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**SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD**

**KANSAS CITY MASSACRE**

**FILE: 62-28915**

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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM RECORDED

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With reference to your memorandum of November 19, 1934, covering your conversation with Mr. Hala, of the Kansas City Journal-Post, I believe that you should immediately instruct the Kansas City Office of this Division to take up with the United States Attorney this matter, and be guided by his advice as to whether we shall request Gill to furnish us for examination purposes, the original shells. In other words, I do not think we should take any action in this matter except with the knowledge and at the direction of the United States Attorney, who now has the case in hand.

Your action in refusing to comment upon this matter to Mr. Hala was entirely proper, as I do not believe we should try our cases in the newspapers.

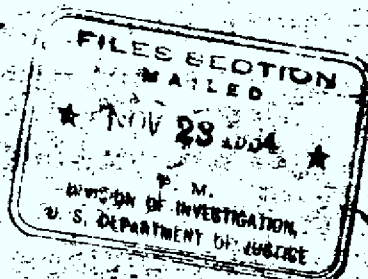
Specific instructions should be issued to the Kansas City Office that under no circumstances is there to be any further dealing with Mr. Gill, and he is to be furnished with no information at any time in any case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
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November 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Tracy	.....

A Mr. Helm, representative of the Kansas City Journal-Post, was referred to me from your office. Mr. Helm stated that he received information from his paper at 2:30 A.M. this morning to the effect that on the morning of the Kansas City Massacre, Chief of Police Otto Reed had in his possession a shotgun; that Reed was sitting in the back seat of Caffrey's car and that after the Massacre, two exploded shotgun shells were found by the Police on the running board of the car or on the ground nearby. Mr. Helm stated that his paper advised him that Agent Caffrey had been killed by a ball-bearing; that Nash's body indicated that he had been shot from behind and that a third person killed had also evidently been killed by a shotgun. Helm stated that he was advised further that the windshield of Caffrey's car had been blown out by bullets from inside the car. The Kansas City Journal-Post now claims that Caffrey, Reed and one other person were killed by the shotgun of Otto Reed. Helm further stated that an unexploded shotgun shell was found on the person of Reed after the Massacre and that this shell when taken to the Ballistics Expert Gill, was found to be loaded with buckshot and ball-bearing.

Helm further stated that his newspaper had information that sometime after the Massacre Agents Frank Smith and Lackey had returned to the son of Otto Reed in Oklahoma, the shotgun belonging to Reed.

Helm requested that I deny or affirm this story or indicate that the Division had previous knowledge of this angle of the case. I advised Mr. Helm that the Division would make no comment upon this matter; that it was the Division's policy and practice to prepare our cases for trial in Court - not in the newspapers. Helm stated that it seemed odd that if we knew of this angle of the case before, we had not given it to the papers. I reiterated that we were not preparing our cases for trial in the newspapers.

It is obvious that the information in the possession of the Kansas City Journal-Post has come from Merle Gill, since it coincides precisely with his present theory of the case. In the event I have occasion to talk to Mr. Nathan at Kansas City today, I will again caution him against having any further dealings with Gill.

The only way we can determine conclusively whether Reed's gun fired the shots from which the exploded shells found at the scene of the Massacre

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emanaged, is to obtain the ~~original~~ shells which I understand are in the possession of Mr. Gill. Agents of the Oklahoma City Office have recently obtained test shells fired from Reed's gun. In view of the probable publicity which will appear on this angle of the case, do you desire that we approach Gill and attempt to obtain the original shells from him? The possession of these shells and the subsequent examination will of course not prove conclusively the identity of the person responsible for the death of Caffrey at all, but will merely identify the shells as coming from or not coming from Reed's gun.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'EAT', written in a cursive style.

E. A. Tamm

U. S. Department of Justice  
Division  
~~Bureau~~ of Investigation

Los Angeles, California  
November 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases  
(deceased), ET AL  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner  
L. A. File 62-964

Referring to your telegram of November 13, 1934, relative to the above entitled matter, in which you request that another effort be made to locate the record of George Ryan, released by authorities at Los Angeles, please be advised that a further search of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department disclosed that Ryan was turned over to the Los Angeles authorities by the sheriff of Santa Ana, California, on September 16, 1917 for suspicion of having stolen a Cadillac from San Diego, California - Sheriff's No. 1058 at Santa Ana on Ryan. Said Ryan, under Los Angeles Police No. 15532 was arrested on September 19, 1917 by police officers at Los Angeles on a burglary charge; said Ryan was held to answer to this charge, and on September 28, 1917 was placed under \$2500.00 bail.

On October 25, 1917, said Ryan pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the Superior Court, Los Angeles, California, and applied for probation. On November 26, 1917, said probation was granted by the Superior Court of this city, and Ryan was released for a period of three years.

According to the records of the Police Department, Los Angeles, California, the fingerprint classification of Ryan is  $\frac{29}{20} \frac{0}{0} \frac{18}{-}$ .

Very truly yours,

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

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San Francisco Division of Investigation,  
San Francisco, California.

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Date September 19th, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

Division File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
San Francisco		J. J. Miller, alias	Arrested as Fred Williams
Police Dept.		Fred Williams, alias	3/29/30. Charge - \$1,000
No. 36045		Frank R. Moran, alias	Vagrant and Fugitive.
		Frank Moore	Released 3/31/30 and ordered to leave San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
E. P. Guinane, Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

By reference to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 1934, it appears that Richard Tallman Galatas made a signed statement dated October 1, 1934 at Chicago which was witnessed by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent John R. Welles. The original of this signed statement is not in the Kansas City Office. It is noted in letter from this Office addressed to the Chicago Office under date of October 24, 1934 that several other original statements were turned over to the Kansas City Office by Special Agent R. C. Suran. However, this statement was not among those. It is requested that same be forwarded to this Office.

In the report of Special Agent D. W. Magee dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, September 20, 1934, page 21, mention is made that the original signed waivers of subjects Richard Tallman Galatas and Elizabeth Galatas, which were executed for their removal from New Orleans to Kansas City, Missouri, were taken into the possession of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley when those subjects were taken by chartered airplane to Chicago. These waivers should be submitted to the Kansas City Office for the completion of the file. A copy of this letter is being furnished to Special Agent in Charge Brantley.

Very truly yours,

**R. R. HAYMAN**  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Oklahoma City  
cc - Division  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

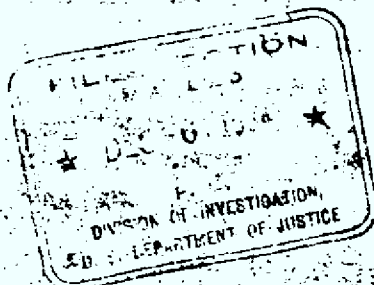
Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases, Deceased, et al  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of November 26, 1934, pertaining to the efforts made by the Division to ascertain the secret number upon the Thompson submachine gun recovered from the possession of Adam Richetti, upon his recent arrest near Wallsville, Ohio, you are advised that the Division has been unable to ascertain the correct serial number of this gun and that rather than disfigure the gun, the Division will return the gun to you at an early date, without making further effort to trace the gun's ownership. In the event it is necessary to produce this gun in evidence at a later date, you are advised that the gun was never out of the possession of the Division, subsequent to its arrival in Washington.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
November 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

This will confirm telephonic conversation between Mr. Tamm of the Division and myself on November 24, 1934, at which time I was instructed to ascertain if the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, had any objection to offer to the contemplated action of the Division in sending the Thompson Sub-Machine gun, recently recovered at the time of Subject Richetti's arrest, to the Colt Factory in order that the secret number could be ascertained therefrom. This gun is mentioned in my letters to the Division dated November 8 and 14, 1934.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen conferred with Mr. Randall Wilson, Assistant United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, who is handling the instant case at which time Mr. Wilson stated that he had no objection to the Division's contemplated action in this regard. Mr. Wilson indicated to Agent Andersen that he was desirous of having the employee at the Colt Factory, who located the number, to put an identifying mark of some kind on the gun at the time of such examination. I furnished this information to Mr. Tamm, by telephone, on November 26, 1934, and pursuant to his additional request contact was again had with Assistant United States Attorney Wilson by Agent Andersen, at which time Mr. Wilson indicated that it was not essential that such an identifying mark be placed on the gun by the Colt employee; that Mr. Wilson had in mind keeping the continuity of the possession of the gun intact. He added that as he had placed an identifying mark of his own on the gun at the time it was in Kansas City, further identifying marks by employees at the Colt Factory will be unnecessary.

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The policy of not revealing the location of the secret number on these guns was explained to Mr. Wilson and, hence, was made clear to him why it would not be possible to obtain the name of the employee who made the discovery of the number on the gun.

Very truly yours,  
R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Very truly yours,  
R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 12, 1934

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, <sup>aka</sup>  
with aliases (Deceased); ET AL.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to the letter received from the Kansas City office, dated October 16, 1934, with reference to exploded shotgun cases found at the scene of the Kansas City massacre.

The details of the possession of shotguns at the time of transporting Nash at Kansas City have been discussed with Special Agent Frank Smith. He recalls nothing about the obtaining of such guns, it being his recollection that these guns were obtained by Agent Lackey and by Chief of Police Reed of McAlester.

Special Agent Smith proceeded to McAlester, Oklahoma, on November 8, 1934, and discussed the matter of the possession of such shotguns with Chief of Police Abbott. Chief Abbott had no information relative to the guns taken by Mr. Reed. Mr. George Reed, son of the late Chief of Police at McAlester, stated that his father owned a 10 gauge pump shotgun, and that after his father was killed, that he proceeded to Kansas City where his father's shotgun was exhibited to him and which he promptly identified. This gun was later shipped to George Reed at McAlester and the gun was examined by Agent Smith. It is a Model 12-16 Gauge Winchester Hammerless Pump Gun, originally having a 28 inch barrel. The barrel is presently 18 inches long, and the gun bears factory number 11337 on the gun, and factory number 310580 on the barrel. George Reed fired five shells from this gun in the presence of Agent Smith, which are being transmitted to the Division under separate cover with a copy of this letter. RECORDED 62-51915-

Agent Smith has no other definite knowledge relative to the shotguns carried at Kansas City, but it is his recollection that two such guns were carried in the party. No further information could be obtained at McAlester relative to the second gun.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc San Antonio  
Chicago  
Kansas City

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Division of Investigation

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Kansas City, Missouri

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Mr. Keith	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	

November 13, 1934

Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD (Deceased)  
ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Further reference is made to personal and confidential communication from this office dated November 6, 1934, regarding allegations made by Merle A. Gill concerning the weapons used in the Union Station massacre.

In accordance with telephonic instructions of Inspector Cowley, I instructed Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office to review the file in this case and submit a memorandum containing the pertinent information relative to the ballistic evidence in the file. Copies of this memorandum are attached hereto for the Division, Inspector Cowley, and the Oklahoma City Office. It is believed desirable that the Oklahoma City Office endeavor to obtain possession of the shotguns which were in the possession of the officers at the time of the massacre, in order that appropriate test shells might be obtained from them.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Inspector Cowley, Chicago  
Oklahoma City

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Kansas City, Missouri  
November 9, 1934

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BUREAU~~

Re: CHAS. A. FLOYD, Deceased, AT AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER  
K. C. File 65-700

Pursuant to your instructions there is being rendered a resume of facts found from a review of the instant file pertaining to certain allegations by Jerry L. Gill, Ballistician, of Kansas City, Missouri, who has expressed an opinion to the effect that Special Agent Jeffrey, Police Officer [redacted] was fired from the hands of deceased Chief of Police LEO NEAL.

As a basis for complete understanding by various agents who may read this report it may be stated that Jerry L. Gill is a private ballistician who subsists on work submitted to him by law enforcement agencies in this section of the country and who clamors for publicity in order that he may be able to advertise his name. His reputation among officers in this vicinity is somewhat mixed and he has had no competition in his field here until recently. For the past eighteen months, however, he has been on unfriendly terms with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department due to a feeling which was apparently occasioned by the interest of Gill in the instant matter. During that period of time Gill has been enjoying the good will of the office of Sheriff [redacted] at Kansas City and has been doing photographic work for the Sheriff's office. Within the past month Sheriff [redacted] found that Mr. Gill was seeking publicity to the extent of placing his office in an embarrassing position with the public and requested him to remain away until called for. Gill has in the past performed considerable services for the Kansas City Office but became overly inquisitive with regard to the instant investigation and discussion of this case with him has therefore been limited. It is apparent that Mr. Gill is and has always been intimately affiliated with the Kansas City Journal Post newspaper. He is a vindictive and temperamental type of individual and recently he expressed telephonically a great deal of displeasure in not being given publicity in the press by this Department for services which he performed in connection with the instant case. Evidently the above feeling of imaginary injury by Mr. Gill is responsible for his present activities and his voicing of certain opinions which appear contradictory to his past statements.

Mr. Gill expressed the opinion when he called this office shortly after the solution of the instant matter was announced in the press, that Charles Arthur Floyd had absolutely nothing to do with the massacre. The Kansas City Journal Post has recently carried articles of a similar import and has published photographs of a shell case fired in the massacre and one fired in slaying of John Leslie at Kansas City recently with the statement that Gill found that the same gun was used in those slayings. More recently the Journal

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has carried a story by Gill to the effect that none of the evidence exhibits in the massacre case compare with ballistic exhibits fired from the machine gun or automatic pistol recovered at the time of the arrest of Adam Richetti at Wellsville, Ohio. The Journal Post is apparently a newspaper controlled by the local Democratic machine which is dominated by Thomas Pendergast. A recent announcement has been made editorially by that newspaper that the Kansas City massacre has not been solved and the Government has completely failed in its effort to solve the case and furthermore that the Kansas City Police Department will now start in its effort along these lines. It may be noted that in the recent grand jury investigation of this matter perjury indictments were returned against Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, and Lt. Ryan, both of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and former Director of Police Eugene C. Tappert. Most of this adverse publicity has occurred as an apparent defense since the above indictments.

A letter dated October 14, 1934, addressed to this office by Mr. Gill, pertaining to the instant matter, is quoted in part as follows:

Dear Mr. Nathan:

I have come into possession of some information in connection with the Plaza Massacre that may throw additional light upon the actual shooting during the massacre.

Until yesterday I was unaware that Chief Reid had a 16 gauge shotgun with him when he was killed. My information is that Chief Reid had a double-barrel shot gun of 16 gauge and that this weapon was taken to the Justice office shortly after the shootings. I also learned that two fired 16 gauge cases of UMC Kleenore make were noticed in the back of the car where Reid was killed; it appears that one of the cases rolled to the running board when the rear door of the car was opened. I have two 16 gauge UMC Kleenore cases in evidence that was turned over to me at the time I received the other exhibits from Chief Higgins and if Reid had such a gun, and fired it, this additional evidence would reduce the number of killers to three men as I understand witnesses told of having seen one man handle two small arms; namely the .38 Colt's and the .45 automatic pistol. Now being the case it would be more in line with the information which appears in the press that related to three actual killers.

The next day after the shooting we opened up an un-fired 16 gauge case in the Justice office and found three ball-bearing's of the regular buck-shot. Agent Gaffery's fatal slug was a 16 gauge and I have another such exhibit found by the police at the time. I suggest that you, if possible, secure the 16 gauge shot be checked as it will tighten your case against the men as the killers; should Reid's gun be the weapon which you have one less man to look for.

I have checked up on the weapon that Det.

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morning of the slayings and have positive information that the carried a .38 nickel plated Smith & Wesson revolver. One of the empty mags in his gun was fired by one of the slayers. Prior to the slayings in St. Louis as Brown was in fact of the weapon pointed off to be dropped at St. Louis. Jack Clifford at Detective headquarters is now a holding the gun.

The party who supplied me with most of the above information is Detective L.S. Frank Collins who was at the scene of the crime a few minutes after the slayings. Collins was informed that he believed that the slayings were not known at all with the police statement to the police shortly after the slayings. Collins was pulled up in a car and got a good look at all of the slayers as he witnessed the shooting at the time.

Collins has no idea that I am forwarding this information to you as I would appreciate your handling the matter in such a way that I have not supplied you with the details as Collins is a good friend of mine and a former police officer.

I am writing you this long letter as it is being brought to my attention every day by different friends of mine, who know that I have been an old and right for some years in trying to help your office in the massacre case, that it appears to them that certain parties in your office are trying to muscle in on some undeserved publicity as owners of the crime.

Up until last week when the case broke in the papers I had been able to keep the heat from running any version of ballistic examinations concerning the case and prior to that day the case broke requested them and the United States to refrain from carrying on their about guns being examined as I was of the opinion that local guns were in on the shootings.

In closing I would like to say that I have the ballistic evidence well protected as far as the exhibits are concerned and that I have a complete record of all examinations made. Your office is welcome to them anytime they are desired, either for examination purposes or for keeps. Some of the past few weeks has convinced me that I have been wearing a downhill fight in attempting to establish my profession here in a square from the shadier manner, regardless of the good support I have received from your office in the past.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Verle A. Gill



After receipt of the above letter from Mr. Gill this office addressed a letter dated October 16, 1934 to the Oklahoma City Office with carbon copy also for the San Antonio Office, requesting that Special Agent Smith and Lackey consider the matter and advise definitely as to the calibre of shot-guns carried by deceased Officer Reed and Agent Lackey at the time that the massacre occurred. Comment was had in that letter concerning the statements of Gill.

Pursuant to the letter from this Office mentioned above, the San Antonio Office advised by letter dated October 26, 1934, which bears the initials "FJL", that after consideration of this matter Special Agent Lackey informed that he is positive that there were only two shot-guns in possession of the officers at Kansas City at the time of the massacre and that both of these shot-guns were 12 gauge guns, one being the property of the Oklahoma City Police Department and the other the personal property of Chief of Police Reed, deceased, whose home was at the Lester, Oklahoma.

This Office has not as yet received a communication from the Oklahoma City Office regarding the matter mentioned in letter of October 16, 1934. There appears to be no record made in the file of this case concerning the return of the two shot-guns referred to in the letter from the San Antonio Office. The writer was present at the Kansas City Office during June, 1933 but did not examine these shot-guns and was not aware of what disposition was made of same. It is the writer's impression, however, that these were pump-guns and of the ordinary 12 gauge riot gun type. It is also the writer's impression that these guns were returned to Oklahoma City by one of the Special Agents from that office or by Special Agent in Charge Calvin, shortly after the massacre occurred.

On November 6, 1934 Merle Gill appeared at the Kansas City Office and had a further discussion of this matter with Special Agent Harold Le Anderson and the writer. At that time he went further in expressing his opinion regarding the slaying of Agent Caffrey and others than he had done in his letter which is partially quoted above. He stated that Officer Collins and some other officer of the Kansas City Police informed him that Otto Reed, deceased, had on his lap when they discovered his dead body in the rear seat of Agent Caffrey's car, a double-barrel sawed off shot-gun of 12 gauge and that shells from both barrels had been discharged. Gill on this latter occasion stated that it is his opinion that Otto Reed fired one blast out of the left hand side of the car killing Agent Caffrey and Frank Nash with one blast and that he probably fired the second shot out of the right hand side of the car killing Detective Hermann. ~~A letter dated November 8, 1934, personal and confidential to the Director, was transmitted from this office outlining the above recent statements of Mr. Gill.~~

A review of the autopsy reports made by the coroner at Kansas

City, Missouri, has been able to determine the probability of the various parties mentioned by Gill having been killed by shot-gun bullets. These autopsy reports are set out in report by Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 29, 1934. Regarding Agent Caffrey the autopsy showed that there were no missiles apparent in his body at the time the autopsy was performed. There was apparently but one wound which passed completely through his head. A steel ball-bearing shown in that report as exhibit "H" is held by Merle Gill, having been received from the office of the coroner by Special Agent in Charge E. L. Vetterli. This is a shot-gun pellet. The coroner's records, when same were given to Mr. Vetterli, indicated that it had been the missile that killed Agent Caffrey.

The autopsy report regarding Frank Hermanson indicates that there were no portions of missiles found when the autopsy was performed. It is indicated that his scalp was lacerated and his skull fractured. There are no missiles held as evidence exhibits in this matter which are said to have come from the body of Mr. Hermanson. The autopsy report fails to indicate the type of weapon which may have been used in killing Mr. Hermanson, but it is apparent that he might have been killed with a shot-gun in view of the state of his wounds.

The autopsy report regarding Frank Nash indicates that a part of his scalp was so lacerated that it could be removed from his head. It is shown that there was a fracture of the skull, and amputation of the brain. There were found no missiles or parts thereof upon performing the autopsy. The coroner did not show in his report what type of gun may have been used in the killing of Nash. It would seem that Frank Nash was shot from the back of the head and that the bullet which caused his death emerged from over his left ear. Merle Gill holds two portions of a machine gun bullet which fit together accurately. The main portion of the bullet was received by Special Agent in Charge E. L. Vetterli. Mr. Vetterli received same from the office of the coroner. The other portion of the bullet held by Gill is said by him to have been received from Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins and to have been found in the front seat of Agent Caffrey's car beside Frank Nash. Information was originally received by Special Agent in Charge Vetterli when he secured the portion of this bullet from the coroner's office that it had been found sticking to the outside of the scalp of Frank Nash. Mr. Gill in his expert opinion during June, 1933, explained that since he found bullet holes through the back of the ear of Agent Caffrey, he believed that the bullet which killed Nash penetrated from that point and that the core of the bullet passed on through Nash's head from the rear and that the jacket of the bullet stuck to the outside of the scalp after having been loosened from the core by passing through the steel body of the ear.

In the absence of any definite and scientific proof it appears that it would be impossible to determine whether Frank Nash and Frank Hermanson were killed by means of a shot-gun or other firearm. Mr. Gill has previously



stated to the contrary with reference to Nash. His letter dated July 12, 1933 in this connection is quoted in part as follows:

"This letter-report pertains to the examinations of ballistic exhibits involved in the Plaza Shootings of June 1933; this report has been delayed in order that the results of certain gun examinations could be included.

The photographs you have illustrate evidence bullets and cartridge cases, found at the scene of the crime and removed from the bodies of the victims. The photographs are numbered and lettered as follows: Cartridge cases: 1 to 6. Bullets: A to L. A set of these photographs has been furnished Chief of Detectives Higgins, and Dr. Souder of your Bureau of Forensics.

Microscopic examinations indicate that two Thompson Sub-machine guns, a .45 Colt's automatic Pistol, and another weapon using steel ball bearings, was used in the shootings. It is quite apparent that your agent, Caffrey, was killed with a Ball bearing while Lackey was shot with a Thompson gun. Heid, Orourke and Nash were shot with a Thompson gun, while it is apparent that Hernandez was shot with a buckshot gun. My conclusions are based upon careful microscopic examinations of the exhibits now in my keeping. Bullet holes in the two cars indicate that the gun-fire came from the front and rear.

Bullets and cartridge cases from Floyd's gun, and from the Nebraska Bank robbery, and from the North Kansas City bank robbery, as well as bullets from our Detective Carpenter's shooting, all failed to be identified as being connected with the weapons used in the Plaza shootings. Test bullets fired by me from the two .08 caliber Colt's revolvers taken from "Pat" Harrison, failed to be identified as being connected with any local shootings. Should you take any weapons connecting with this case, it is absolutely important that test bullets be fired from the weapons by me in order that I can identify positively the comparison slugs as well as the guns. Be sure that we can clean the guns."

It seems inconsistent to say that Chief of Police Otto Read could have fired two blasts from a double-barrel shot-gun and unloaded the gun during the few seconds of time after the shooting commenced before he was mortally wounded. It will be noted that according to Mr. Gill's present statement the shot-gun shells which had been fired were allegedly found by the police officers in the floor of the car of Agent Caffrey and beside the car and not in the gun of Mr. Read. Mr. Gill has rendered his expert opinion to the effect that the markings on the shot-gun shell cases indicate beyond a doubt that they were fired from a double-barrel shot-gun, due to the absence of ejector marks which would be on such a shell fired from a pump-gun or automatic shot-gun and further in view of the fact that he alleged the firing pin impressions on the two evidence shells are not the same. As

It is found that there was no double-barrel shotgun carried by any of the officers or agents in the case of the shooting on June 17, 1933. Mr. Gill's opinion would probably, probably, by such occurrence as he has stated. Furthermore, Gill has in the past submitted the specimens in his possession to the writer for examination and the two specimens which he has seen are 16 gauge. The microscopic photograph of the specimen shot in case and in possession of the Kansas City Office and the Division.

In connection with the above, reference may be made to the original report in the Kansas City Police Department in the case of the shooting at the home of Mr. Gill, dated June 20, 1933. On page two and again on page seven of that report is a memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Lasky. It will be noted in the last paragraph of page five that Lasky stated that he carried a shotgun which he endeavored to load and in so doing came within range of a double-barrel shotgun of the ordinary hammer type would evidently not jam while being loaded. In the same report beginning on page seven and ending on page nine is a memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Lasky. Agent Lasky's memorandum as on page eight of the report that Chief of Police Reed carried a pump-gun as did Agent Lasky.

While it is apparent that there was no double-barrel shotgun carried by Gill, it is believed desirable to secure the same two weapons carried by Agent Lasky and Mr. Reed in order that they may be definitely examined by representatives of this Division and in order to forestall any possible acts of duplicity on the part of Gill, the Journal Post or the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

The reference made by Gill to examination of a bullet from "Lloyd's" gun, when on page six of this memorandum, pertained to a bullet picked up after a bank robbery in Oklahoma many months before the massacre. It may or may not have come from a gun carried by Lloyd, or if it did there would be no indication that he still carried that gun in June, 1933.

Gill has also now stated that he believes the .38 calibre Colt bullet removed from the body of Otto Read was fired by Kansas City Police Officer Mike Manning who was present when the massacre took place. He bases this latter opinion only on statements made to him by Detective Collins and advises he has not had an opportunity to examine the pistol carried by Manning.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. Tamm, Jr.,  
Special Agent

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 26, 1934

Time: 4:35 PM

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____

Mr. Spears telephoned from Kansas City and advised regarding my recent conversation with Mr. Nathan on the Floyd gun sent to the Division, that they had talked with Mr. Wilson, the Assistant United States Attorney there today; that he stated that it was all right to send the gun to the factory to have the secret number revealed; however, that he desired that whoever located the number, make some sort of identification marks on the gun and a report made to same in order that he would be in a position to testify relative to the location of the number. I advised Mr. Spears that under no circumstances should this information be brought out in testimony; that the location of the number on the gun was one of the secrets that we would not reveal. Mr. Spears then stated that if we were ever going to identify the gun we would have to tell how we did it, and I told Mr. Spears that we were not going to identify the gun; that this was purely an investigative procedure. Mr. Spears stated that it was his understanding that the Assistant United States Attorney did not necessarily contemplate using the above information in the trial, but he wanted to have it so that in the event he had to state what had been done to the gun he could. I informed Mr. Spears that it was my understanding from the above that all the Assistant United States Attorney was interested in was the continuity of possession of the gun, and he stated he believed this was correct, but would verify same and advise. I informed Mr. Spears that the only reason we were interested in tracing the guns was to see where the people were obtaining them, but this should have no effect in connection with the indictments in this case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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RE: 10.

November 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the articles which have recently appeared in the Kansas City, Missouri Journal-Post newspaper, purporting to be based upon information furnished by Marie Gill, Kansas City, Missouri ballistician, which articles, in a manner, reflect upon this Division, I desire that no further dealings be had with Mr. Gill and under no circumstances is he to be furnished with any information in any case in which this Division is interested.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Fay at New York and advised him of the press dispatch today which was to the effect that William Weiseman had surrendered in Newark, New Jersey; Mr. Fay stated that they had just received a call from a newspaper on this; that as they understood it he was supposed to have surrendered on November 7th but they had never heard about it; that it is also understood that he was released on \$2,000 bond; that they had been unable to verify this information, but would call the Division immediately upon receipt of further information relative to same.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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NOVEMBER 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to Division letter of November 23, 1934 concerning the Wanted Notice placed against Adam Richetti, you are advised that in view of his apprehension this notice may be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box #756,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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November 27, 1934

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

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,  
with aliases, (deceased), et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter dated November 21, 1934, in the above entitled case, requesting advice as to whether or not Jaunaita Buelah Baird and Rose Baird are wanted by the authorities at Mount Zion, Kentucky, your attention is respectfully invited to the report of Special Agent J. F. Sears, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated March 5, 1934, in which it is stated that the Baird girls were returned to Williamstown, Kentucky, for trial for robbery of the Mount Zion Deposit Bank. They were sentenced to a term of three years and were incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Frankfort, Kentucky. On appeal, the Court of Appeals reversed this case for lack of evidence and the case was returned for trial at Williamstown, Kentucky. Later the case was dismissed against the Baird girls by the Circuit Judge evidently for the reason that they had no more sufficient evidence than that for which the Court of Appeals reversed the case.

For this reason it appears that the Baird girls are no longer wanted by the authorities at Williamstown, Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of November 22, 1934, directed to Mr. Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, San Antonio, Texas, copy of which was forwarded to this office, to the effect that Mr. Jones and other Division officials, including the writer, confer with United States Attorney Milligan at St. Louis, Mo., under date of September 1, 1934, you are informed that unless instructions to the contrary are received I will proceed to St. Louis at 10:10 A. M. on the date of November 30, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
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R. G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated November  
28, 1934, regarding LOUIS BUCKHOUSE, New York City  
Police Department number B-46043, there is transmitted  
herewith the criminal record of this individual as  
reflected by the files of this Division.

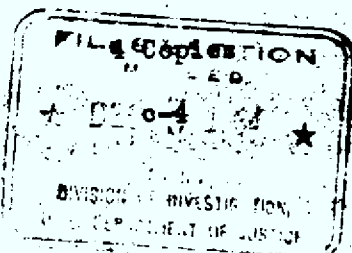
The files of the Identification Unit do not  
show that a prior set of prints on this person has  
been received from your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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CC - Division Office,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.  
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Chicago, Illinois.  
Division Office,  
Kansas City, Missouri.



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U. S. Department of Justice  
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New York, N.Y.

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November 28, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,  
(Deceased) et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Complying with Division request, there is transmitted herewith a second copy of fingerprints of LOUIS BUCKHOUSE, (alias Louis Buckwalt), New York City Police Department No. B46043.

The Division was formerly furnished a copy of this individual's prints on October 2, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul.  
cc-Chicago.  
cc-Kansas City.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 26, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

There is attached hereto copy of a letter dated November 17, 1934, from Mrs. Harry Spears which is self-explanatory. In this connection, reference is made to my letter to Mr. Harry Spears of November 14, 1934, a copy of which was transmitted to the Division, with a copy of Mr. Harry Spears' letter to me, dated November 8, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DR.  
Att.

*W. M. C. W.*

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ISAAC SPEARS  
Ice Sand, Gravel and Housemoving  
Mitchell, South Dakota.

November 17, 1934

M. H. Purvis,  
1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois

Sir:-

Pardon my most insulting letter to the JUSTICE of these United States! I, Mrs. Harry Spears, happened to send that silly, impossible letter to someone that I admired a great deal and would like to have had said person given all the publicity and popularity that he could stand, but in view of the fact, I see it has already gone to his head, as the paper stated in your dealings with the Missouri Officials concerning 'Pretty Boy Floyd's' ally in crime. Just a mistaken idealism, I assure you.

Friends that I intended to praise you to (Though that matters to you) whether you accepted or not (Truthfully I didn't expect you to) with letter of to date, in such an official and impudent manner as to intimate that I would use your name - YOUR NAME - I don't wish to hear your name even mentioned -- I'm ashamed and humiliated that I was capable of thinking of such a crazy idea, much less have considered a person such as you have proven to be.

Having re-read your letter, I realize how crude and personal that proposition as I stated it sounded--accept my most profound apologies for said letter. However, your declining personally and officially as to the use of your name in any manner whatsoever--is just as crude. I'M no thief! I'm sorry I feel as I do, but I guess it's just the disappointment of the stating of your refusal, as you did, as I was so sincere and meant NO harm. I have been successful in numerous puzzles to the extent of 70 dollars--and thought that a man's name carried more weight and wasn't just a silly, bandy proposal. My approval of you has vanished.

(Signed) Mrs. Harry Spears

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November 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

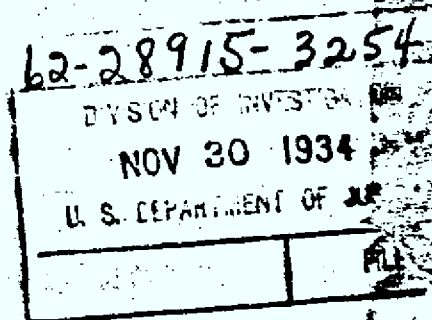
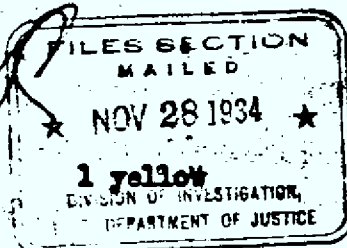
Reference is made to your letter dated November 21, 1934 in the above entitled case, wherein you request the advice of the Division as to whether it is desirable to have copies of the transcript of testimony taken before the recent session of the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, made for the Division.

Before authorizing the payment of a sum of money for this transcript the Division desires to be furnished with an estimate of the total cost involved. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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

November 25, 1934.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The developments in the Kansas City Massacre case have been the release of Beulah and Rose Baird by the Oklahoma City office after information had been obtained from them respecting their association with Floyd and Richetti. The Buffalo Office reports that Rose Baird using the alias, Byrl West, accompanied by her sister, Beulah O'Baird, alias Edith Brannan, purchased a Ford Sedan at Buffalo, N.Y., on October 18, 1934; that the Baird sisters had lived with Floyd and Richetti from September 21, 1933 to October 18, 1934 in apartment #821, 8 Eighteenth Street, Buffalo, N.Y.; that the photograph of Floyd has been identified as resembling the individual who remained in the apartment at all times and was frequently seen pacing the floor of the apartment.

A comprehensive report has been received from the Kansas City office covering the recent session of the Federal Grand Jury. The report discusses the indictments returned against Galatas et al, Richetti, Reppert, Higgins and Rayen, and lists the names of all witnesses who appeared before the Grand Jury. A copy of the report and copies of the indictments are being furnished to the Attorney General for his information.

The Technical Laboratory is presently engaged in analyzing the ballistic evidence with respect to the current charges appearing in the columns of the Kansas City Journal Post based, apparently, on information furnished by Merle Gill, Kansas City, Missouri, ballisticsian. The Kansas City office is being instructed to have no further dealings with Gill nor is any information to be furnished him.

Respectfully,

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

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Mr. Nathan	✓
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit, Michigan

Nov. 28, 1934

Director

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inspector S. P. Cowley communicated with this office yesterday afternoon advising that a letter had been received at the Chicago Office from an attorney at East Palestine, Ohio, advising that he was representing Mr. Clyde Birch who is presenting a claim for the reward for the capture of Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Mr. Cowley advised that the attorney was desirous of obtaining a deposition from Special Agent (A) C. F. Risler to whom his client had furnished the original information. Mr. Cowley further advised that the letter in question was being forwarded to the Division and requested that a memorandum be submitted by Agent Risler. Accordingly, this memorandum is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
November 28, 1934

## MEMORANDUM OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD:

About 10 o'clock on the morning of October 22, 1934, Special Agent M. J. Purvis, advised Special Agents R. G. McCallum, D. Dilillo and C. F. Risler that Floyd had been seen about ten miles north of East Liverpool. We three were directed to go in this locality and patrol this locality to obtain any information possible. We patrolled in this section until about 12:15 P.M. when we pulled in at a gas station to contact Special Agent M. J. Purvis at the Traverse Hotel, East Liverpool, Ohio. I had just finished making this telephone call to SAC Purvis when Clyde Birch, a Constable, rushed into the gas station and said "Are there any D. J. men here." He was followed by Robert Robinson, a farmer. I made myself known and was then advised by Birch that Robinson had fed "Pretty Boy" Floyd at his farm house about fifteen minutes ago. The farm house was about six miles away from the gas station. I immediately re-called SAC Purvis and informed him of these facts and the five of us, Constable Birch, Mr. Robinson, Agents McCallum, Dilillo and myself, immediately proceeded to a school house about a quarter of a mile from the farmer's home. Constable Birch and Agent McCallum started immediately to patrol the road, in Constable Birch's car. Agent Dilillo accompanied Robert Robinson to his farm in order that the Robinson family could identify the picture of Floyd. Constable Birch told me at about this time that he dropped into Robinson's farm and asked Robinson whether or not he had seen "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and that Robinson replied to the fact that he didn't know that he had fed a stranger a few minutes before. Robinson described this stranger to Birch, who recognized it to be the person of Floyd. He immediately, together with Robinson, hurried to locate some of the Department of Justice Agents.

It was the result of the information given to me by Constable Birch in the presence of Robert Robinson, that eventually lead to the finding of Floyd.

In the evening at the Traverse Hotel, Constable Birch and Robert Robinson were in the hotel room which was occupied by the Agents. To the best of my recollection I introduced Birch and Robinson to SAC Purvis and told Purvis at the time that these were the men from whom I obtained the original information as to the exact whereabouts of Floyd, and to the best of my recollection I told Purvis at the time that, in my opinion, these men should be entitled to any reward which may have have been offered.

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C. F. Risler  
Special Agent

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December 7, 1934

Mr. Michael James LaCapra,  
County Jail,  
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

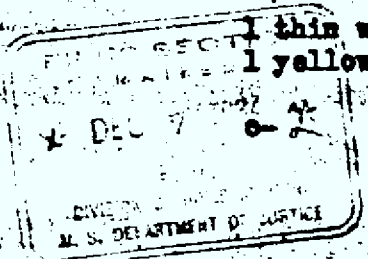
I am in receipt of your letter dated November 23,  
1934 requesting assistance in connection with the case  
which the local authorities at Wellington, Kansas have  
preferred against you.

Please be advised that from the contents of your  
letter, this Division has no jurisdiction over this matter  
and, therefore, cannot render the assistance requested by  
you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Kansas City (Encl. copy of Mr. LaCapra's letter of 11-23-34)





Mr. Edgar Hoover.  
Head dept of justice  
Washington D.C.

Saturday Nov. 23-1934

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My Dear Sir

It looks as tho I must call on you for help after doing all I could to help place the Union states messacre it has put me in more hot water. I am in jail for material witness, and the three that attacked me are out on bond, they have already forfeited their bonds in another County adjoining the one I am being held in, now I have a doctor friend who will go my bond. This prosecutor John Potneck is so cold wont let me talk with him, I am financially in bad shape and can not hire me a lawyer, I am capable of handling my own case if I could speak to the judge to show cause why Dr. Woodin can't go my bond, there is a man name Max Cohen in wichita, he is very friendly with the prosecutor here, and it looked funny when I got this prosecutor to cut the bonds in half, for the three that assulted me, now things looks awful funny to me, I have already been told to watch out about things, and the Kansas City Machine will stop at nothing, to get me after the embarrassment I caused them, No <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ can I get any help they



have frighten everyone that would like to help me and I am helpless as a child, so I am calling on you to see that I can get some justice, in the Name of god is there no more Justice, I have went through the Torches of the devil, I don't mind being punished for what wrong I have done, but I haven't do no more than any average person living will do, so why in gods Name should outsiders like the authorities in this County, ~~should~~ punish me for nothing, and at the same time make it look as tho they are helping my enemies, all I want is to speak to the Judge here, and find out why the attitude the prosecutor is taking towards me for no reason at all, Hoping that I can get some justice in some way I am calling on you for help, and if god warrants it I will always be ready to do what I can for the department of justice, while Mr. Nathan can tell you I maybe in the position to do so, and will be glad to at anytime, is it possible for you to take this up with Mr. Cumins sincerely

Michael James Salapa  
County Jail Wellington Kansas

Saturday Nov. 23 - 1934

Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Head dept of Justice  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

It looks as tho I must call on you for help, after doing all I could to help solve the Union Station massacre it has put me in more hot water. I am held in jail for material witness, and the three that attacked me are out on bond, they have already forfeited their bonds in another County adjoining the one I am being held in. Now I have a doctor friend who will go my bond but this prosecutor John Potucek is so cold wont let me talk with him. I am financially in bad shape and can not hire me a lawyer, I am capable of handling my own case if I could speak to the Judge to show cause why Dr. Woodin can't go my bond, there is a man name Max Cohen in Wichita, he is very friendly with the prosecutor here, and it looked funny when he got this prosecutor to cut the bonds in half, for the three that assailed me, Now things looks awful funny to me, I have already been told to watch out about things, and the Kansas City Machine will stop at nothing, to get me after the embarrassment I caused them, no where can I get any help they have frighten everyone that would like to help me, and I am helpless as a child, so I am calling on you to see that I can get some Justice, in the name of God is their no more Justice, I have went through the torches of the devil, I dont mind being punished for what wrong I have done, but I haven't done no more than any average person living will do, so why in gods name should outsiders like the authorities in this County punish me for nothing, and at the same time make it look as tho they are helping my enemies, all I want is to speak to the Judge here, and find out why the attitude the prosecutor is taking towards me for no reason at all, hoping that I can gt some Justice in some way I am calling on you for help, and if God warrants it I will always be ready to do what I can for the department of Justice, which Mr. Nathan can tell you I maybe in the position to do so, and will be glad to at anytime, is it possible for you to take this up with Mr. Cummins.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Michael James LaCapra

County Jail Wellington Kansas

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

10:55 A.M.

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November 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

I called Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and advised the Division had received his telegram regarding Colonel Casteel's turning over Richetti to us, and that the Director had instructed that we were not to take Richetti; that if he is to be turned over to the United States, he is to be turned over to the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

November 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY  
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases  
(Deceased); et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER  
FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained  
in your letter of November 21, 1934, there are  
attached, hereto, the original waivers of removal  
by Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas and Richard Tallman  
Galatas, dated September 24, 1934 at New Orleans,  
Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

E. P. CONLEY,  
Inspector.

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62-1648  
Enc.

cc Division

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit Office addressed to the Chicago Office regarding the conditional release papers furnished to Vivian Mathias when she was released from the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on September 18, 1934.

For your information the Certificate of Conditional Release in question was turned over to this office by Special Agent Samuel McKee, of the Chicago Office, when Vivian Mathias was brought to Kansas City. The Certificate is being transmitted herewith to the Chicago Office for such disposition as Inspector Cowley desires to make of it.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHIAS  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

HRA:08  
cc - Division  
cc - Detroit

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Kansas City, Missouri, November 27, 1934

J. E. P. Dunn  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
617 Federal Building  
Los Angeles, California

KAYMO GALATAS ON BOND NO ACTIVITY DESIRED

NATHAN

RE: 108  
cc - Division

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500 Roster Building.  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
November 27, 1934.

Mr. Jack Pace,  
Constable,  
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as they have served their purpose, there are being returned, herewith, three negatives, consisting of one large and one small picture of Charles Arthur Floyd, his wife, Ruby Floyd, and his son, Jack Dempsey Floyd, and a studio photograph of the child.

At this time allow me to thank you for your courtesy in allowing this Division to use the negatives in question.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
Kansas City  
Chicago

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

November 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (Deceased); et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL  
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from the Detroit office advising that Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, had received a communication from Attorney E. H. Felman, Chicago, Illinois, concerning the conditional release papers furnished to Vivian Mathias when she was released from the above named institution on September 18, 1934.

Vivian Mathias has requested, through her attorney, that these papers be returned to her in order that she can make the appropriate reports relating to her parole.

Special Agent S. K. McKee has advised that he delivered these papers personally to Special Agent H. A. Anderson at the time Vivian Mathias was removed from Chicago, Illinois to Kansas City.

It is requested that you forward these papers to the Chicago office in order that they may be turned over to Mr. Felman.

Very truly yours,

A. P. CONLEY,  
Inspector.

RCS:FVV  
62-1649

cc Division

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 27, 1934.

A. L. Arnold, Clerk  
United States District Court  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith subpoena which was served on Frances Nash at Aurora, Minnesota, calling for her presence in Kansas City to testify for the Government in the case of United States of America versus Richard Tallman Calates, Et Al, Docket Number 12698.

You will note that this subpoena was served on Frances Nash at Aurora, Minnesota on November 12, 1934, by John F. Anderson, a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HARTMAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

REACIOS  
Encl.

cc - U. S. Attorney,  
Kansas City, Mo.  
cc - Division.

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

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

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases  
(Deceased), et al.  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal  
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Dr. Irwin H. Silvers, an optometrist of Orange, N. J., was charged by Commissioner's complaint November 15, 1933, in the District of New Jersey, with conspiracy (Title 18, Sections 246 and 58, U. S. C.) in that "with one John Doe, they conspired August 12, 1933 at Newark, N. J. to harbor Vernon C. Miller alias Stephen J. Gross, for whose arrest a warrant had been issued; after notice of knowledge that a federal warrant had been so issued for the arrest of Miller."

Special Agent S. A. Hardy of the New York City office recently sought information of the U. S. Attorney, Trenton, N. J. regarding this matter, ascertaining that Dr. Silvers is presently at liberty under bond, the case never having been presented to a federal grand jury.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas Arrowmith of Trenton, N. J., who is handling the case, was away from his office due to illness, when Agent Hardy called; but a perusal of his file reflects he wrote the Attorney General August 16, 1934 in substance that since Al Silvers (brother of Dr. Irwin H. Silvers) and Vernon C. Miller were both dead, it was his opinion the case should be closed without further prosecution of Dr. Irwin H. Silvers, unless further evidence can be supplied showing



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Dr. Silvers' knowledge of process and identity of Miller as the visitor whom he furnished with the optometrist apte, business cards, prescription blanks, etc. To this, the Department replied that it believes further efforts should be made to establish the fact that Vernon C. Miller was in fact the man who went to Dr. Silvers' office, or that Dr. Silvers knew process of arrest had been issued.

Due to recent reallocation of the New Jersey territory, this matter now is to be handled by the Philadelphia office. In order that the Philadelphia office may have all the data on this phase of the case, I transmit herewith the following serials from the New York file:

1. Letter of November 14, 1933 from the Chicago office to New York City, with attached memorandum of Special Agent A. D. Mahagan, dated at Chicago, November 13, 1933, which has to do with the optical goods recovered, which had been in the possession of Vernon C. Miller.
2. Memorandum of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, dated at New York City, November 15, 1933, itemizing optical goods received from Chicago office, which had been in Miller's possession.
3. Report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, dated New York City, November 21, 1933, covering investigation on page 22 of which Dr. Silvers denies ever seeing Vivian Mathis or Miller; page 20 and page 21 reflecting statement of Murray Silvers which indicates Miller was with Al Silvers at the time Dr. Silvers supplied him with optometrist supplies, cards and prescription blanks.
4. Report of Special Agent T. H. Tracy, dated New York City, December 5, 1933, covering further investigation.

I am transmitting to the Chicago office with this letter a poor photo of Dr. Silvers which appeared in the New York City "Daily Mirror", November 18, 1933, this being the only photo of him available at the New York office. There is, however,

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a much better newspaper photo of Dr. Silvers in the file of the U. S. Attorney, Trenton, N. J., and either that one or the original should be secured and sent the Chicago office for display to Vivian Mathis.

For the information of the Chicago office, it may develop that Dr. Silvers is the party who has heretofore been referred to in this case as "the dentist" who took Vivian Mathis from the Robert Trent Hotel in Newark, N. J. to meet Vernon C. Miller at a suburban estate near Newark, while agents of the New York City office were making efforts to shadow her during the fall of 1933.

The Chicago office will take notice of the investigation expected of it at such time as photo of Dr. Silvers is received from the Philadelphia office; and in the event Vivian Mathis is in some other territory at that time, will transmit this lead to the proper office.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 27, 1934.

Mr. F. X. Fay,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In reviewing events which have transpired in your district in the past several weeks, I have observed that various occasions have arisen wherein there were developments in cases of considerable interest to the Division but your office was not aware of these developments until you were advised by the Division or by other sources than those from which such information should ordinarily be received.


Although William Weissman was an individual for whom the Division had conducted an intensive search and whose name appeared in several Division cases of major importance, the fact that Weissman surrendered to the United States Marshal in Newark, New Jersey and had been released on bond was not known to you until the information was transmitted from the Division by telephone.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
(Director.)

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION



Tamm

November 28, 1934

Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Tamm asked me to remind you that Mr. Nathan had a conference scheduled with the officials of the Kansas City Police department and SAC Jones and others, for December 1, Saturday, at St. Louis, Missouri, with respect to the Kansas City Massacre.

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Nathan cannot be there as  
he has to attend Sam's funeral  
at Salt Lake City.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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The Executive Conference considered the suggestion of Special Agent in Charge Nathan that the Division Field Offices arrange with the Department of Justice attorneys to forward two or more copies of letters requesting investigations, in order that the additional copies may be referred to the various field offices and save some time and stenographic or typing labor on the part of the Division field offices. The Conference feels that since the Division has heretofore contacted the Departmental Attorneys with various suggestions concerning means and manners by which Division investigations may be expedited, has requested that the field offices be notified at least thirty days in advance of the setting of any case for trial, and has made various and sundry other requests of the Departmental attorneys, that no effort should be made along the lines indicated by Mr. Nathan, since this is primarily a clerical detail which in itself is not of importance. The Conference does not believe that any instructions in this matter should therefore be issued to the Division field offices.

Respectfully,  
For the Conference,

E. A. Tamm

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am transmitting herewith for the information of the Division two copies of the transcript of testimony taken before the recent Grand Jury in Kansas City of Lester E. Haupt, a police detective in Kansas City, Missouri. It is noted that Mr. Haupt was the officer on duty at the Kansas City Police Department to whom Special Agent in Charge Vetterli talked on the night of June 16, 1933 for the purpose of making arrangements to have officers of that Department at the Union Station on the morning of June 17th. I felt the Division would be interested in this testimony. A copy of the transcript of this individual's testimony is also attached to copy of this letter for Inspector Cowley, at Chicago.

In connection with the testimony given before the Grand Jury, you are advised that it was my understanding that the stenographer employed to take this testimony would make additional copies of the transcript, and that these copies would be furnished to this office. However, only one copy of the transcript was made. The United States Attorney has agreed that the transcript of all the testimony taken may be loaned to this office for its information and for copying such portions of it as appear desirable. This testimony is quite voluminous and would require considerable time to copy in its entirety. Before undertaking this task I would like to have the advice of the Division as to whether it is desirable to make copies of the testimony, either in whole or in part. The testimony is being examined by Agents of this office and any matters of particular interest will, of course, be noted.

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN

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Los Angeles, California  
November 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases  
(deceased), ET AL  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner  
L. A. File 62-964

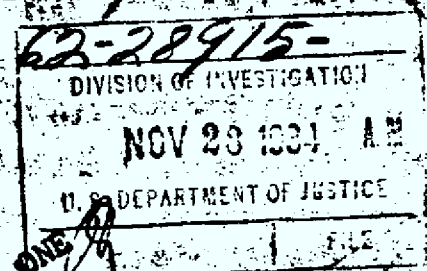
Referring to your wire of November 18, 1934, relative William Weissman, wanted at Los Angeles as William Westernman for holdup and shooting of David Antick on May 21, 1923, please be advised that a careful search of the Los Angeles Police Department records discloses that the said Weissman was wanted by them for investigation in connection with the holdup and murder above referred to - their number 29132-K-66, where he is carried under the following aliases, William Cooper, William C. Gordon, William Weissman, Bill Weiss.

Records in this office show that Weissman was wanted for jumping bail bond at Kansas City, Missouri, on a grand larceny charge on April 23, 1923, being carried by the Kansas City authorities under No. 12354.

In addition to being wanted at Los Angeles for the holdup and shooting of Mr. Antick, said record further discloses that he was wanted under date of October 24, 1930 for murder at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Weissman is described as being -

Age	30 (in 1923)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	220
Hair	Chestnut
Eyes	Brown
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The Los Angeles Police Department advised this office that it no longer wants William Weissman, and the New York Office was so advised by telegram from this office dated November 15, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division  
Kansas City

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 30, 1934.

62-28915-3262

Mrs. Nellie Greenman,  
215 Crest Street,  
Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1934, by reference from the President of the United States, wherein you furnish additional information with respect to the activities of "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

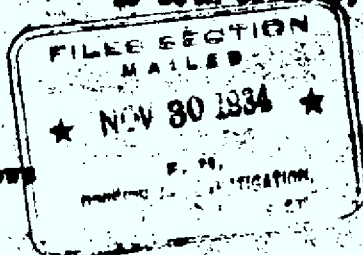
Please be advised that the contents of your letter have been noted and your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Little Rock  
Kansas City

Encl. (photostatic copy of letter from  
Mrs. Greenman dated Nov. 6, 1934  
to both offices)



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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

"AT THE HEAD OF THE TOW"



# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt -

My dear Mr. President

Winding up what I know about Betty Ross's sojourns in Hot Springs Ark which you frequent the past few years

H. C. Thayer  
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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samaritan Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

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who lives there and  
am in country when  
the Mr. Petty-B  
came to her house  
in July or 8. I then  
went 2 not married  
Dad to buy a  
car in the Spring  
I said "what kind  
of a car?"  
He replied a gre  
trunk. I was sure





THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

pleased to see  
the green lunch  
which was identical  
with my mail  
delivery lunch - go  
any way up Creek  
Hall after just  
before his trip  
to Iowa. in  
the day time





"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

Cedar Hill is an  
old residents dis-  
trict. Home much  
and by old times  
& the presence of  
burning horse  
men, a family  
young spot and  
the green with  
has some cherry



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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

The country girl  
told me he showed  
her his machine  
gun & pilots  
which was wrapped  
in tin foil.

Said he told her  
his wife left him





"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park  
Arkansas

Many of the  
Mr. & Mrs. Our  
the real reason  
was his drinking  
manly what he  
family after  
of.

Pretty Boy could  
have been a captain





"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROWD"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park  
Arkansas

next day after I  
visit with him on  
train in Va. if  
I say Capt. Arch  
C. Perry, Pres. Martin  
I. Perry & Perry  
Butler with that  
in ten commands  
and that's all





THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

"AT THE HEAD OF THE RAIN"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

sawed the floor  
when I presented  
the case.

Post Office boys  
told me I would  
go a bump out off.  
I told them  
we couldn't all  
be cowards - &



"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

That God bless  
can of the first  
Putty Boy wheel  
me after my hal  
discurse National  
Affairs & say he  
an introduction  
in the New York  
down  
This I expect



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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROWD"



# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

and pushed to the  
Post Office and  
Phone Co. and  
Car Wash that  
he was eating  
lunch at 3. P. M.  
in Den Duff  
He had on jeans  
a sweet tooth



THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE FLOW"

# Samaritan Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

many quit and  
with his brown  
nary hair was  
a great lady  
killer which is  
his reputation.

Went with a train  
star in Hollywood.





"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

He told that  
he felt pretty  
hard for me &  
was worried &  
later but worse.  
The P. M. begged  
me to do nothing  
but march would



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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

the morning  
came on for  
Lutty Rock, but  
cannot I had  
used the ground.  
The day after that  
nothing.

Pretty Bay could  
have been taken

There, May



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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITAL



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE TOW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

Our bath house  
mrs. mads. This  
remark & I will  
send you the expense  
of the other later.  
They think  
pretty well of  
Preth. By 6-

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THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROWD"



# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

be noted the  
with + gain of  
the year -  
While I should  
have been the re-  
ward + been  
supported by go  
but her, when  
no one her friends





"AT THE HEAD OF THE CROW"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT  
JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

wanted him. —  
instead the cur-  
tain went down  
on me as the  
Whisperer perch  
with Pretty  
Boy's arm over  
shoulder in view  
of me.





"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

He had been heart  
to say he would  
like to put me  
in as he was in  
her with me.

I am an a good  
many dollars for  
wire, paid be-  
havior and boys

THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY



WHERE HEALTH IS BUILT

"AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER"

# Samar Bath House

UNDER SUPERVISION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

JACK MANIER, MANAGER

Hot Springs National Park,  
Arkansas

of letters to help  
Justin & Mary  
Capt. Arch Cooper  
The whole thing seems  
to require his death &  
may have sent them  
I am

Very truly -

Edith Greenman

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Mr. J. L. Gordon,  
Metropolis,  
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

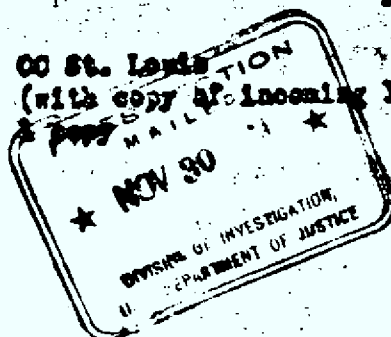
This is to acknowledge your letter of November 21, 1934, wherein you advise that a Special Agent of the St. Louis, Missouri Office of this Division has not yet interviewed you relative to the matter which you reported to the Division in previous correspondence.

Inasmuch as Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd has been killed, it is not now considered necessary to conduct further investigation relative to him. Therefore, you are advised that no Agent will call upon you, as you have been previously informed.

With reference to your comment on the kidnaping and murder of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., please be advised that this Division is no longer actively participating in this case and it is suggested that you communicate directly with Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Superintendent, New Jersey State Police, Trenton, New Jersey, in the event you possess any information relative to that case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,



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My dear Mr. Hoover  
I have been thinking  
about you for several  
months and received my answer  
the only time you answered  
was the time I wrote you  
about "Pretty Boy" Thompson  
in Hot Springs Ark.  
I have been about  
the of the underworld  
as I have photos of many  
wanted men and women  
taken from True Detective  
magazine.

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Mr. Hoover and I have  
been dropping the mail in  
in the P.O. on a Sat-  
urday Holiday. Could it be  
possible that your mail  
was taken from Transit  
there is only one man

There are the two that I believe  
St. Louis. I have called  
on me as you would  
I would.

I may have some important  
information for you about  
the Lindbergh case concerning

man that left New York  
addressed after Hauptmann  
arrest. This man is from

West Frankfort Ill, and as he  
told me that he knew  
R. Gordon well, so have you

man in St. Louis call on me  
as I may have some  
information that will

interest you and your  
Department.

R. Gordon  
Metropolis Ill  
I believe you call on me  
in St. Louis.

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R B NATHAN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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KANMO INSTRUCT AGENT TRAINOR ATTEND CONFERENCE STLOUIS DECEMBER FIRST

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KANMO AGENT TRAINOR NOW AT GAINESVILLE GEORGIA ON SUB

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ADVISES CASE POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER

STOP BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TRAINOR ATTEND CONFERENCE

SATURDAY STOP PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER HE SHOULD RETURN

REMAIN BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT=

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Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

Mr. Nathan  
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**FILE NO. **26-4426**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>11-30-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11-28-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Dwight Brantley</b>
TITLE: <b>CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased) ADAM RICCHETTI</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Joe Hudiburg, now of Newoka, Oklahoma, states he is owner of Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 898716, which was stolen by unknown parties from his garage near Cromwell, Oklahoma June 8, 1933. Car subsequently was possessed by him at Bolivar, Missouri.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, Chicago, Illinois, September 28, 1934.

## DETAILS:

Investigation disclosed that Joe Hudiburg, owner of car involved in this case, had left Prague, Oklahoma and is presently teaching school in Newoka, Oklahoma. A letter was addressed to Hudiburg relative to this matter and a reply has been received from him in connection therewith as follows:

"I am sorry that I can give you very little information regarding Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti. I saw neither of the men well enough to identify them when they took my Pontiac Coupe, Motor No. 898716, from my locked garage at about eleven thirty of the night of June 8 1933. I did not know that the individuals were Floyd and Richetti until the car was recovered in Bolivar.

"The car was stolen from the four-car garage belonging to the Excelsior school district, four miles north of Cromwell, Oklahoma. The men had picked the lock to one of the garage doors, picked the lock to my car, and got the

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car out by backing through my locked doors. The noise from this aroused all of us living in the teacherage and by the time we had discovered the loss, the men were driving by the house again in two cars. We pursued, but lost the men when they abandoned one of the cars which had been stolen from Muskogee, Oklahoma and went on its mine. They left a gun in the abandoned car and we turned this over to Sheriff Frank Aldridge of Nowata. Following the theft, we heard rumors that Floyd had spent several weeks in the community with friends.

"When the car was taken in Bolivar, it had been very badly used. Evidently it had been driven through thick woods because it was covered with scratches and dents. The red Indian head had been scratched off the back of the car with a sharp instrument.

"The car was returned to me and put back in running order by the insurance company."

It is observed that Hudiburg states that a gun was left in the abandoned car which was turned over to Sheriff Frank Aldridge of Nowata, Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Nowata, Oklahoma will contact Sheriff Aldridge in an effort to locate this gun and obtain some shells which have been used therein.

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Mr. Merle C. Reagle,  
Counselor at Law,  
East Palestine, Ohio.

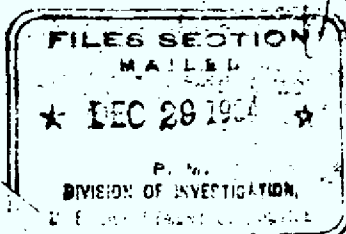
Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 22, 1934 addressed to Mr. Melvin Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago office of this Division, wherein you request an affidavit on behalf of Clyde O. Birch to be used in connection with an application for the payment of a reward offered by the State of Oklahoma for the capture of one Floyd, has been referred to me by Mr. Purvis.

Please be advised that from a review of the reports submitted by representatives of this Division, there appears to be no information which will support an affidavit showing that any one furnished information resulting in the location and apprehension of Charles A. Floyd on the farm of Ellen Conkle, near Clarkson, Ohio, on the afternoon of October 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 30, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases  
(Deceased), et al - Conspiracy to  
deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of a letter dated November 22, 1934, from Mr. Merle C. Reagle, an attorney of East Palestine, Ohio, from which it will be noted that Mr. Reagle represents one CLYDE O. BIRCH, Constable of St. Clair Township, who is making application to the State of Oklahoma for a reward offered by that State for the capture of Charles Arthur Floyd. The suggestion has been made to Mr. Reagle that he communicate with you concerning his request.

It is noted from the report submitted by Special Agent S. K. McKee at Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1934, that no reference is made to Clyde O. Birch. It does appear however that Special Agent C. F. Risler of the Detroit office advised Mr. Purvis of the fact that Floyd had eaten lunch at the farm house of Robert Robison. Special Agent in Charge Larson has been requested to have Special Agent C. F. Risler prepare a detailed memorandum as to how he obtained his information to the effect that Floyd had been at Robison's house. Mr. Purvis advises that he has no recollection of being contacted by Birch.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS *Inf.*

Special Agent in Charge.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

November 30, 1934.

Mr. Merle C. Reagle,  
Counselor at Law,  
East Palestine, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 22, 1934, concerning application made by Mr. Clyde O. Birch, Constable of St. Clair Township, R.F.D. 1, East Liverpool, Ohio, for a reward offered by the State of Oklahoma for the capture of Charles Arthur Floyd, it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge.

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Counselors at Law

Merle C. Reagle

East Palestine, Ohio  
November 22, 1934.

Mr. Melvin Purvis  
Department of Justice,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Clyde O. Birch, Constable of St. Clair Twp., R.F.D. #1, East Liverpool, Ohio, desires to make application and secure supporting affidavits for the payment of a reward by the State of Oklahoma for the capture of one Floyd, the notorious bandit.

Mr. Birch informs me that the immediate whereabouts of "Pretty Boy" Floyd were telephoned to you or your representatives from a rural location by Mr. Birch, and that such information led to the capture of Floyd.

I have been asked by Mr. Birch to assist him in executing the application and securing affidavits, and would appreciate a word from you as to whether or not you would be in a position to execute an affidavit or furnish any information in behalf of Mr. Birch's claim?

Very truly yours,

M. C. REAGLE

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
November 30, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please be advised that Special Agent W. F. Trainor is departing from Kansas City at 11:59 P.M., November 30, 1934, for St. Louis, Missouri, where he is to attend the conference of Agents with Mr. Maurice M. Milligan, United States Attorney, in the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

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

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December 1, 1934

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

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases (Deceased)  
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter to the Indianapolis Office, dated October 27, 1934. Please be advised that inquiry at the Identification Unit, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, reflects that this department first arrested Heber Nash, as Hebe Nash #16978, on October 10, 1921; charge: disorderly person; disposition: discharged. A second arrest was made of Heber Nash, as Hebe Nash #16978, on April 14, 1922; charge: disorderly person; disposition: discharged. He was again arrested by this department as Hebe Nash #16978 on April 17, 1922, for violation of the State Drug Law; disposition: sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit House of Correction.

It is noted in the abstract of criminal record of this individual, Division Jacket Number 99369, dated October 26, 1934, that the two latter arrests by the Detroit Police Department are not shown, nor is the disposition of the first arrest. Therefore, appropriate disposition sheets are being attached hereto showing disposition on the first arrest and complete record of the second and third arrests.

Very truly yours,

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

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November 27, 1934



Personal and Confidential

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to personal and confidential letter from the Division dated November 19, 1934, relative to the recent request of Major L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for ballistic evidence.

You are advised that I have talked personally to Colonel Casteel and have advised him of the request made by Major Means and of Means' statement concerning his desire that ballistic evidence not be submitted to Colonel Casteel.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #64  
Buffalo, New York

November 23rd, 1934

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

ATTENTION: DIVISION LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);  
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O.#1201;  
ADAM RICCHETTI, with aliases.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Enclosed herewith, please find the following magazines,  
on which appears scribbling, which were found in the apartment occupied  
by subjects Floyd and Richetti at 8 Eighteenth Street, Buffalo, New  
York:

✓ Photoplay  
✓ American  
✓ True Romances

August, 1934  
July, 1934  
November, 1933

It might be that an examination by the laboratory of  
these examinations will disclose pertinent information of value to this  
case.

The following magazines are also enclosed herewith, they  
having been found in said apartment and appear to be of no value:

✓ American Detective  
✓ True Story Magazine  
✓ Master Detective

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It is noted that an advertisement appears to be clipped from the bottom of page 128 of the True Story Magazine, just below an advertisement on the said page entitled "Bunions." As this magazine is published by the True Story Publishing Corporation, 1926 Broadway, New York City, the New York Office is being requested to determine the nature of the advertisement on the said page, clipped presumably by the subjects Floyd, Richetti and/or their paramours, Rose and Juanita Baird with a view to determining their whereabouts when the said clipped advertisement might have been mailed by them to the advertiser.

Very truly yours

  
J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New York



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November 28, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. STANLEY

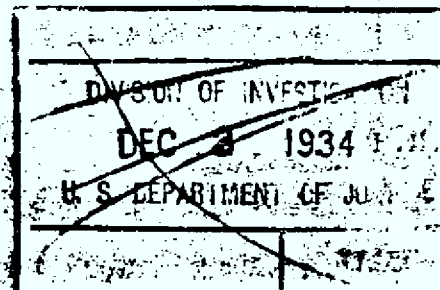
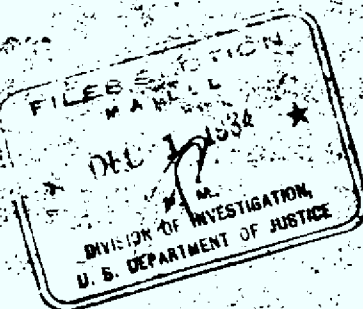
There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have this day furnished the Attorney General, with respect to developments in the Kansas City Massacre case, with particular reference to the solution of the murders at Columbia, Missouri on June 15, 1933, for which Adam Richetti is being held by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It now appears that Richetti is innocent of this crime and will be surrendered to the authorities at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 826370.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Keith	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Schilder	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____



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November 28, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, please be informed that I have just been telegraphically advised by the Kansas City, Missouri Division Office that information has been received from Colonel B. M. Casteel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to the effect that one Francis McKeiley, who was arrested at Corydon, Iowa and is now in the custody of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, has admitted his participation in the murder of Sergeant Benjamin Moore of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriff Roger Wilson, at Columbia, Missouri on June 15, 1933. McKeiley names Elroy C. McKeever as an accomplice. The gun found in McKeiley's possession has been positively identified by the local authorities as the weapon used in the Columbia, Missouri killings.

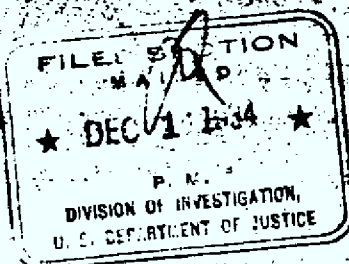
Adam Richetti, who was recently taken into custody by the local authorities at Wellsville, Ohio, and who is presently being held by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as one of the murderers, is now considered as innocent of this crime and is to be surrendered to the Kansas City, Missouri authorities.

The Kansas City Office of this Division has been instructed not to take custody of Richetti, but that he should be delivered to the United States Marshal or the United States Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
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FRANCIS MCNEILEY ARRESTED CORYDON IOWA NOW IN CUSTODY  
MISSOURI PATROL HAS ADMITTED PARTICIPATION MURDER COLUMBI  
MISSOURI FOR WHICH RICHETTI HELD AND NAMES ELROY MCKEEV  
AS ACCOMPLICE STOP CASTEEL STATES GUN IN MCNEILEYS  
POSSESSION POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS WEAPON USED COLUMBIA  
KILLING STOP WILL PROBABLY DELIVER RICHETTI TO US OR  
SHERIFF BASH TOMORROW=

NATHAN.

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*Back to Mr. Nathan  
Nathan  
no answer  
Eor  
11/26/34*

*We are not going  
to take Richetti of  
he is turned over to  
the U.S. let him be  
turned over to U.S. Atty.  
J. E. N.*



# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 20, 1934

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

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Dear Sir:

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

As the Division has been advised, Agents of this office on the night of November 15, 1934 took into custody Jaunaita Baird with aliases and Rose Baird with aliases, women companions of Floyd and Richetti, at the home of Mrs. W. L. Floyd at Sallisaw.

Agents who took these women into custody were John B. Little, O. G. Hall, George H. Franklin and Frank J. Whelan. The taking of these women into custody was effected without the aid, assistance or knowledge of any local peace officers. It was done speedily and quietly. Agent Franklin was posted in the rear of the house, Agent Whelan was stationed in the front thereof and Agents Little and Hall entered the house. These Agents informed me that there was no disturbance or resistance of any kind, nor did any arguments of any kind take place in connection therewith.

On Sunday, November 18th, I had occasion to interview the informant and his woman companion who have been working with us in connection with this matter. They told me that Mrs. Floyd has stated that she expects to make a complaint against the Agents who took these two women into custody at her residence to the effect that the Agents were profane, abusive and otherwise guilty of misconduct on said occasion. The informant told me that Mrs. Floyd has even gone so far as to ask every person present in the residence that night to make a sworn statement to the effect that the Agents conducted themselves as indicated. The informant and his woman told me, however, that the Agents conducted themselves gentlemanly and there was no profanity nor any abuse or misconduct of any kind. The informant advised me that Mrs. Floyd said that she expects to write me a letter complaining against these Agents and that possibly she will seek the assistance of

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Fred Green, County Attorney, Sallisaw, in the preparation of said complaint. Fred Green is about the age of Charles Floyd and is alleged to have attended grade school with him and is reputed to have been a friend of Floyd.

Agent Little informed me that persons present in the Floyd home at the time these women were apprehended were Mrs. W. L. Floyd; her son, E. W. Floyd, and wife; the informant and his woman; a young girl who lives in the neighborhood and who works in a restaurant in Sallisaw, but whose name was not obtained; three young children; and Jaunaita and Rose Baird.

As of possible interest to the Division, the informant told me that Bert Cotton, the Chief of Police at Sallisaw, is generally suspected of having informed the Division to the effect that these women were in Mrs. Floyd's residence as it is reported that he was seen to go into a telephone booth in Sallisaw during the afternoon of the 15th and that he remained there for several minutes, apparently engaged in conversation. The informant further stated that Sheriff Billy Byrd of Sallisaw is alleged to have made the statement in the community to the effect that he felt the Division should have shown him the courtesy of having him go along at the time the girls were picked up; that the Sheriff is reported to have made a statement to the effect that he did not believe the persons who picked up these women were Government Agents and that possibly it was all a frameup and the persons who got them were hi-jackers. Of course it would have been inadvisable to have sought the assistance of Sheriff Byrd for the reason that it is almost a fact of general knowledge that he was friendly to Floyd and never made any effort to effect his apprehension in years past when he visited his home.

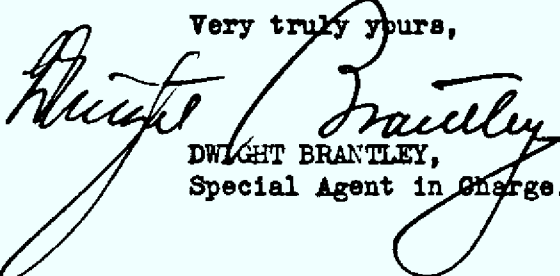
The informant stated that Mrs. Floyd has a hatred for all peace officers and practically anyone connected with law-enforcement, which of course is the reason that she has spoken of making the alleged complaint against the Agents in this matter.

I feel that the Division should have this information and if and when such a complaint is received, I do not feel that it merits any investigative attention whatever and unless specifically instructed to conduct such an investigation, if and when such a complaint is received, I do not propose to take any action in connection therewith.

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The informant told me that there are people, not naming any individuals, in the vicinity of Sallisaw who are infuriated and incensed at the fact that Charles Floyd was killed and that it is his belief that they would do almost anything in an underhanded way to retaliate against Agents of the Division, possibly to the extent of shooting someone in the back. I, however, do not place much credence in this but I thought the Division should be apprised thereof.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Los Angeles, Calif.,  
November 27, 1934.

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

KANMO GALATAS NOW IN LONG BEACH HAD FURNITURE REMOVED FROM STORAGE AND CLOSED BANK ACCOUNT CLAIMS OUT ON BOND ADVISE IF YOU DESIRE THIS OFFICE ENGAGE IN ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO GALATAS

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December 1, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 1:45 PM

Mr. Vetterli telephoned from St. Louis and stated that he had just talked with Agent McKee at Chicago, who advised Mr. Vetterli that the statements of Fritz Malloy and Vivian Matthews were secured with the specific understanding that those statements would not be used if they entered a plea of guilty. Mr. Vetterli inquired if it would be alright to use the statements if they did not enter a plea of guilty. I stated that in view of the fact that the statements were secured with that understanding, and they did not keep their word, it would be perfectly alright to use the statements in the event they did not plead guilty.

Mr. Vetterli stated that Agent McKee had advised him that this was the only restriction to using the statements.

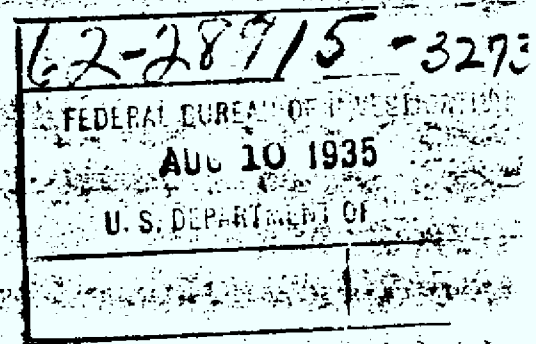
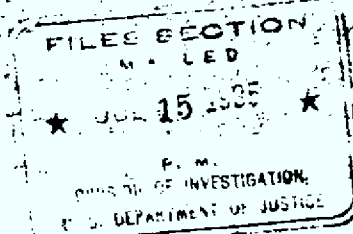
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 1, 1934.

Time - 1:00 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Colonel Gates telephoned and wanted to know if we had available an Identification Order on Alvin Karpis; that the "Times" is carrying the story that Karpis is involved in the Kansas City Massacre case. I told the Colonel that for his information, Karpis is not an associate of Nelson and was not involved in the Kansas City case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir,

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division November 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

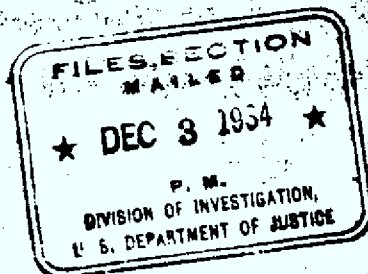
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Laboratory Report

November 30, 1934

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

Number: 62-28915-3182

Specimens: One unexploded .45 calibre automatic cartridge, marked "U.S. C. Co.

Examination requested by: Saint Paul Division Office

Date received: November 20, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Parsons

The one unexploded .45 calibre automatic cartridge marked U.S. C. Co. 17 has been received in the Laboratory. No extractor or ejector marks are visible on this unexploded cartridge nor is there any indication that it was jammed in a gun. Numerous small scratches and dents appear on the surface suggesting that this cartridge may have been carried loose in contact with other cartridges or metal objects. These marks, however, are not distinctive and of no apparent value as a means of identification.

This unexploded .45 calibre automatic cartridge will be retained in the Laboratory.

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December 1, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In view of the recent developments in the above entitled case, the Division desires that all investigations now pending in all field offices, except the Kansas City office of the Division, looking to the location of individuals sought for questioning be discontinued.

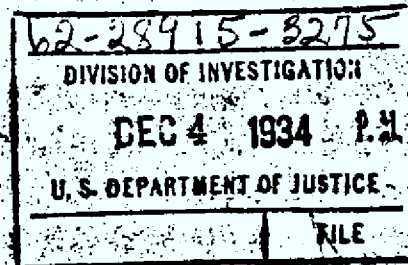
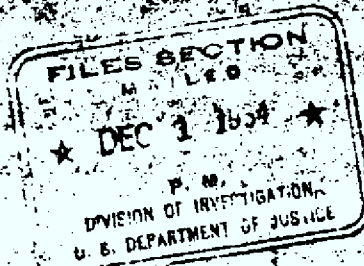
This instruction pertains to such individuals as Bernard Phillips, James Bove, Tom Lascuola, Meyer Berman, and Allister O'Brien.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 1, 1934

Time - 1:09 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Vetterli telephoned from St. Louis and stated that they were having a conference in regard to the Kansas City Massacre Case there today; that there is some question as to the attitude of the Division toward the advisability of using the statement of Vivian Mathews; that this statement is the basis of the entire case, and the United States Attorney is rather insistent that he be permitted to introduce that statement as a free and voluntary confession regardless of what might have been said to the woman; that it would not be given any publicity and would not be used against her. I told Mr. Vetterli that I believe in keeping my word to anybody; that if we give our word to keep faith with someone, we should not violate that trust. Mr. Vetterli stated that it was his opinion that the purpose for which that statement was originally used has now been served, in that Floyd is dead.

I suggested that she ought to be interviewed again, and if she is willing to now let the statement be made public, I would have no objection to it; that it would be a good idea for Agents Suran and McKee to interview her again and if she were willing to withdraw the restriction which was originally placed against the statement, I would be willing to let it be made public; that, however, as we had given our word to her to keep the statement in strictest confidence, it was not my desire to break the trust.

I told Mr. Vetterli that I had just noted a letter written to the Division by Mr. Bruce Nathan of the Kansas City Office in which he stated that now that the disposition of Richetti was up, Sheriff Bash and the Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, wanted turned over to them all the evidence now in our possession; that the United States Attorney also wanted this evidence. I told him that my reaction to this request was that I wanted to know whether the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Graves, was in line with the crooked and underworld element in Kansas City; that if he is, then the evidence would not be used to any effect; further, Mr. Nathan had suggested that the Agents who were at the Massacre view Richetti to see if they could identify him as being one of the parties; that I was of the opinion that this should be done; that if an identification could be made, it would be very strong evidence in the case.

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Memo for Mr. Tamm

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I told Mr. Vetterli that in view of the above facts, it would be desirable to have a re-interview with Vivian Mathews; further, that I had no objection to the presence of the United States Attorney at this interview; that the interviewing Agents should endeavor to get her permission to let the statement be introduced at the trial. I told him that in view of the fact that the statement which she gave us was of utmost importance in the case, and further in view of the fact that we had given our word, we should not break this confidence.

I instructed him, therefore, to take the above suggestion up with the United States Attorney and get his reaction; that arrangements should be made at the earliest possible moment for Mr. Lackey, Mr. Vetterli and Mr. Smith to view Richetti; that it should also be ascertained immediately whether the Prosecuting Attorney is a man of honor or whether he is a crooked politician.

Mr. Vetterli suggested that the conference would be probably held over through tomorrow; that they might want to confer with Agents Suran, McKee and possibly Mr. Brantley. I told him that in the event the conference wanted to see these men, I was perfectly willing that this be done.

I told Mr. Vetterli that I am perfectly willing to do everything we can to assist Sheriff Bash and the United States Attorney in this matter, but that we are going to do it in an honorable way.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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