General.

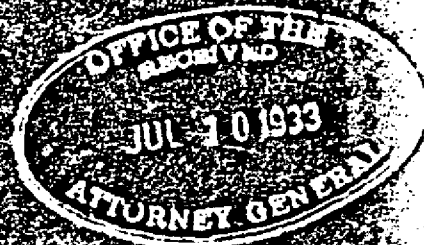
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EDGAR SNOW COVER
DIRECTOR

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



July 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I desire to advise you that on last Saturday afternoon, July 7, 1933, Herbert A. Farmer, alias Harry J. Garner and other aliases, whose apprehension we have been endeavoring to bring about as one of the parties believed to have been connected with the gang which massacred the law enforcement officials in the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933, was taken into custody at Joplin, Missouri. As you know, an intensive hunt has been in progress since the date of this massacre for the apprehension of nine persons believed to have been connected with or to have knowledge of the same.

Farmer's home was in Joplin, Missouri, and as indicated subsequently in this memorandum, he disappeared therefrom simultaneously with the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri. Immediately upon his apprehension at Joplin, Missouri, agents of this Bureau removed Farmer to Kansas City, Missouri, a Federal warrant having been issued for Farmer charging obstruction of justice.

I am attaching hereto a photographic copy of the fingerprint card of Farmer, together with a memorandum of his criminal record. All of the evidence in this case may not, of course, be set forth at the present time, but the following is of interest:

At 4:42 p.m. on June 16th, shortly after Frank Nash had been taken into custody by Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a telephone call was made from a certain number at Hot Springs to "Herb Farmer" at Joplin, Missouri. At 8:46 p.m., approximately eight minutes after the Special Agents of this Bureau, accompanied by Chief of Police Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, had left by train from Fort Smith, Arkansas for Kansas City, Missouri, a telephone call was made from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Hot Springs, Arkansas. At 10:09 p.m., a telephone call was listed from the same number at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as previously set forth, to "Herb Farmer" at Joplin, Missouri. At 10:17 p.m. a telephone call was recorded from the residence of Farmer at Joplin,

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Missouri to a residence at 6612 Edgevale Street, Kansas City, Missouri, occupied by a person giving his name as V. C. Moore. At 12:05 a.m., on June 17th, the day of the massacre, a telephone call was listed from the pay station at the Union Station at Kansas City to Ester Farmer, Herb Farmer's wife, at Joplin, Missouri.

During the afternoon and evening of June 16th considerable activity was noted on the part of Farmer at Joplin, Missouri. He made many short automobile trips to and from his place of residence. He was seemingly agitated.

About 3:30 p.m., on June 16th, a well-known associate of gangsters at Hot Springs, Arkansas took an airplane at that place, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Nash, and a child said to be the child of Mrs. Nash. She expressed her desire to get to Joplin as quickly as possible. Upon their arrival at Joplin, Herbert Farmer awaited them.

The examination of Herbert Farmer is proceeding in due course. He has entered a sweeping denial of any connection with the massacre and has even denied making and receiving the telephone calls in question. A Federal warrant has also been issued for Ester Farmer, his wife, and she has been brought to Kansas City for examination there.

Respectfully yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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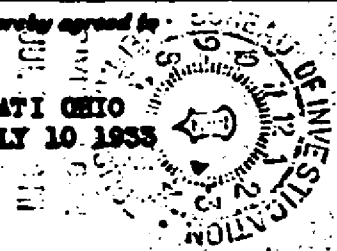
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R E VETTERLI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS OBSTRUCTION JUSTICE ENDEAVORING DELIVER FRANK NASH INGRAHAM IDENTIFIES PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BRILEY OKLAHOMA POLICE TWO SIX THREE ONE AS OTHER MAN SEEN IN CAR AT HENDERSON KENTUCKY INGRAHAM STATES HE HAS BEEN SHADOWED SINCE SATURDAY BY YOUNG MAN IN BLUE SUIT PANAMA HAT DISBELIEVES SHADOW IS BUREAU MAN BUT THINKS HE MIGHT BE FRIEND OF GANG INGRAHAM WILL LEAVE CINCINNATI NEXT TWO DAYS BUT WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SAC LADD

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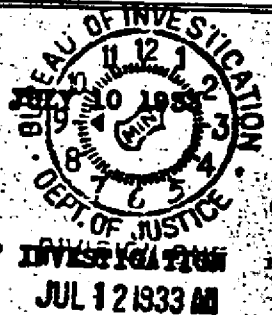
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MR H FURVIS
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ATTEMPT DELIVER FRANK NASH VERNON CARROLL
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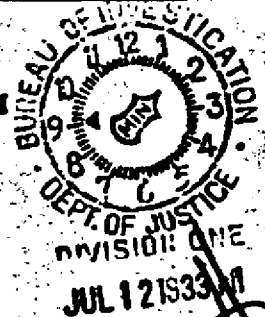
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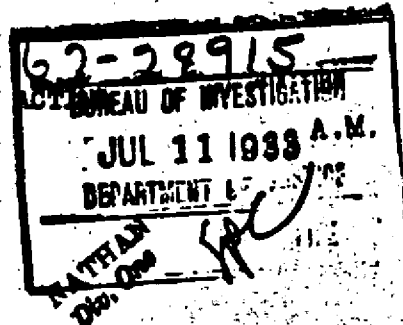
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE SEND PHOTOGRAPH MILLER TO FRANK HUNLEY
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1933.

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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Kansas City after lunch and they advised me that Mrs. Frank Nash has been brought in from Wenona, Illinois, to Kansas City, voluntarily accompanying our Agents. A warrant was sworn out charging her with the obstruction of justice in connection with the murders at the Kansas City Plaza on June 17. The basis for the warrant was statement made to the Bureau's Agent by Ester Farmer, wife of Herbert Farmer that Mr. Nash was at the residence of Herbert Farmer the night of June 16 and telephoned to a residence in Kansas City, and also received the telephone message from Kansas City which was sent from the Union Station about midnight. No information has as yet been secured from the Nash woman but the examination is proceeding.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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Mrs. Nash arrived in Kansas City at 1 o'clock Central Standard time. The Marshal is on his way to the Kansas City office now to serve the P.M. warrant. Mrs. Nash is now in the Kansas City office.

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*Get immediate report as to what her examination developed. Why can't we get across the idea we would like to be kept advised. Vetterli should have wired last night what the situation was.
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905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MO

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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Assistant Director Nathan ()
Assistant Director Tolson ()
Assistant Director Edwards ()
Assistant Director Clegg ()
Inspector ()
Division ()
Secretary ()

See Me ()
Prepare Reply ()
For Your Information ()
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Mr. Benjamin W. Taylor,
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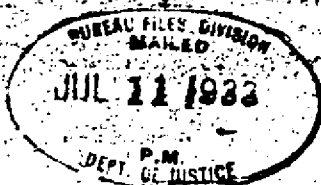
Dear Sir:

By reference from the President I am in receipt of your letter of June 18, 1933, concerning the murder of law enforcement officers at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Your statements have been noted and you may be assured that this Bureau is in accord with your sentiment with reference to the undesirability of newspaper publicity concerning confidential investigations. I wish also to assure you that every effort is being made by this Bureau and Department to bring about the apprehension of the perpetrators of this crime.

Very truly yours,

Director.



A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly "J. Edgar Hoover", written in dark ink at the bottom right of the page.

FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK TO

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

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Secy. to the President

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Bartlesville, Oklahoma
June 18th 1933

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President,

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt;

JUL 13 1933

This letter will no doubt be one of the strangest that you have yet recieved, but believe me it contains an appeal that I hope will bear results.

I herewith enclose clippings of our local papers one of which carried the interview granted by the Officers at Ft. Smith and which to my mind appears to have been a direct invitation to the underworld element to do what they cared to about it.

When you read the first clipping it makes you wonder why men of years of law enforcement experience will pull bencheaded tricks such as this has turned out to be and which any one of such blunders might cause to happen.

The absurdness of the fight in Kansas City only goes to prove that the time has arrived when it must be decided which is the most powerful, Gangster rule or the Law. When criminals grow so certain of their power that they do not fear to pull such a job as that, it is time to revise our enforcement agencies.

Mr. President this happening has aroused the country to the greatest pitch ever known and is the most opportune time in which the Government should act to make it known who is running this Country.

In justice to the families of these men who paid with their lives, the Department of Justice rules should seal the mouths of all Officers from giving information that would put the lawless element in possession of information that will give them such an advantage as was theirs in the fight described. Some will say that the Public is entitled to the information of such captures and other information pertaining to movements of Officers, but I say and believe that you will agree with me that the best interest of the Public was not preserved when the lives of four men were the penalty of giving advance information.

What would it have mattered to the Public if the information had been published 24 hours latter when Nash could have been behing prison bars and safe from such attempts to liberate?

Mr. Roosevelt, you have done a most wonderful job of saving this Country from ruin and you will never live to know the honor that will come to your name, your duties are so many that it is a mericle how you stand under the load and still Smile, but take on this one more job and do the things neccessary to make impossible a repetition of this terrible affair.

Seal the mouths of the Officers until the job is completed and prevent escapes of such characters from Federal prisons by Government owning all land for mile from prisons with only two roads to approach heavily guarded, and heavy wire fences (at least) three between prison walls and the outer highways. In attempted breaks sound sirens so all guards are ready. You know what to do, please in the interest of National Safety do all in your power to correct the present evils. Speed courts, do away with pardons and paroles only incases of error.

Thanks,

Your Summter

Benj. W. Taylor,

Box 839, Bartlesville, Okla.

June 18, 1933.

Re: Encloses newspaper articles on the subject of recent jail breaks which were caused by jail officials giving out information. Asks that the Department be instructed to take steps to prevent a recurrence of such breaks.

Dept. of Justice.

OKESA ROBBER IS 'KIDNAPED' BY OFFICERS

Frank Nash Nabbed at
Hot Springs and Hur-
ried to Leavenworth

ESCAPED IN 1930

Member of Spencer Gang
Who Fled Federal Pri-
son Is Taken By Sur-
prise In Resort

FORT SMITH, Ark., June 16
(P)—Three department of jus-
tice agents who were reported to
have "kidnaped" a man at Hot
Springs, Ark., this morning, re-
vealed here tonight on their way
to Leavenworth, Kan., that the
"kidnaping" victim was Frank
Nash, Oklahoma desperado who
has been at large since his es-
cape from the federal peniten-
tiary at Leavenworth in Septem-
ber, 1930.

Nash was serving a 25-year
term for robbing a mail train in
Osage county, Oklahoma, at the
time of his escape.

The agents, who sped out of
Hot Springs in their car after
"abducting" a man known in the
resort city only as "Doc," left
their automobile at the police

station here. It was learned they
planned to take a train to Leav-
enworth with their notorious pris-
oner in an effort to prevent pos-
sible attempt at rescue.

The agents admitted "kidnap-
ing" Nash on the streets of Hot
Springs after the fugitive had
been trailed there, but refused
to give any details of the cap-
ture. They said they feared trou-
ble from Nash's confederates in
making the arrest, and whisked
him out of town immediately.

They were stopped by police at
Little Rock, but refused to tell
the prisoner's name, saying he
was a gangster and was being
taken to Joplin, Mo.

Frank Nash, federal prisoner
fugitive recaptured at Hot
Springs Friday was a member of
the Al Spencer gang of bank and
train robbers who preyed upon
northeastern Oklahoma a decade
ago.

Nash was captured at Sierra
Blanca on the Mexican border,
September 9, 1923, and was sen-
tenced to 25 years for robbing a
mail train at Okeesa, Okla. He
escaped from the federal prison
at Leavenworth in October, 1930.

A little more than a year after
Nash's break, seven prisoners
made a bloody break for liberty,
three convicts being slain, two
of them members of Spencer's
gang. They were Grover C. Dur-
rill and George Curtis.

Last of the seven to be re-
captured was Earl Thayer, 65,
who was taken when he sought
to trade a rifle for food.

Betrayal wiped out the Spencer
gang and resulted in the death
of the outlaw chieftain. One of
his trusted lieutenants, Ike Ogg,
turned state's evidence in the
Okeesa train robbery and five of
the robbers, including Thayer and
Nash, were sentenced to 25 years
in prison.

Spencer was killed near Bartles-
ville.

*The information given out by who ever gave
this interview - signed - sealed and delivered
the death warrants of the four officers who were
killed.
Notice dates.*

*The Morning Examiner
Bartlesville Oklahoma*

6-17-33

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FIVE KILLED IN KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

Bartlesville Oklahoma Enterprise
6-17-33

Results of information disclosed in interview at Ft. Smith Ark.
Bone head blunders - the only explanation.

No 2.

FRANK NASH AND FOUR OFFICERS SHOT TO DEATH

**Gun Battle Staged at the
Union Station Early
This Morning**

ONE MAN WOUNDED

**Officers Were Returning
Nash, a Former Spencer
Gang Member, to Prison**

(By the Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, June 17.—Underworld machine gunners shot and killed four officers and their prisoners, Frank Nash, Oklahoma train robber, in front of the Union Station here today.

One federal officer was seriously wounded.

Officials differed on whether the attack was an attempt to free Nash, who was being returned to the Leavenworth federal penitentiary from which he had escaped, or whether the main purpose of the gangsters was to kill the outlaw.

The killers, believed to number four, fled in an automobile with their sub machine guns barking after the shooting.

F. J. Lackey, the wounded officer, told police he had been trailing Nash for three years.

"When we gathered at the car and had got Nash into the front seat," he said, "two men stepped out from between cars parked south of the government armed car, I believe, either with shotguns or rifles. I do not believe they had a machine gun.

"One of them said 'let's let them have it,' and before any of the officers could get their fire arms, the shooting began. There were shotguns and other weapons in the car, but we couldn't get at them."

(By the Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, June 17.—Four officers were slain by machine gun fire and another was wounded in front of the Union Station here today by gunmen who apparently sought to effect the release of Frank

Nash, Oklahoma mail train robber, being returned to Leavenworth federal prison.

Nash, one of the few surviving members of the Al Spencer gang of train robbers, also died in the hail of bullets.

The killers fled in one or more automobiles after pouring a murderous fire into a parked car which the officers and their prisoner were boarding just south of the east door of the station.

The dead:

Frank Nash, the federal convict being returned to Leavenworth.

Raymond J. Caffrey, agent of the bureau of investigation.

W. J. "Red" Grooms, city detective of Kansas City.

Frank Hermanson, city detective of Kansas City.

Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Okla.

The wounded:

F. J. Lackey, agent of the federal bureau of investigation.

Accounts differed as to the number of men in the killers' party. One eye witness said he saw only two men. Another reported the firing came from two automobiles, and some officers expressed the belief four men were involved.

Arrived With Nash Early Today

Frank Smith, investigator for the department of justice; Lackey and Reed arrived at the station shortly after 7 a. m. with Nash, captured yesterday in Hot Springs, Ark. Nash escaped from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth in 1930.

They were met by R. E. Vettarli, chief of the United States bureau of investigation for Kansas and western Missouri; Raymond J. Caffrey, an investigator for the bureau; Grooms and Hermanson. The seven escorted Nash, handcuffed, through the station to Caffrey's car, waiting outside and across the street near the parking lot.

Three of the officers and Nash died on the spot. Caffrey died in a hospital. Lackey was wounded. Smith and Vettarli escaped.

The assailants fled west, but eluded police cars which rushed to the scene.

The officers had planned to drive to Leavenworth with the prisoner, rather than wait for a train.

All the dead were shot in the head.

Thought Shots were Firecrackers

One taxicab driver, near the head of the line of cars moving up to receive passengers at the station after

JEH/ent

July 11, 1933.

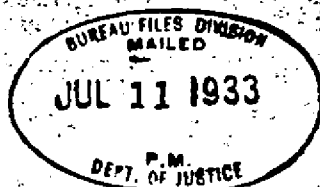
Mr. Kirk Miller,
*Universal Service, Inc.,
1323 H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing herewith Identification Order #1195, issued by this Bureau on Vernon O. Miller, with aliases, wanted in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Gaffrey and three police officers, at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

With expressions of my best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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Bureau

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

July 11, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash).
Birmingham File: 62-826.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the report of the writer dated July 3, 1935, concerning the above captioned case, and with particular reference to the undeveloped leads set forth therein, please be advised that a memorandum has now been received from Special Agent J. L. McCaffrey at Nashville, Tennessee, reflecting his efforts to identify one Nig or Nigger Nolan and who informant Ingraham now alleges to be a book-maker in that city.

Interviews with the police officials, and a search of the telephone and city directories fail to furnish any pertinent information relative to the identity of this person. A check of investigation was conducted at the Grim Tourist Home at 231 Main Street, Nashville, Tennessee, concerning Nolan and such a person was unknown at that address.

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Chief of Detective Elkin Lewis, Nashville, informed Agent McCaffrey that there was no "bookie" or gambler in that city by the name of Nolan and referred Agent to Detectives E. C. Burges and Inman. Accompanied by the above named detectives Agent McCaffrey discreetly interviewed various agencies operating handbooks in the vicinity of Nashville but no information was secured concerning Nolan. In this connection, one H. Hedman operates the largest handbook agencies in Nashville catering to both white and colored and knows practically every "bookie" and gambler in that vicinity. He stated that he had never heard of such a person as Nolan and doubts whether he operates in that city. Special Agent McCaffrey has been in constant touch with the Superintendent of Mails with regard to the various covers placed at the general delivery window and same have been unproductive regarding

any information concerning ROY SHERILL, alias Roy Roberts, and others.

Special Agent R. E. Peterson at Memphis, Tennessee, has been in constant touch with Detective Sergeant Rainey who was assigned by Chief Inspector Griffin to discreetly contact Sam Nathan in an endeavor to secure any information which would tend to substantiate the information furnished by Ingraham, and also to place Wanted Notices on all Subjects, together with their aliases, at the general delivery window at Memphis.

Memorandum has now been received from Agent Peterson stating that Detective Rainey contacted Sam Nathan and Nathan advised him that he does not know any of the Subjects in connection with this case. It is my personal belief that possibly Ingraham is known to Sam Nathan. In view of the fact that the information already furnished by Ingraham could not be verified on several major points I am of the opinion that little, if any, credence should be given to his statements. However, your office might desire that the Cincinnati Office make discreet investigation at the Baylin Hotel at Cincinnati where Ingraham is now residing, checking his telephone calls, in an effort to ascertain his connections in that city.

Any subsequent information concerning this case will be immediately transmitted to your office for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau

1420 Euquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

MEK:MDR
62-785

July 11, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
[Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash.]

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Dear Sir:-

With reference to the copy of the letter received by the Cincinnati Office, addressed to the Chicago Office by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, July 6, 1933 enclosing a photograph of CHARLES FRANKLIN BRILEY alias Frank Briley alias Slim Briley, Oklahoma City Police #2631 and to my telegram of July 10, 1933 in this connection, please be advised that on July 10, 1933 H. C. Ingraham of the Savlin Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio called at the Cincinnati Bureau Office and the photograph of Charles Franklin Briley was exhibited to him. Ingraham stated definitely that Briley was one of the occupants of the car seen by him at Henderson, Ky. on June 24, 1933 at which time Sherrill advised him that the five occupants of the car had taken part in the shooting at Kansas City, Mo. on June 17, 1933.

Ingraham further advised that he first observed that he was being shadowed about Cincinnati, on the afternoon of July 8, 1933 by a young man wearing a blue suit and a Panama hat. He states that he is positive that he is being shadowed, as he saw this man at various times throughout the day and evening and is also certain that he was being followed again on Sunday, July 9, 1933. He states that he had no idea that he was being followed by Bureau Agents, but believes that some members of Nash's gang might be keeping account of his movements. He voluntarily stated further, that following the interview had with Special Agent in Charge Guian at the Cincinnati Office, on July 1, 1933 he, Ingraham, went immediately to Middletown, Ohio and contacted Maude Montgomery, who was connected with the Carnival at that point. He stated that the reason for his going to Middletown was for the purpose of collecting some money from Maude Montgomery on an old debt that she owed him. He stated that

while he was talking with Maude Montgomery, Mr. Riddle, the manager of the Show came in and told Maude that two Prohibition Agents were outside and wanted to talk with her; that she hesitated for a short time and then left her tent and went outside and conversed with these alleged Prohibition Agents. He states that when Maude Montgomery returned to the tent, she mentioned the fact that these Agents were inquiring about her husband, Nash and that she intimated, at that time, that Ingraham had possibly disclosed some information to the Government in connection with their investigation of the Kansas City Murder.

Ingraham states that in view of the fact that Maude Montgomery and some of the gang suspect him of furnishing the Government with information, he fears he is on the "spot" and therefore he intends to leave Cincinnati within a day or two. Agent advised him that he might desire to confer with him later, on some matters and for him to keep Special Agent in Charge Ladd of St. Louis informed, periodically, of his whereabouts. Ingraham stated that he would probably go to St. Louis, but he was not certain at the time of the interview. Ingraham stated also that he has received suspicious telephone calls recently and fears that some of Nash's gang are "spotting" him.

Very truly yours,

H. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
St. Louis

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I have just talked to Vetterli over the 'phone. He said that no information of value has been secured from Herbert Farmer. Esther Farmer has referred to the coming to the Farmer home in Joplin of Galatus and Mrs. Nash. She states that Mrs. Nash put in a call for one Verne at Kansas City. She states that when the report of the killing came in over the radio Mrs. Nash left for St. Louis by bus and Galatus left for Hot Springs. In the telephone conversation of Mrs. Nash with Kansas City Mrs. Nash is reported to have asked "what she could do". No further information has been received from Cincinnati relative to the location of Verne Miller there and Mr. Vetterli believes that he will not be located there.

Vetterli states that he is sending Turrou and Brennan back to Wenona to again interview Mrs. Nash. He says they are filing a complaint on her for possible use. He says that he will hold Brennan and Andersen there for the time being, to which I assented. I also suggested that he send two men back to Joplin to make a thorough search of the Farmer house there. This had not yet been done by our men.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

It should have been done Saturday. Find out why it was overlooked.

7/10/33 J. E. A.

Reply to questions 7/11/33

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1933.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With regard to my memorandum of July 10 and your inquiry as to the identity of Galatus, Dick Galatus, alias H. B. Gladdis, is a racketeer who has been located at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who is reported to be the boss of a slot machine racket there in partnership with one Jim Clark, a broken-down gambler, and McLaughlin, Mayor of that city. Galatus is said to be the official representative of the gangster world in Hot Springs. He is said to arrange for and afford protection to the gangsters who come there at various times. Galatus accompanied Mrs. Nash and her daughter from Hot Springs to Joplin on the night of June 16 by aeroplane, returning to Hot Springs the following day.

With regard to your inquiry as to why the Farmer home was not searched at the time of the apprehension of Farmer, I have made inquiry at Kansas City and am informed there that it was deemed advisable at that time to concentrate on the procurement of all possible information from Farmer and his wife. It was thought there that Farmer and his wife being in custody there would be ample time for the search of their home during the period of their custody and that therefore every possible attention should be given to the prisoners rather than to the searching of their residence.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

This is absurd. Other agents could have made the search. During the interim persons friendly to Farmer could have entered & done away with evidence.

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Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tolson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building.
Kansas City Missouri.

July 11, 1933.

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

RE: UNKNOWN PERSONS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER FRANK NASH
K.C. File #62-760-

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, please be advised that on July 8, 1933, warrant was issued for Herbert A. Farmer, alias Harry A. Garner, alias Herbert Black, alias Snyder, alias Deafy, and Esther Farmer (Mrs. Herbert A. Farmer), and Verne C. Miller, at Kansas City, Missouri, charging violation of Title 18, Section 88, USCA, the charge against Miller and the Farmers is contained in a copy of the warrant herewith enclosed.

Herbert A. Farmer and Mrs. Farmer were arrested on July 8th, and are now confined in the County Jail at Kansas City, awaiting hearing on the above charge.

Also there is enclosed a copy of complaint issued July 10, 1933, charging Mrs. Frances Luce Nash and Richard Tallman Galatas, with similar violations. A NON EST RETURN was made on the warrant for the arrest of Galatas and Mrs. Nash by the United States Marshal at Kansas City, on July 10, 1933, and they are to be termed, therefore, "fugitives."

Galatas is Register No. 9091, Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, fingerprint classification: (24) $\frac{17}{3}$ $\frac{1}{0}$ $\frac{21}{20}$

There is no criminal record known as to Mrs. Nash, and her fingerprints are not available according to information at this office at present.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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writing under oath before me, the undersigned, a United States Commissioner for the Western District of Missouri, Western Division, charging that

Herbert A. Farmer, alias Harry A. Garner, alias Herbert Black, alias Snyder, alias "Deafy", and Esther Farmer (Mrs. Herbert A. Farmer), and Verne C. Miller, and others not named herein

late of _____ County, in the State of Missouri

did, on or about the 17th day of June

A. D. 1933, at Joplin, Jasper Co., Mo. in said District, in violation of Section 88, Title 18 USCA (Sec. 57.0C)

of the United States, unlawfully, wilfully, and feloniously conspire, confederate, and agree together, and with each other, to procure the escape of one Frank Nash, who was then a United States Penitentiary prisoner of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and who was then properly committed to the custody of the Attorney General, in this, that the above named defendants did then and there conspire as aforesaid to advise, connive at, aid, and assist in the escape of the said Frank Nash, while he, the said Frank Nash, was in the custody of the Attorney General, and while, he, the said Frank Nash, was being duly conveyed and transported from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by a duly authorized representative of the Attorney General, and to effect the object and purpose of said conspiracy the above named defendants did commit the following overt act, in this, that on the 17th day of June, 1933, at Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., in the Western District of Mo., the defendant Verne C. Miller did then and there unlawfully, wilfully, and feloniously assault a duly authorized representative of the Attorney General, to-wit, one Raymond J. Caffrey, by assaulting and shooting the said Raymond J. Caffrey, with a dangerous and deadly weapon, by then and there inflicting a mortal wound in and upon the head and body of the said Raymond J. Caffrey, for the purpose and with the intent of then and there procuring the escape of the said Frank Nash from the custody of the Attorney General and a duly authorized representative of said Attorney General; that the above and foregoing overt act was then and there committed as aforesaid, to effect the object and purpose of said unlawful conspiracy and to carry out the terms and conditions thereof;

contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the President of the United States of America, to apprehend the said

Herbert A. Farmer, alias Harry A. Garner, alias Herbert Black, alias Snyder, alias "Deafy", and Esther Farmer (Mrs. Herbert A. Farmer) and Verne C. Miller wherever found in your District

and bring their bodies forthwith before me or any other Commissioner having jurisdiction of said matter, to answer the said complaint, that he may then and there be dealt with according to law for the said offense.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of July A. D. 1933

United States Commissioner as aforesaid.

Approved:

(Seal)

United States Attorney.

Western District of Mo

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the undersigned

J. F. Trainor, Special Agent, U.S. Bureau of Investigation

10th

June

20

Joplin, Missouri

Mrs. Frances Luce Nash and Richard Tallman Galatas,
and others not named herein

Title 18, Section 80 U.S.C. and Title 18, Section

903 U.S.C.

wilfully, and feloniously

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conspire, come unto and agree together with each other to procure and effect the escape of one Frank Nash who was then and there a Federal prisoner in custody of the Attorney General of the United States, who had been theretofore convicted and lawfully confined to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas and did aid and assist and connive at the escape of the said Frank Nash while he, the said Frank Nash was being duly transported from Hot Springs, Arkansas to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas by a duly authorized representative of the Attorney General of the United States and pursuant to said confederation and agreement in the Western District of Missouri did execute the following overt acts:

1.

The said Mrs. Frances Luce Nash at Joplin, Missouri on June 14, 1933 placed a long distance telephone call to Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri and did converse with the said Vernon C. Miller.

2.

The said Richard Tallman Galatas at Joplin, Missouri on June 15, 1933 did aid and assist the said Mrs. Frances Luce Nash in transporting herself from the Joplin airport to the residence of Herbert A. Turner, near Joplin, Missouri.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

LCS:KP

June 20, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following is the record disclosed in our files in the case of CHARLES FLOYD alias "Pretty Boy" Smith, whose photograph and fingerprints are attached:

Subject as Charles Arthur Floyd, #22318, arrested PD, St. Louis, Mo., September 16, 1925, charge - highway robbery; as Charles Floyd, #29078, received SP, Jefferson City, Mo., December 18, 1925, from St. Louis City, crime - robbery, 1st degree; sentence - 5 years.

As Charles A. Floyd, #16950, arrested PD, Kansas City, Mo., March 9, 1929, charge - investigation; disposition not given.

As Charles Floyd, #3999, arrested PD, Kansas City, Kans., May 8, 1929, charge - vagrancy and suspicion - highway robbery; released 5/7/29.

As Charles Floyd, #887, arrested PD, Pueblo, Colorado, May 9, 1929, charge - vagrancy; fined \$50.00 and sentenced to 60 days in Jail.

As Frank Mitchell, #19933, arrested PD, Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930, charge - investigation; pending.

As Charles Arthur Floyd, #21458, arrested PD, Toledo, Ohio, May 20, 1930, charge - suspicion; disposition not given.

Notations: "Arrested Kansas City, Mo., four other times, all cases of investigation of holdups and was released each time.
WANTED: As Charles Arthur Floyd alias Frank Mitchell, alias "Pretty Boy" Smith, 11/24/30 sentenced 12 years Ohio SP., (bank robbery, Sylvania, Ohio), 12/10/30, escaped enroute to Pen. Notify: Ohio SP, or Comm. Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Floyd, murders and bank robbery. Notify: PD, Kansas City, Mo. and SO, Bowling Green, Ohio.
STILL WANTED: As Charles Arthur Floyd, for murder, according to information received 5/18/32 in PD Bulletin. Notify: SO, Bowling Green, Ohio."

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Respectfully,
JUL 18 1933

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JUL 18 1933

L. C. Schilder, DIRECTOR

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WASHINGTON.

(On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail)

Date of arrest



(Address)

Date of arrest May 9th, 1929

Charge Vagrancy

Charge VIOLATION
Disposition of case 50 & 60 days jail

Residence Oklmulgee Okla.

Place of birth Georgia

Nationality American

Criminal specialty Stick up

Age 22 Build Well

Age 44 Height 5-9 1/2 Comp. Med. Hair Dark

Weight 155 Eyes Gray

Scars and marks

1 Vac. cis

1 Vac. C.S.
1 Tatton (Nurse in Rose)











CRIMINAL HISTORY

(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet)

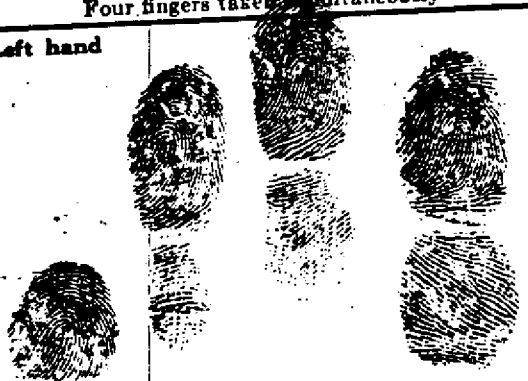
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Name Chas. Floyd
Alias _____
No. _____ Color White Sex Male



Classification L1U
Ref. L1U

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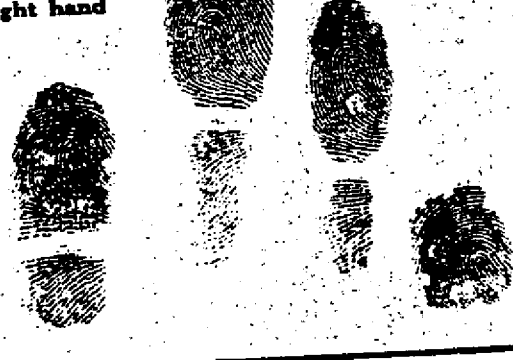
Left hand



Amputations _____

Left Thumb	Right Thumb
	

Right hand



Classified by _____
Verified by _____
Searched by _____

Prisoner's signature _____

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 21, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The following is our record in the case of BERNARD PHILLIPS:

Subject as Bernard Phillips, #20728, arrested PD, Minneapolis, Minn., April 11, 1926, charge auto thief; as Bernard Phillips, #26600, received USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, Nov. 28, 1926, from St. Paul, Minn., crime violation Dyer Act; sentence 4 years and 6 months.

As Bernard Phillips, #C-26406, arrested PD, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22, 1930, charge general principles; disposition not given.

Notation: "WANTED: As Bernard Phillips, #20728 PD, Minneapolis, Minn., bank robbery; wire PD, Minneapolis, Minn."

There is attached a photographic copy of the photograph and fingerprints of the above person.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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sent
J. Edgar Hoover*

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NAME	NUMBER	CITY	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
JAMES EARL RAY	100-10779	MEMPHIS, TENN.	MAY 18 1939	WJH 5-18-39	
Still Wanted as above.	(Inf rec Natl Pol Officer May 1939)				

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Classification

Ref.

Name _____
Alias _____

No. 20690 Color White Sex Male

1.-Right Thumb



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2.-R. Index Finger



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3.-R. Middle Finger



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4.-R. Ring Finger



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5.-R. Little Finger



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6.-Left Thumb



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7.-L. Index Finger



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8.-L. Middle Finger



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9.-L. Ring Finger



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10.-L. Little Finger



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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left hand



Amputations

Left Thumb



Right Thumb

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Right hand



Four fingers taken simultaneously

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Prisoner's signature

Bernard Phillips

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7-12-33.

Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Bledsoe of the Associated Press telephoned and talked with Mr. Nathan. Mr. Bledsoe asked permission to have photographs made of Mrs. Nash. Mr. Nathan expressed doubt as to procedure and said he would call Mr. Bledsoe back.

Mr. Nathan asks what he shall tell Mr. Bledsoe.

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Mr Bledsoe advised

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