AT PORCA CATY:

Agents secured the address of Walter Collins who
sold boose to Anna Brown on several occasions,
agents were requested by Agent Frank Smith to secure
the address of Walter Collins as he was amaterial
witness. Walter Collins address is as follows:
Ponca City, Oklahoma, Route 6, Box 85, Osage County,
Oklahoma. Route 6 is handled out of Ponca City,
Oklahoma. Mr. Kirby, Postmaster at Ponca City,
Okla. advised us that Box 85 on Route 6 is in Osage
County and that Walter Collins's home could be
reached by going south on route 6 and inquire from
O'Neil Bros., who conduct a grocery and filling station,
just exact location of Walter Collins's home. Walter
Collin's wife is named Ethel Collins.

AT KAW CITY:

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Agents visited Haw City and postmaster interviewed as to the whereabouts of Ralph Skenet, a witness in the case. Sept. 7th being a holiday and the clerk having the keys to the post office, the postmaster stated that he would check up the record on this party and forward same to Box 513 Guthrie, Okla., agents furnishing Post Master this address. Agents Parker, wren and Davis will continue their under cover investigation and as facts develope a report will be forwarded. Pending. As you requested we are sending you a report covering our movements since we have been detailed on this case. We are sorry to state that this is all we have to report so far, we are doing everything in our power to locate witnesses, which agent Frank Smith gave us a list of.

NOTES OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: T. B. WHITE.

of Osage Murders and are operating in Osage County and vicinity under cover, ostensibly tetobtain general information of interest to investigation, but incidentally
to locate material witnesses, whose present whereabouts are questionable, so that service
can be had an them for their presence before an anticipated Grand Jury and to familiarise
themselves with the location of witnesses and defendants, who they will keep under
surveillance until such time as their presence are required by the Government.

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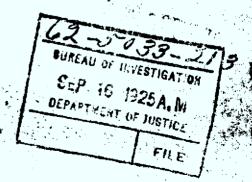
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

HENRY MAYES, PHOENIX, ARIZONA; WID EWERS, OLIVER, CALIFORNIA AND OLIVER PARKER, RL PASO, ALL HAVE INFORMATION IN OSAGE INDIAN MURRER CASE AND SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AT ONCE. IF YOU AUTHORIZE WILL DIRECT AGENT J. A.

STREET NOW ATTENDING COURT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, TO MAKE THE INVESTIGATION WHEN HE IS RELEASED FROM COURT ATTENDANCE THERE. ADVISE.

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P. O. Box 125, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

September 22, 1925.

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

ATTENTION #5.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of September 15th, initialed and numbered JEC-HAP, 29-5033, all of which has reference to the examination of the national banks at Pawnuska, Oklahoma in connection with the investigation of the Osage Indian Murder Cases.

Would like to make the request in this connection that, before this examination is made, the national bank examiner be instructed to confer with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Edwin Brown or myself.

If at all possible we would like to have National Bank Examiner Denton, located at Pawhuska, to make this investigation, inasmuch as he is lamiliar with what is desired in this connection.

Respectfully.

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P. O. Box 125, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

September 19, 1925.

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

ATTENTION #1

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 28 1325 P.M.
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Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of September 15th requesting advice as to when the four additional agents in the Cases Indian Europe Cases could be released from this assignment, and I am herewith replying to the same immediately.

Will say that when I requested these four additional agents for this assignment, August 5th, I fully expected the Federal Grand Jury to convene in Guthrie, Oklahoma on September 7th to hear this case and expected to have for presentation to the Grand Jury from fifty to one hundred witnesses. I anticipated that after the Grand Jury had duly considered the case that they would have returned indictments against at least twenty-five of the very worst criminals in Oklahoma. Circumstances, however, have brought about the postponement of the session of the Grand Jury at Guthrie until perhaps November 1st.

My plans at the time of making the request for these additional agents was to have three of them, who were especially fitted, Agents E. H. Parker, Charlie Davis, and John K. Wren, proceed to the Osage country and there work under-cover and ascertain especially the present addresses of the witnesses for the Government. Also, to meet and know personally all of the defendants in this case and ascertain any other information possible in an undercover manner pertaining to this case; thus enabling us to know where to find the witnesses and at the proper time assist in the apprehension of those guilty of these crimes.

The other agent. F. G. Grimes, Jr., I wented to assist Agent J. V. Murphy in preparing a record of this case so that a birds-eye view could be obtained as to the facts thus far developed, in order that it could be intelligently presented for prosecution.

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dants have been of a great deal of benefit in the case. At the present time one of them, Agent John K. Wren, is on the premises of William Hale, the principal in all of these murder cases and I expect some sults from Agent Wren's investigation. The other two agents in this under-cover work have also secured not only the addresses of witnesses but have succeeded in obtaining bits of information that are important in the case, and have made one report to you, while another is now being prepared setting forth the information they have obtained.

Agent Grimes has been able, together with the assistance of Agent Murphy, to have almost completed the preparation of the information already obtained in this case. As soon as it has been prepared, I am going to send you a copy of the same.

Now as to the releasing of these agents, I would like to keep the three that are doing the under-cover work. Acents Parker Davis, and Wren, at least ten days longer on this case, for I am interested to see what developments grow out of their plan as above described. I believe that I can be able to release Agent Grimes at any time, for the record is now in such shape that I think Agent Murphy can handle it and be able to revise it as progress is made in the case.

In the event that Agents Parker, Davis, and Wren are released, I would like to get them back a short time before the convening of the Grand Jury that hears these cases. Our present plans are that shortly before the Grand Jury meets to file a complaint against all of the defendants implicated in these crimes and to place them under arrest and have them in custody during the time that the Grand Jury hears these cases. We will thus be serving two purposes; first, to be sure that they are under arrest, and next to prevent them from interfering in the presentation of their cases to the Grand Jury and to put confidence in the witnesses who testify for the Government that there is really going to be something done. This case has been carried on so long without prosecution that in reality few people believe that there is really going to be any prosecution had.

I might say in this connection that we are making good progress in the case and it will be interesting for you to know that we expect in a short time to secure a detailed statement from "herric" Thompson, who is now confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for bank robbery and murder. We are told that he will have interesting information to give, as I am informed that he was a participant in one of the murders.

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I will advise you later as to just when I can release the three other agents of the four especially assigned to this office in these cases, and trust that the above as explained meets your approval.

Respectfully,

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P. O. Box 125. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sira

September 19, 1925, relative to the four additional service cases.

I note your statement to the affect that you wish to keep Agents Parker, Davis and From for tan days longer; also, that Agent Grimes may be released at any

that agents Parker. Davis and from should return to their respective headquarters on the 37th and that distant from the 37th and that distant.

I note your further statement that you would wish Agents Parker, Davis and Wren to return to your jurisdiction a short time before the convening of the Grand on other special assignments at that time I will be very glad to comply with your request.

I am very glad, indeed, to lears of the progress is may have a fully successful outcome.

Very truly yours

Director.

Bepartment of Justice.

Bureau of Investigation.

P. O. Box 125. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

September 28, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 22nd in reference to Agent Smith's report of September 1, 1925, captioned "Bryan Burkhart, et al', in which you call my attention to the incorrect synopsis of this report.

Will say in this connection that I called Agent Smith's attention to this synopsis and instructed him to not repeat such an error. I feel that I, myself, am altogether to blame for I looked over this report and gave it my approval, and forwarded it to you. I will endeavor to not let this. occur again on my part. I am doing everything I possibly can to see that the reports of the agents from this office are forwarded to you in correct form, and will make a double effort to see that the are forwarded in such form that they will meet with your approval.

Respectfully.

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12-5033

Burder of Anna Brown Osege Indian Woman

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INFORMATION OBTAINED BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT,

Statement from E. C. Snyder involving one Copperfield in murder of Chas. Thitphorn; involving Alva (McDonald in interfering with progress of Osage, and the state of the investigations, and fraudilently obtaining money from principles involved. Concerning Bill Hale in Osage murders; information from one Lon Williams involving U. S. Marshal, McDonald in interfering with Osage investigations: concerning Bill Hale, AlkSpencer and Dick Greeg conspiring to kill Bill Smith; Johny Tillman, closely allied with Bill Hale and McDonald, admission of Tillman of having seen Government reports in Osage investigations. Information from E. J. McCurdy advancing theories concerning suspected murder of Bill Taughn. Frank Mays quoting information he obtained from "Slats" Welch, connedtingKelsie Morrison with securing of nitro-glycerine to blow up Smith's house; registering in hotel to prove alibi; of "Blats" meeting Blackie-Thompson, bick Gregs and others and conversation concerning moneys due them by Bill Hale for mardering Smith family. Information from Cornet promising to co-operate with Government; of conspiracy by Hale et al to murder Henry Roan and others and promising to furnish name of witness, who was approached by persons hired to murder Indians and his assistance requested. Information received by Jornet concerning moneys paid Fillman and McDonald to strangle investigation of usage murder cases. Cornet being approached by Welsie Morrison and Morrison telling him of his murdering of Osage Indian, Billy Stetain, of marrying his widow and disposing of widow's estate to Bill Hale. Interview with one Flanery, information obtained relative to conversation between Flanery and Kelsie Morrison and Morrison's close alliance with Bill Hale. Interview with H. O. Brown, former Deputy U. S. Marshal, concerning persuperest of Morrison, signing of Morrison's bond by Hale and of Morrison stating that he had it on Hale. Strictly confidential information, Informant's name in possession of Bureau, involving Blande Parker in Usage murders with Bill Hele and others, and concerning meeting of Bill-Hale, Al Spencer and Dick Gregg and others conspiring to marder w. E. (Bill) Smith. Promise of informent

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I am submitting herewith results of my investigation covering period of my assignment as a confidential informant in the investigation of Osage Muraer Cases.

AT PAWHUSKA, OKLA.

On September 5, in a confidential manner, I obtained from one R. C. (Rd) Snyder, the following information.

CONCERTING MURDER OF CHARLES WHITEHORK.

STATELETT FROM B. C. SNYJER.

That he, bryder, was at one time Guardian for one Lewis Riddle, a half breed Usage Indian. That shortly after the murder of Charles Whitehorn, Lewis Riddle, his wife, and his, middle's half sister, anna Riddle, a girl then about sixteen years of age, came to his, snyder's house, and stated that they wanted some advice, and related the following story: "That Arma Riddle had given birth to a child and an/named Copperfield was the father (Snyder fid not recall whether it was Louis Copperfield or David Copperfield, but states he will determine which one it was in the near future): that they wanted to have the child enrolled as an Osage, and their plan was to force the parents of Jopperfield to help them, stating that the brother of the child's father was the man who had killed Charles Thitehorn; that on the night of the killing an old Indian woman came to the place where Anna Riddle was living and told her she had better go up on the hill and get Copperfield and take care of him; that anne Riddle started up the hill and met Cop erfield who was very drunk and bloody; she asked him what was the trouble; that Copperfield told her that he had had a film with whitehorn and had shot him twice: that she returned with Copperfield to where he was staying, washed him up, and stayed with him until about 2 o'clock in the morning: that during this time Jopperfield told her in detail just how he willed whitehorn; that she then left Copperfield and went to her home; that the next morning Jopperfield came to her house and asked her what he had told her concerning the whitehorn murder; that she told him he had told her all: that he then cautioned her never to tell anybody.

Snyder then stated that he took Riddle, his wife, and Anna Riddle to a lawyer's office where they entered into a contract by which if they got the child on the esage roll, that enyder was to get part of the money that would come to the child; that they then took the contract to anna Riddle's guardian, who refused to approve it. Snyder then dropped the matter, and had no further interest in it. Enyder stated that the Copperfield who was alleged to have been the father of the child, and the child, are both dead; that the Copperfield whom anna Riddle alleged was the mardered of whitehord is alive and lives near Hominy, as does also anna Riddle, who is now married enyder stated that he will go with a Government men to anna Riddle and have her tell them the same story regarding the whitehorn marder that she told him.

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E. C. Snyder is a friend of Bill Hale, one of the principals in the Osage murders; he stated that hale came to him in April, 1925, and stated the expected to be arrested at any time in connection with the murder of some Indians, and Hale engaged Snyder's services to handle some of his business affairs in the event of his arrest; that Hale told him that Alva McDonald had sent a man to him, Hale, wanting \$8000.00 promising to fix things up for Hale in these murder cases; that Hale had sent McDonald word to go to hell; that Hale had his bondsmen and attorneys employed, and was ready in event of arrest.

CONCERNING MURDER OF W.E. (BILL) SMITH AND WIFE.

AS PANHUSKA OKIA.

On September 7, in a confidential manner, I obtained from one Lon Williams the following information: Williams stated that five McDonald had been in Pawimska for two or three days previous, and had talked to him about the Osage cases, and had phoned the Tribal attorney for the Osages and held quite a conversation; that he, williams, understood from McDonald's conversation and other rumors, that McDonald was there trying to make some money out of the Osage murders; williams stated further that he had heard from good authorities that at one time Bill Hale had arranged a meeting with al Spencer and Dick Gregs and tried to get them to blow up w. E. Smith and his family, and that he had heard that Dick had either made an affidavit or would make an affidavit to that effect.

In a contidential manner, on september 7, at Pawhuska I obtained the following information from one H. J. (Clint) Hargis, an attorney: Mr. Hargis stated that it had some to him through different clients of his that one blaude Farker, Jurley Johnson, ace Kirby and Dick Gregg were the ment who blew up the w. E. Smith home, and that Ace Kirby was the man who actually touched off the explosive; that he, Hargis, had heard of Alva McDonald's operations in trying to "shake down" various people in connection with the Osage marder cases. Hargis stated that he knew it to be a fact that there was a meeting between Bill Hale, Al Spencer and Dick Gregg at which time Hale propositioned them to blow up smith's home, and that Al Spencer refused to participate in the marders. Hargis has lived in Pawhuska a long time, and has quite a clientele among the crooks of Osage County.

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On September 8, in a discreet and confidential manner, I talked with one John Tillman, member of the firm of Tillman & Tillman, attornays, of Pawhiska, who is supposed to be a close friend of Bill Hale. Tillman asked me what McDonald was trying to do over there; that he, Tillman, had heard that McDonald was trying to make some money out of the Osage mirder cases; Tillman stated that he had received a phone call from Oklahoma City that day to the effect that Blackie Thompson was to be released from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, and wanted to know if there was any truth in it;

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Timmen stated "If the authorities would get hold of a man named Savage and one Bryan Griffin and put them in jail, that they would tell who killed Whitehorn". Tillman claimed to know nothing about any of the other Osage murders. Tillman stated that he had seen part of the reports made by the Bureau of Investigation's investigators in the Osage murder cases, and had an opportunity to see more of them but that he did not think the reports amounted to much.

AT PAWHUSKA OKIA.

On September 9, in a confidential and discreet manner, I talked with one E. J. McCurdy, of Pawhuska, and he gave me a long detailed history concerning the death of one Bill Yaughn, an attorney who was supposed to have been murdered and thrown from a Pullman car leaving Oklahoma City. I gained from my conversation with Mr. McCurdy that it is his impression that Bill Vaughn was in possession of material racts concerning Osage Indian murders, and that Vaughn had stated to McCurdy that he. Vaughn. had sufficient evidence to put Bill Hale in the electric chair; and that Vaughn had been to Oklahoma Jity and had obtained additional information concerning these marders, and was returning to Pawhaska, and was either murdered and thrown from a moving train, or was thrown alive from a train, which resulted in his death; that he, McCurdy, has a witness who will swear that shortly after the disappearance of Vaughm from the Pullman car that he examined the borth assigned to Vaughn, and which Vaughn was supposed to have occupied, and that it showed that no one had disturbed it in any manner. Mr. McGurdy related numberous other details to me, which may be of interest in the investigation.

AT PAWHUSKA OFLA.

On September 10. I interviewed grank/Kays, who in 1923 was a deputy sheriff of Osage County, but since is closely allied with the criminal element of that vicinity, to such an extent that he bears a questionable reputation, however, he impressed me as telling the truth. Mays stated to me that some time after the murder of ... E. Smith et al he arrested one "Slats" Welch, a notorious car thief; that on account of his fair treatment to welch, welch became confidential, and stated to him that Kelsie Morrison obtained the nitro-glycerine used to blow up smith's house, at med doc., Okla., and to prove an alibi of his participation in this marder, put a man on the train, and sent him to Oklahoma City, and had this men register as Melsie Morrison in some hotel in Ostlahoma City, on the same night that smith's house was blown up. Mays stated that another time "Slats" Welch told him that he was present at a place where Blackie Thompson, wick Gregg and others were in hiding; that they all became intoxicated; that the conversation drifted to the murder of s. E. Smith; that Thompson, Gregg and others in this conversation stated that Bill Hale still owed them a balance for doing "that job", meaning the blowing up of Bill amith's house, and discussed how they were going to collect this money from Hale.

AT ANADARKO OKIA.

During the period september 14 to 18 I gained the confidence of Henry

ett, confined in the County Jail, charged with bank robbery, and obtained from him the following information: Cornett stated to me that if he was reflected out of jail that he could furnish information that would clean up the Henry Roan murder case within ten days; that he knew parties in the Osage who knew all of the details concerning this murder and that he could make them tell the truth and would gladly assist the government in cleaning up these cases. He stated that a friend of his overheard a conversation in the Kingkade Hotel in oklahoma City between Bill Hele ann other parties in which they were plotting to kill Henry Roan and have the marder committed on his, Henry Jornett's, ranch in the Osage: that he could and would produce this man and make him tell the truth of what he had heard; that he, Cornett. could produce a man at Ponce City who could testify that parties who had been hired to kill some of the Osages came to him to get his services in pointing out some of the ones that they were to kill; that this man came to him. Cornett, at the time and asked his advice, and that he advised him not to have anything to do with it. Cornett stated that Bill Vaughn, who was murdered, told him that Bill Hale gave John Tillman, an attorney, \$5000. to block investigations of Osage marder cases, and that Tillman gave Alva MoDonald, then U. S. Marshal, \$2500. of this money for his assistance in blocking the investigations. Cornett further stated that there were two or three men in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, who are in possession of all of the facts concerning some of the Osage murders, and that he, Cornett, is in a position to cause these men to divulge this information to the Government. Cornett stated that he was with one Kelsie Morrison on a drinking sprea, and that Helsie Morrison asked him. Cornett. why he didn't get him an Osage squaw and bump her off for her wealth like he, . Morrison, did, then detailed how he, Morrison, has bumped off one Billy Son, the historic of an Osage woman, by giving his denatured alcohol, and how he, Morrison, later married Stetson's widow, who didn't live very long after their marriage, and how Morrison obtained her estate, and how Morrison later married another Osage Woman named Datherine Cole, and that he. Morrison, disposed of the estate of Stetson's widow, to Bill Hale.

Cornett stated that he now has some bank robbery cases pending against him in the State courts, that he expects to defeat these cases, and until they are disposed of, he cannot afford to have it known that he is in any manner assisting the Government, but that just as soon as they are disposed of he will furnish me with all the details of information in his possession, and will locate and bring in all the witnesses who have information regarding these cases to me and cause them to make statements and testify to the true facts, promising me upon his word of honor to fulfill these promises. I am convinced that Cornett will do as he has stated, providing nothing occurs to interrupt.

AT AKADAHKO OKIA.

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On September 18, in a confidential and discreet manner, I talked with one Flannery, who lives in Ponca City, and who was in Anadarko assisting Menry Cornett in his cases. Flannery stated to me that on one occasion he met Melsie Morrison in Tulsa, Okla., where both were drinking, and that Morrison in a conversation, stated to him that he had enough on Bill Hale to put him in the electric chair; that Bill Hale had to sign his bonds for any amount that he might want.

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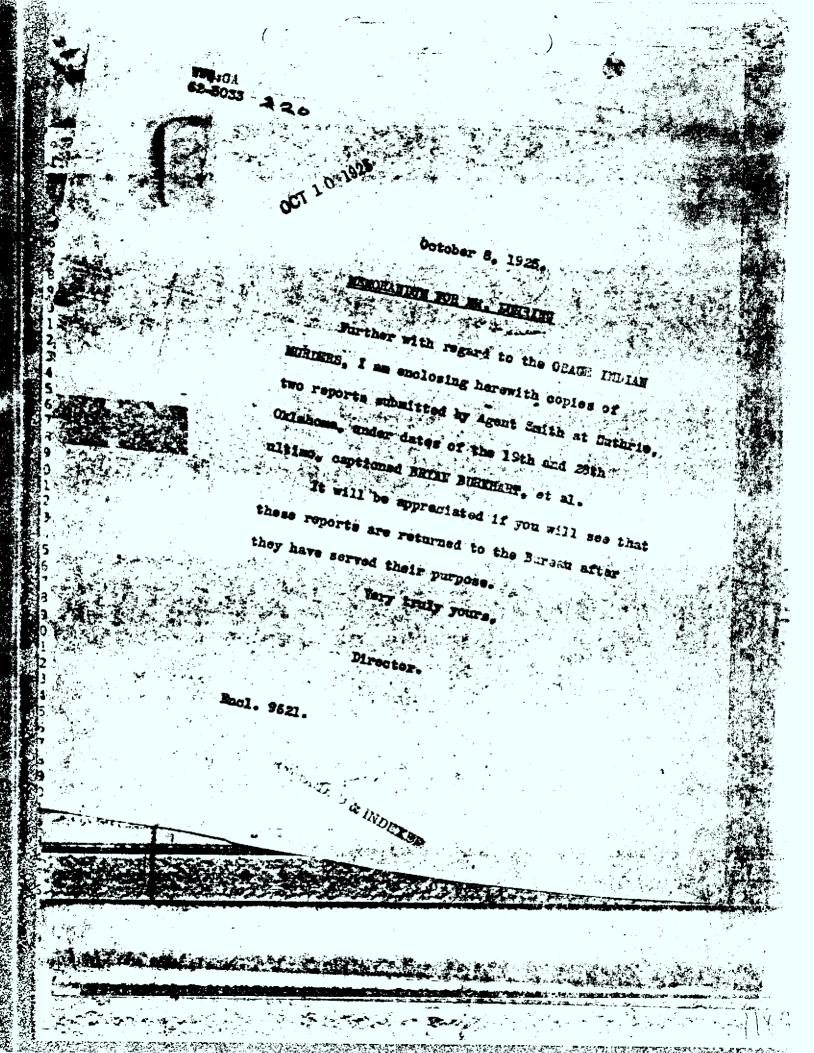
AT FATHUSK OKLA.

On or about Sept. 10, in conversation with H. O. Brown, former
Deputy U. S. Marshal under Alva MoDonald at Fawimaka, Brown stated to me
that he arrested Kelsie Morrison some time last spring; that after the
arrest Kelsie Morrison requested Brown to phone Bill Hale and tell him
to come and sign his bond; that he, Brown, did not ring Hale, but asked
another party to do so; that in a short time Bill Hale came, hunted him
up, stating that he wanted to sign Morrison's bond, and did sign Morrison's
bond for \$5000.00; that he, Brown, in a conversation with Kelsie Morrison
later, remarked to Morrison 'you must have something on Hale that you
can cause him to come to you when you call for him'; that Morrison replied
that 'you bet I have, I can make Hale sign a \$100,000. bond for me, when
I call for him he has got to come' or words to that effect.

AT PAUTHUSHA OMIA.

On September 21, I obtained from a confidential source, the name of which informant I would prefer not to disclose in this report, the following information: This informant stated to me that one Claude Parker knows all the details concerning the marder of W. E. Smith and family; that one occasion Bill Hale called Farker to Pawhuska, and accompanied him in an sumbobile to Ponce City, where, Hale, Claude Parker, and two other men, whose names this informant did not divulge, discussed and planned blewing up the home of Bill Smith at rairfax; that this informant is well acquainted with the two men whose names he did not mention; that they did not participate in the actual murder of smith, but are in possession of all the details of the mirder, and the planning of it, and that he can and will furnish me the names of these parties as soon as he is convinced that the Government really means to prosecute these cases. This informant states that there are numerous persons to his knowledge that have information concerning the Osage marder cases which they will divulge when they are convinced that the Sovernment really means to prosecute these cases. Informant further stated that he also knows the names of parties who accompanied Bill Hale and were present when he met al Spencer and Dick Gregg, and propositioned This informant states that for them to marder ... R. Smith and family. him to divulge this information at this time, and especially prior to his mowing positively that the Government is going into the cases, would place Fim in a rather delicate position; that should it leak out it would place him in a dangerous position, and would hurt his business; that he desires very much to help the Jovernment in these matters, and stands ready, whenever the jovernment can convince him that it means business, and are actually going to proced with these cases, to give the Sovernment all the information in his possession.

The information that has already been obtained in the investigation of this case leads agent to believe that the facts set forth in this report the information obtained by this informant is good information. The leads given will be immediately followed out and pursued vigorously and all information obtained will be included in a report to follow.



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CHARACTER OF CARE

Murder of Anna Brid Osage Indian Woman

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Oklahoma City File 170-1

JOINT REPORT OF AGENTS JOHN WREN. CHAS. R. DAVIS AND E. H. PARKER.

Summary of information obtained by these Agents giving names of confidential information and results expected from their cooperation; anticipated information of the present whereabouts of material witnesses; and present addresses of numerous witnesses to be used before Grand Jury investigation.

DETAILS:

The following is a report of the activities of the above named Agents during the period September 9 to 16, 1925, at Panhuska, Fairfax, Hominy, Grayhorse, Ralston and Skiatock, Okla.

fax, and who is willing to assist the Government provided his name is not divulged, furnished Agents the following information: that one following, a drug addict and dope peddler now residing at Bixby, Okla., lived at Fairfax at the time Anna Brown was managered and when the county authorities were investigating Bryan Burkhart and Ernest Burkhart; that HASTMAN would gather with the crowds and get the feelings of the people and keep the two Burkhart boys and Bill Hale posted on every move made by the authorities, and that he acted as a spy for Bill Hale, advising him at the general talk and feeling of the people toward himself and the Burkhart boys, of any newspaper articles pertaining to the case, and of the arrival of Federal efficers. Mr. Franks further stated

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that at that time EASTMAN lived with a woman by the name of Lucile Boyce or Boyer who conducted a rooming house at Fairfax; that this woman was now conducting a rooming house at Bixby, Okla., under the name of Lucile Brown, and that EASTMAN was supposed to be living there with her.

Mr. Franks informed Agents that "Shorty" Morgan (a material witness in this case, and the person who sold liquor to Bryan Burkhart and Anna Brown on the night Anna Brown was murdered) was released from jail about two months ago and returned to Fairfax; that on his arrival in Fairfax he learned he was wanted by the Federal authorities, and left, and is now somewhere in Florida. Mr. Franks stated that he did not know Morgan's present address, but would obtain it and furnish it to these Agents.

Mr. Franks also stated that he would try to obtain the addresses of Jim ABoswell and Charlie Boswell, both of whom are material witnesses in this case.

Agents located Little John, or John Little, or John Star, in the Fairfax Jail, where he is being detained on account of being a dope addict. This man is an Osage Indian, and his correct name is John Little Star. Agents were advised by Agent Burger that this man is not wanted; that the witness wanted is a carpenter named Little Steve, or Steve Little. Mr. Franks will endeavor to locate Little Steve, or Steve Little, and furnish Agents his address, and any other information regarding this case he can obtain.

While in Fairfax, Agent Davis met Rev. A. E. Tuck, paster of the Methodist Church, at his home. Agent Davis disclosed his identity and informed Rev. Tuck that he would like for him to assist in securing further evidence in regard to this Case. Agent Davis found Rev. Tuck to be a true and fearless Christian gentleman and willing to assist the Government in any way. in bringing about the apprehension of the guilty parties. Rev. Tuck furnished the following information: That living in the home of Ernest Burkhart, are Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Betts, who are members of Rev. Tuck's church, and good Christians; that Betts told him that he, Betts, had talked to Bill Hale on several occasions and told him he would get into serious trouble if he didn't cut out his crookedness; that he, Tuck, often visits the Betts in the Burkhart home, and that no doubt Betts could give the Government some valuable information if properly interviewed by an Agent of this Department who is not working under cover. Rev. Tuck also stated that he had discussed this case with Mr. F. P. Glass, one of the members of his church, and proprietor of the G. & G. Store at

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Fairfax, and found him willing to assist the Government in any manner possible; that Mr. Glass did not know anything about these manders except from hearsay, but might be able to furnish some information as to the whereabouts of missing witnesses if properly interviewed by an Agent of this Department who is not working under cowar. Rev. Tuck requested that his name be kept strictly confidential, and stated that he would furnish any additional information he might obtain.

The following witnesses were located:

Mrs. Allie Richards is teaching in the public schools at Pawhuska, Okla.

Mandy Claremore, Mary Blackbird and Mamie Fletcher are at Fairfax, Okla.

Mary Starr is living near Hominy, Okla.

Royabunch (who married the widow of Henry Roan) is living with his wife on a farm near Fairfax. He was recently released from jail after serving a sentence on a bootlegging charge. Agents were informed that he has quit bootlegging and settled down since Snake Thompson, Prohibition Agent, has established his headquarters at Fairfax. Rev. Tuck informed Agent Davis that Snake Thompson is a member of his church and is an honest, fearless, Christian man, and can be trusted, and no doubt will be willing to assist Agents of this Department if called upon; that he is arresting bootleggers every day, and sooner or later will arrest some witnesses in this case, as it appears that most of them are bootleggers and law violators. Agents understand that Mr. Thompson wants "Shorty" Morgan, mentioned above in this report, on a bootlegging charge.

George James (who was with the Anna Brown party on the night Anna Brown was murdered) is a gambler, drives a red Buick touring car, and still lives in Fairfax.

Joe McGuire, who formerly lived at Ralston, has left Ralston and his present whereabouts are unknown. Mrs. Bob McSpedden, who runs the McSpedden Cafe at Ralston, informed Agents that McGuire and his wife and two children used to board with her; that McGuire and his wife had separated; that Mrs. McGuire had remarried and was living in Fairfax, but that she did not know the name of her present husband; and that McGuire took his oldest boy with him when he left Ralston.

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Max Billings (who with Al Spencer and others met Bill Hale in his pasture, where Hale offered money to have W. R. Smith's house blown up) has a general merchandise store at Okesa, Okla., in partnership with a man named Wright. They are going to move this stock of merchandise to Tulsa, Okla., where Wright will run the business. Billings is guardian for two or three Osage Indian minors who swn several farms in the vicinity of Okesa, and he will remain there managing these farms.

At Fairfax Agent Wren met A. W. Adams of El Paso, Texas, Whom Agent Wren has known for a number of years, and who is a partner of Ed Timberlake, also of El Paso. They are pasturing some 2600 hear of steers in Bill Hale's pasture. Agent Wren had a confidential talk with Mr. Adams, and was informed by him that he had had a number of steers stolen recently; that two cars of steers had been held up by the commission merchants at Kansas City, and among them were found some of his steers; that investigation showed that these steers were loaded on a train at Hominy, Okla.; that three men had been arrested for the theft of these cattle; and one of them had confessed that they had been stealing cattle since last April. Agents were unable to secure the names of the three men who were arrested. Agent Wren is now at Pairfax, and will be associated with Mr. Adams, going to the pasture with him and assisting him in checking up his stack, which will put Agent Wren in a position to meet Hale and the Burkhart boys and the rest of the men working on the Hale ranch where Adams and Timberlake have cattle pastured.

Dr/ D. A. Shoun, one of the physicians who examined the bodies of Anna Brown and Henry Roan, and who treated W. E. Smith before his death, has moved from Fairfax, Okla., to Denver, Colo., but is now at Fairfax visiting his brother, Dr. J. G. Shoun. Agents were whable to obtain Dr. D. A. Shoun's street address in Denver.

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September 22, 1925.

Edwin Brown, Esq., Special Assistant to the Attorney General Box 513, Gathrie, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Hour request of the 15th instant for the assignment of Mational Bank Examiner Denton to examine the national banks at Faw skn, and particularly the Mational Bank of Commerce, has been taken up orally by "r. Ramsey with Deputy Comptroller of the Currency E. W. Steeriss and he has been assured that Mr. Denton will be instructed to make the desires examination of the bank named immediately.

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For the Attorney Comera?

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P. O. Box 125, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

October 2, 1925. OCT 1 9 10

Director,
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Dear Sir:

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: Osage Indian Lurder Cases.

Information has been coming to me from informants that I have working on the above case, as well as from agents working on the case, to the effect that former United States Marshal Alva McDonald has busied himself considerably in the above case, endeavoring, so I understand, to defraud those implicated in these murders out of money. Information comes to me from our confidential informant on this case, as reports that have been forwarded to you in the last few days will show, that McDonalá made the proposition to William K. Hale, the principal figure in these murders that if Hale would give him \$25,000.00, he would "beat" these cases. Further, I have information that he has seen some of our witnesses and has been endeavoring to talk to them about the case. All of this information, together with other activities in this case charged to him, leads me to make the statement that it is my opinion that he is the man responsible for the disappearance of our file on this case from the United States Attorney's office here.

With this information to you, I will say that it is my understanding that Ir. McDonald is preparing to go to Washington in the interests of this case and will eventually call at your office or the Interior Department; that he is, according to my understanding, going to pass the information he has to those that he has occasion to see there and to make a proposition to get charge of the case. I am certain that all that he is after is aid in his attempt to extort money out of those that are known to be guilty of the Indian murders. Knowing him to be very clever in his proposals, I am passing this information to you, as I thought that you would probably desire to have his movements covered while at Washington and get to the bottom of his activities there. I am

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keeping him covered here and I am of the belief that before this matter is over with that he will be connected with it in some manner, although the information that we have now has come to us "second-handed". I am following up all the leads vigorously and will report results.

Respectfully,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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October 12, 1925.

METORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Prompty knowledge of the activities of McDonald in this case, I am satisfied that Mr. White's hypothesis is correct, and that McDonald ultimately will be found to be the one responsible for the disappearance of the files from the U.S. Attorney's office in this case.

The question, however, arises as to whether you want this matter taken up with the Indian Office with a view to blocking any of his activities there, or whether you merely want him covered on his arrival.

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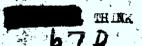
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W. E. Copeland, Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Mick Crandell, Fairfax, Oklahoma.

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C. M. Crossland, Fairfax, Oklahom.

Robert Elliott, one mile south of Fairfax, Okla,

Ed Fincher, Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Harvey Freas, Sheriff at Pawhuska, Okla.

Dock Hawkins, now at webb City, Okla.

John Hazlett, Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Charles Hembree, Pairfall, Ollahoma.

F. C. Hoefer, Rairfax, Oklahoma.

A. C. Hunsaker, Under Taker, Fairfax, Okla.

J. W. Hutchison, Deputy Sheriff, Fairfax, Okla.

George James, Fairfax, Okla.

Floyd Jarrett, now in McAlester Penitentiary.

D. E. Johnson, Attorney-at-Law, Fairfax, Okla.

R. S. Jordan, was in Tulsa jail, now out on bond, home near Hominy, Okla.

Lee (Shorty) horgan, was at grona, Osage County, Okla., about five weeks ago. This information furnished by Post Master Shanks, who advised that Morgan received mail at that time. Fost Master Shanks states that Morgan left no forwarding address, when Morgan called for his mail last, that should be learn Morgan's present whereabouts he will notify agent in Charge, T. B. White, Oklahoma City. Post Master Shanks also advised Agents that Morgan was wanted by Chief of Police at Aynona, Okla., on a boot legging charge and should Morgan be arrested, Post Master Shanks will notify agent in Charge, White.

W. G. Lynn, Fairfax, Oxla.

M. C. Moher, bants Fe agent, Feirfax, Okla.

Henry Morgan, rairfax, Ckls.

Roy Mossberger, farmer, lives between rairfax and Gray Horse, Okla.

Ray Pennick, , C. J. Combs, Hominy, Okla. Agents unable to locate Ray

Pennick but Post Master at Mominy, advises that J. C. Combs has moved to Kingfisher,

Okla., but had no forwarding address for witness hay Pennick and that there had been

no mail come to Hominy Post Office for Pennick and that he did not know his present

address.

Charlie quick, family resides at Cilton, Okla., and his brother Vay Quick runs a near beer stand near Post Office at Oilton, Okla. Post Master Herbert Harris at Oilton, Okla., advises that witness, Charlie Quick, can now be found at Bessie, Washita County, Okla. That mail addressed to him frequently passed through his office. Post Master Marris advises that if there is any change in Charlie Quick's address that he will notify agent in Charge, T. B. White, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Walter Doolin, Star Route A out of Hominy, Okla.

Fred Rowe, now at Pawhuska, Okla.

Frank Shaw, State Rep. Fairfax, Okla.

Roy Smith, Post Master Thompson at Bartlesville, Okla., savises that witness Roy Smith left forwarding address, Virgil, Kansas, and should there be a charge this address he will so advise agent in Charge, T. B. white, Oklahoms City, Oklahoms City



Frank Terrill, now at Pawhuska, Okla.

John Thompson, % Osage Torpedo Co. Pawhuska, Okla.

Seerge B. Tinker, Pawhuska, Okla.

Sam Tulk, Chief of Police, Ponca City, Okla.

Henry Ward, Dealer Jewett Cars, Fairfax, Okla.

H. B. Wilson, Justice of Peace, Fairfax, Okla.



CONCERNING CHARLES WHITEHORN MURDER

The following witnesses were located to-wit:

Earl Fowler, Pawhuska, Okla.

Pryan Griffin, Attorney-at-Law, Oklahoma Jity, Okla.

L. G. Johnson, Undertaker, Pawhuska, Okla.

Charles Keigley, (dead) Pawhuska, Okla.

Roy and Eva Locklin, last known address Arkansas City, Kansas.

Delia Mashunkashe, Pawhsuka, Okla.

Earl Savage, address unknown, his wife, Kinnie Savage is now at Tulsa.

Oklahoma, street address unknown.

Hattie Smitherman, Worten Bldg., Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

CONCERNING HENRY ROAN MURDER.

The following witnesses were located to-wit:

C. E. and Lila Ashbrook, rairfax, Oxla.

Roy Bunch, who married Henry Roan's widow, lives with his wife (nee Ers Henry Roan) on a farm near Fairfax, Oxla.

Verna De Arnold, Pairfax, Okla.

John Embry, Denver Hghts, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mamie Fletcher. Pawhuska, Okla.

Wylie Haines, Sr., Constable, Heminy, Okla.

Jack Hart, was seen by Egent Purger at Burbank, Okla, a short time ago. John McLain, \$ Capitol Life Ins. Co., Denver or Oklahoma City.

Bob Parker, City Marshal, Fairfax, Okla.

Dr. H. B. Prentess, Fairfax, Okla. (his wife Mrs. Grace Prentess is post mistress, Fairfax, Okla.)

Jim Rhodes, Fairfax, Okla.

Lew Oller, mirfax, Okla., is in partnership with .m. K. Hale of Fairfax, Ok. Note: A few days ago Oller's son was found in possession of stolen cattle which were shipped from Rominy, Okla, and Hale swore to complaint against son of Lew Ollers, and others and it is rumored that there is hard feelings between Hale and Lew Ollers at present time.

hev. Tuck, Pastor of M. E. Church at Fairfax, Okla., and mentioned in the previous report by these agents, advised agents that should be obtain any information regarding these cases that same would be forwarded to agent in Jharge, T. B. White. Box 125, Oklahoma City, Okla.