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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN E. WREN.**

Location of following witnesses and their reliability in the W. K. "Bill" Smith murder case:- John Beardmore, George Bolton, Ernest Bolton, W. K. Copeland, Dick Crandell, C. K. Crossland, Hobart Elliott, P. C. Hooper, Jim Kastle, W. G. Lynn, Sid Delplane, Walter Dolin, George James, L. K. Richessin, Charles Roff, Fred Rowe, Bill Shaw, Frank Terrill, Henry Ward, L. A. Wismayer, Frank Girdner, Dr. Alexander McKay, Philip Mead, Henry Kays, Brett Covert, Sam Donaldson, Mr. Berger, Jim Lynn, Joe Bozart, Miles Bozart, Bright Roody, H. G. Burt, Seth Lewis, George Hedders, W. A. Adams, Sam Turner, Roy Cook, Buck Aldredge, Mr. Price, L. L. Oller, Col. E. Walters, Charlie Mander, Frank Adams, Mary Evans, S. L. Smith, Vean Frazier, Jim Moss, Tom Boone, Pitts Beatty, Billy Martin, Bright Roody and Phil Reed. In the Anna Brown murder case:- Ernest Bolton, Mrs. Nora Benne, Mary Blackbird, Bob Shrofe, Edith Davis, I. R. Hodges, Lee Hinkle, Robert Kase or Kisse, Maggie Clark McClure, Ed Hainey, Mrs. Anna Sitterly, Melvin Case, and Mr. Turten. In the Henry Roan murder case:- John Mabry, Mamie Fletcher, K. M. Pike and Arch Barger. Concerning conversation of this Agent with W. K. "Bill" Hale. Hale's connection with probable witnesses. Information relative to Roy Bunch asking Arch Barger to hide pistol, which is believed was used to kill Henry Roan. CONTINUED.

REFERENCE:- is made to Agent Wren's report dated Oct. 6, 1925, in the above captioned matter.

DETAILS:

The following is a report of the activities of Agent John E. Wren during the period Oct. 10th to the 31st inclusive at Fairfax and vicinity in the following Osage Indian murder cases.

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CONCERNING THE MURDER OF W. E. "BILL" SMITH.

JOHN BEARDMORE, Fairfax, Oklahoma. This man is a white man and was interviewed under cover by this agent. He states that day before the home of BILL SMITH was blown up that SMITH told him, BEARDMORE, that he expected to be murdered at any time, as he, SMITH, had just met BILL HALE on the road near Fairfax and HALE drew his six shooter on him, saying to SMITH, "You G--D--S-- of a B--if I hear you talking about these Indian murders, I will send you to hell." BEARDMORE was a close friend of BILL SMITH, the murdered man, and is all right. His occupation is a laboring man, and at the present time he lives in Fairfax, Oklahoma. BEARDMORE further stated that SMITH had moved in his, SMITH'S, home the same day he was blown up.

GEORGE BOLTON, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and said to be O. K. and against the HALE and BURKHART factions. At one time HALE had an affair with BOLTON'S sister, this being sometime past. BOLTON is a son-in-law of I. R. HEDGES, who lives at Malston, Oklahoma. HEDGES is an important witness in the ANNA BROWN murder case.

ERNEST BOLTON lives on a ranch near Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and married to an Indian squaw. He is a brother of GEORGE BOLTON and a close friend of ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART. It is known by this agent that ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART have confided in or with ERNEST BOLTON on several occasions with reference to the Indian murders, even admitting to him in their drunken sprees that they were implicated with the Indian murders. ERNEST BOLTON possibly heard BILL HALE say that for \$100.00 he, HALE, could get any G-- of a B--bumped off in Geage County. MR. BOLTON is the son of CHRIS BOLTON, who is an old timer around Fairfax. His father is very friendly to the Government while ERNEST, his son, is believed by this AGENT will tell the truth about what he knows regarding the statements of BILL HALE and ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART when he, BOLTON, is put on the witness stand. It is suggested by this agent that ERNEST BOLTON not be interviewed at this time, but after BILL HALE and BRYAN and ERNEST BURKHART are in custody, he should be interviewed, and subpoenaed to appear as a Government witness whenever this case is presented for prosecution.

W. E. COPLAND, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and sat on the Coroner's Jury after BILL SMITH, his wife and their servant girl were blown up at Fairfax. His occupation is a banker, being Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank. He is no good and is a close friend of BILL HALE and does business with HALE. BILL HALE does business at the First National Bank.

DICK CRANDALL, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and is said to have heard the death bed statement of BILL SMITH. His occupation is a plumber and he is said to be all right by under cover men.

C. M. CROSSLAND lives in oil fields near Webb City, Oklahoma. He is a white man and said to have seen a car leaving vicinity after explosion of the BILL SMITH home. At the time of the explosion of the home of BILL SMITH, CROSSLAND was night watchman of Fairfax, Oklahoma. It is stated by confidential informants that MR. CROSSLAND has said that a part Indian girl, who worked for HENRY BROWN

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at one time, has some information regarding the murder of HENRY ROAN. The girl's name is MAGGIE CLARK McCLURE now living with MOY BUNCH and wife, who was the widow of HENRY ROAN.

ROBERT ELLIOTT lives one mile south of Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and is said to have seen ARREST BURKHART'S car pass shortly after the explosion of the BILL SMITH home. He is reported by confidential informants to be a good man, as well as a good citizen.

F. C. HOEFER, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and it has been previously reported by the confidential informants that he is a man who talks much from the Indians. He has the Ford Agency and further information from one of our best confidential informants is that he is now all right. This man sat on the Coroner's Jury after the explosion of the BILL SMITH home when the SMITH family was murdered.

JIM KASTLE, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man, squaw man and a brother-in-law to BRYAN BURKHART. He is said by confidential informants to know a good deal about the Indian murders, especially the blowing up of the SMITH home, as well as the HENRY ROAN and ANNA BROWN murders.

W. G. LYNN, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is a witness in the BILL SMITH murder case. He is thoroughly trust worthy and is a good citizen. He also sat on the Coroner's Jury. MR. LYNN is the Guardian of BRYAN BURKHART'S wife, who is an Indian woman, her name being ROSA LINDLEY BURKHART. MR. LYNN is an important witness in the W. K. (Bill) SMITH murder case and after the apprehension of BILL HALE, ARREST and BRYAN BURKHART, will be needed by the agents of the Bureau when ROSA, BRYAN BURKHART'S wife naturally will come to MR. LYNN for assistance. This matter is to be considered very confidential.

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SID DELPLANS, former Chief of Police of Ponca City and is now living in Ponca City, Okla. He is a white man and a witness said to have a lot of general information. From the reports of confidential informants this man is very doubtful and he associates with the HALE and BURKHART gang.

WALTER DOLIK, Oilton, Oklahoma. He is a white man and knows the proposition made by BILL HALE to murder Indians and blow up the SMITH home. He is reported by confidential informants to be a brother-in-law of DUKL BURKHART, who is a brother to ARREST and BRYAN BURKHART.

GEORGE JAMES, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man, a gambler, a friend of the boot leggers and said to be a friend of HALE and his gang. He has rented land from HALE. He is reported by one of the confidential informants to be all right and will tell the truth when he is put on the witness stand, but other informants report that he will be handled by HALE if HALE is brought up for prosecution. JAMES'S daughter married one of HALE'S nephews.

BILL PRYOR, Grayhorse, Oklahoma. He is a white man and is said to be a witness and can give considerable general information. There is no such man as J. PRYOR, but there is a BILL PRYOR living at Grayhorse and is O. K., if he is the same man mentioned in previous reports as J. PRYOR.

M. M. RICHMOND, Indian Agent, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is close friend of BILL HALE, and wears suits of clothes purchased by HALE. He is no good, crooked and will do what BILL HALE says to do. This man is a coyote and is said to be the party who is putting out information obtained through the Indian office at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. He is said to be a constant companion of BILL HALE and will help him when he and his gang are brought up for prosecution.

CHARLES ROOF, Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and was County Attorney at the time of the BILL SMITH murder. He is no good, crooked and a close friend of BILL HALE. He is listed in previous reports as MR. ROOF, but there is no such man as MR. ROOF living in Osage County. MR. ROOF testified at the Coroner's Jury held after the SMITH murder.

FRED ROBE, Pawhuska, Okla. He is a white man and his occupation is cow man. He is reported by confidential informants to be a strong HALE man and a very close friend of BILL HALE.

BILL SEAW, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man, good citizen and bears a good reputation. As to giving out facts with reference to Indian murders it is said he knows some facts regarding the blowing up of the BILL SMITH home.

FRANK WADWILL, Pawhuska, Okla. He is a white man and is mentioned in previous reports as witness of the SMITH murder case. This man is said to know facts regarding the SMITH murder case. He is planning, according to reports, to go to Mexico.

HENRY WARD, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is Agent for Jewett automobiles. He is now reported to be absolutely O. K. and is a bitter enemy of BILL HALE and his gang and has quite a lot of general information. He stated to this Agent that if subpoenaed and brought before the Court that he would tell all he knows and more too. WARD has been very useful and has helped this Agent considerable in this investigation of Indian murders heretofore mentioned, in fact this Agent knew WARD's relatives when they lived in Hayes, Blanco and Leno Counties, Texas.

L. A. WISMEYER and not J. G. WISMEYER, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and a brother-in-law of HOMER HUFFAKER, who is a strong HALE man and also a banker being connected with the First National Bank of Fairfax, Oklahoma. WISMEYER is in favor of the Government and is a bitter enemy of BILL HALE. He is a witness in this case on general information and he is now in Idaho on a hunting trip, but will return shortly to his home in Fairfax.

FRANK GIRDNER, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man, ex-boot logger and his occupation is that of a carpenter. He talks considerable around town in bars, shops and pool halls. He stated that BILL HALE has and will run off several witnesses. GIRDNER claims to know all about the SMITH home being blown up. This man at the proper time should be interviewed by an agent of the Bureau and if what he claims is

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true, a subpoena should be issued for him to testify before the Grand Jury.

DR. ALEXANDER MCKAY, Fairfax, Okla. Chiropractor. He is a white man and is now making efforts to get information with reference to the Government on the investigations of Indian murders and is turning said information over to BILL HALE. He is a close friend of BILL HALE, HALE being a patient of his, as well as an endorser of a note for a good amount of money at the First National Bank of Fairfax, Okla.

PHILIP REED, Fouraker, Okla. He is a white man and he will be a witness for the HALE faction and is a close friend and also a former partner of BILL HALE when HALE insured his grass for \$30,000 and later having it burned and collecting the insurance. This man will be a character witness for BILL HALE and said to swear to anything HALE will want him to swear to when HALE is brought up for prosecution.

HENRY LAYS, Pawhuska, Okla. He is a white man. He was interviewed and made a statement to Agent J. A. STRENT at the Phoenix, Arizona, Bureau office at which time he told MR. STRENT he was going to move to Canyon City, Colo., within a short time. He is now back in Osage County living at Pawhuska, Okla. This man was reported by confidential informants to be a HALE man and probably will be a witness for HALE and the BURGHARTS in case they are brought up for prosecution. This man came back to Osage County from Arizona with the idea of trying to get in the service of the Indian Agency with the purpose of running down the murderers of the Osage Indians, but is merely wanting to get into the service of the Indian Department for the salary, only expecting to do little or no work towards solving the Osage Indian murders.

Following are the cow boys of BILL HALE, who will probably be witnesses for him. They are all white men:

BRETT COWERT, Fairfax, Okla. He has been with HALE about six or eight months.

SAM DONALSON, Fairfax, Okla. He has been with HALE about two years.

MR. BERGER, Fairfax, Okla. He has been with BILL HALE about three or four years and with L. L. OLLER, HALE'S partner.

JIM LYNN, Fairfax, Okla. He has been with BILL HALE about six months and leases his grass to HALE. He is not related to WARD LYNN.

JOE SQUART, Fairfax, Okla. He has been with BILL HALE about one year and is a strong HALE man.

MILES SQUART, Fairfax, Okla. He is a cow man and a close friend of BILL HALE. They are in business together.

OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS OF HALE:

BRIGHT BOBBY, Pawhuska, Okla. He owns a furniture store and is a look out man for BILL HALE and after the BILL WHITE home was blown up, BOBBY was inquiring around among the different ones under cover, if WARD LYNN, who sat on the Corcoran's

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Jury, favored HALE at the Coroner's Jury. HODDY later asked MR. LYNN after the inquiry if he, LYNN, favored HALE at the Coroner's inquest. HODDY is reported by confidential informants that he will be a witness for the HALE faction.

H. G. BURT, Winfield, Kansas, who visits Fairfax, Okla. He is a first class crook and bears a bad reputation. He is a murderer and a close friend of BILL HALE and will assist HALE if possible, but it is reported to this Agent by confidential informants that when this man is put on the witness stand that he will be compelled to tell the truth, regarding the Indian murders, and it is further stated that this man knows considerable with reference to Osage Indian murders in Osage County, Oklahoma. This man is [redacted] and of late he has been visiting Fairfax and has been in close communication with BILL HALE on several occasions.

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SETH LEWIS, Pawhuske, Okla. He is also a notorious character connected with H. G. BURT. He has lately been visiting Fairfax and conferring with BILL HALE and his friends. It is said that SETH LEWIS will favor HALE in his trouble and will assist him in every way possible, when HALE is brought before the Court. LEWIS at the present time is under indictment in the Federal Court of Oklahoma on violation of the narcotic laws.

GEORGE MEDDERS, Deming, N. M. For the past six months up until very recently MEDDERS has been employed by W. A. ADAMS, who lives at 3104 Pershing Drive, El Paso, Texas, as a cow hand taking care of cattle owned by MR. ADAMS and pastured by BILL HALE in his pasture near and in the vicinity of Fairfax, Okla. MEDDERS at the proper time should be interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau, as it is reported by confidential informants that MEDDERS has heard some conversation from HALE as well as HALE'S cowboys with reference to the Indian murders of Osage County, Okla. MEDDERS will lie if given a chance as he naturally favors the HALE faction.

W. A. ADAMS, the cow man mentioned above, does not believe that HALE is guilty. He and HALE have been closely associated together for the past six or eight months, that is by HALE pasturing ADAMS'S cattle and helping him make large sales of same. During this year, 1925, HALE has pastured about 3000 head of cattle for MR. ADAMS. It is said by confidential informants that ADAMS will assist HALE if he is prosecuted by advising him, HALE, to get a certain firm of lawyers living at Ft. Worth, Texas, to defend him. Names of lawyers unknown, but this information can be secured at a later date. Adams if subpoenaed and brought into Court will have to tell what he knows about HALE'S talk to him with reference to the Osage Indian murders. It is a known fact that ADAMS advised HALE'S detective and spy, JIM MOSS, gave him names of some of the Government agents, who were investigating the Osage Indian murders. Adams did give AGENT some help at first when Agent went to Fairfax, but was given to understand that HALE did or should know that this Agent was a Government agent, after Adams stated that he could not believe HALE could do such a thing, that is having a home blown up.

SAM TURNER, Tonkawa, Okla. He is a white man and a close friend of BILL HALE and H. J. BURT. He will assist BILL HALE in case that he is prosecuted for the Indian murders of Osage County. SAM TURNER will in all probability will be a witness for HALE and his faction.

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BUCK ELDREDGE, now living at Guthrie, Okla. He is a white man and is now in the employ of the HALE faction making efforts at Guthrie to find out just what the Government is going to do in regard to the HALE faction or in regard to the HALE investigation. He is making inquiries of different citizens living in Guthrie as to when Court meets etc. It has been stated to this Agent that ELDREDGE is probably figuring on who will be on the Jury and will, if possible, try to fix the Jury or get someone on the Jury, who would favor the HALE faction in case prosecution is brought by the Government.

MR PRICE, first name unknown. Address unknown but now residing at Guthrie, Okla. He is a white man and is also under the employ of HALE and is making inquiries as to who the different Government agents are and what their business is in Fairfax, as well as the Osage Country. He is posing as a cow man. This party is stopping at the Ione Hotel and is accompanied by a short heavy set American, whose name is unknown but will be ascertained at a later date. These two men are closely associated with BUCK ELDREDGE.

ROY COOK is a white man and was a telephone operator at Galston, Okla., at the time the W. S. Smith home was blown up, and whose present whereabouts are unknown. He stated that a man who said his name was Kelsie Morrison put in a telephone for BILL HALE after the explosion and later talked with party and told him everything was all right and for him to come in. The above information came to me thru MR. E. K. PIKE.

L. L. OLLER, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and his occupation is that of a cow man. He is associated with HALE in grazing interests. Recently his son, WILLARD OLLER, was arrested at Pawhuska and charged with cow theft, as well as theft of mules. At first L. L. OLLER, father of WILLARD OLLER, was very bitter in his denunciation of BILL HALE, because HALE, his partner, took an active part in the prosecution of OLLER'S son, WILLARD. WILLARD OLLER is charged in the district Court of Osage County with theft of certain cattle and mules belonging to different persons, mules in particular belonging to GEORGE BOLTON. Following are names of men, who are charged jointly with theft of cattle and mules with WILLARD OLLER: DENT THOMAS, L. BORN, RAYMOND COVERT and JOHN CARROLL. Recently BILL HALE and L. L. OLLER have buried the hatchet and it is reported by confidential informants that HALE will endeavor now to assist WILLARD OLLER, L. L. OLLER'S son, to get out of trouble. However, L. L. OLLER has demanded from HALE a division of property. HALE in the end will favor OLLER'S son and cut trade OLLER in the division of the property, which is owned by him and HALE. This agreement as reported by confidential informants is that JIM MOSE and others brought HALE and OLLER together and got them to agree on certain terms, as L. L. OLLER was gunning for HALE at a previous time or at the time OLLER'S son, WILLARD, was arrested for cow and mule theft. GEORGE BOLTON was requested not to press the prosecution against young OLLER for the theft of his, BOLTON'S cattle and stock.

COL. E. WALTERS, Skedee, Okla. He is a white man, live stock, real estate and Government auctioneer. This man is not known to this Agent but is reported by an under cover informant to have said recently, that he did not believe that BILL HALE was guilty of anything wrong in the Osage country. That he, WALTERS, was sure of that. That he has been in business and has sold a number of leases as well

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as live stock for the Government and the Indians for a long time and was well acquainted with BILL HALE, and that the investigation made of BILL HALE, if there was any, was a mistake. This man further stated to confidential informant that he had been an employee of the Department of Justice and had a badge on, which he said was given to him by the Indians for his services and square dealings, which he now wears. Confidential informant further stated that above the badge that he, WALTERS, wore and connected with it was the words "Department of Justice." It is not known whether this man was trying to seek information from the confidential informant or really meant what he said. However, he stated to confidential informant that the Government had some new information regarding the Osage Indian murders, which in no way showed HALE was connected with the Indian murders.

CHARLIE MENDOR, Fairfax, Okla. He is a Syrian and his occupation is that of a peddler of women's silk clothes etc. MENDOR has resided in Fairfax and vicinity for the past twenty years. He is well acquainted with the citizens of Fairfax. It is reported by confidential informants that MENDOR could give some information regarding the Indian murders. MENDOR has not been interviewed by an agent of the Bureau, but this agent under cover talked to him on several occasions but it is my belief that MENDOR can give valuable information regarding the Indian trouble of Osage County, Oklahoma. MENDOR resides at the Francis Hotel when in Fairfax, but most of the time he is out among the people selling his goods. He is said to be a good man.

FRANK ADAMS, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and his occupation is that of a tailor. He has made BILL HALE's clothes for several years. Confidential informants report that this man probably knows some facts regarding some of HALE's activities in and around Fairfax. ADAMS has not yet been interviewed but at the proper time an agent of this Bureau will interview him.

MARY EVANS, Fairfax, Okla. She is a white woman and lived near the house of BILL SMITH the night or morning of the explosion. She is a close friend of BILL HALE, in fact HALE got her to marry at one time an Osage Indian by the name of DON WICKERSON for the purpose of getting the Indian's money. She is no good and is a sporting woman, and is a strong HALE supporter and will help HALE and his faction in case they are brought up for prosecution.

S. M. SMITH known as SOL SMITH, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and his occupation is ranchman and cattle owner and very wealthy. He is now very friendly to BILL HALE. Recently BILL HALE visited SOL SMITH when he was in the hospital at Fairfax where he was recovering from an operation for appendicitis. It was previously reported that SOL SMITH and BILL HALE had a big falling out over SOL SMITH's wife, but it is a fact that SOL SMITH and his wife had not lived together for quite awhile. SOL SMITH in all probability will be an important witness for BILL HALE in case he or his gang are brought up for prosecution.

The following men are look out and spys for BILL HALE and his faction:

WEN FRAZIER, Fairfax, Oklahoma, white man.

JIM MOSS, Fairfax, Oklahoma, white man.

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JON BOOKS, Fairfax, Oklahoma, white man.

PITTS BEATTY, Mayor of Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a white man and head of the Klu Klux Klan.

BILLY MARTIN, white man living near Burbank, Oklahoma, a short distance from Fairfax, Okla.

BRIGHT BODDY, Pawhuska, Okla. He is a white man and has a furniture store.

PHIL REED, Fouraker, Okla., white man.

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ERNEST BOLTON living near Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and a squaw man, who is continually associated with SAMUEL and BRYAN BURKHART and can, if made to tell, give information regarding ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART'S connection with ANNA BROWN and other Indian murders.

MRS. NORA BARKER, Bartlesville, Okla. She is a white woman, who is mentioned in previous reports and knows facts concerning movements of ANNA BROWN at the time of the ANNA BROWN murder. She is a woman of bad repute and is one of HALE'S personal friends.

MARY BLACKBARD, Grayhorse, Okla. She is an Indian woman and is reported by confidential informants to be close friend of BILL HALE and can be handled by HALE and BURKHARTS in case they are brought up for prosecution, but if pressure is brought to bear after the arrest of HALE and the BURKHARTS, it is believed that she can be made to tell the truth, as she is reported in previous reports to know some facts concerning the murder of the Indian woman, ANNA BROWN.

BOB SHROPS, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is said to be a look out for BILL HALE and partly raised by BILL HALE. If used as a witness for HALE, he will make a good one for the HALE and BURKHART faction. He is very sharp and evidently from reports of confidential informants will assist HALE and the BURKHARTS if they are brought to justice.

EDITH LEVIE, 40 N. Yorktown St., Tulsa, Okla. She is a white woman and former maid for ANNA BROWN. She is reported by confidential informants to be a woman of shady character and will be for the BURKHART and HALE faction when the show down comes.

I. R. HUGHES, Malston, Okla. He is a white man and is said to have seen BRYAN BURKHART and ANNA BROWN together on the night of the murder. He is reported by confidential informants to be a good man. He is the father-in-law of GEORGE BOLTON, GEORGE BOLTON being mentioned as a likely witness in the Osage Indian murders.

LEW HINZLE lives near Grayhorse, Okla. He is a white man and is previously reported that he is said to be the man who saw BRYAN BURKHART early in the morning of the murder of ANNA BROWN. It is reported by confidential informants that

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be handled by the HALE and BURKHART faction, and will swear for them. Confidential informants further state that witness should be watched as at one time in a case against the BURKHARTS, he helped them prove an alibi with reference to some charge of cattle theft, which happened some time past.

ROBERT KAZAK or KISSK, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and as previously reported went to the home of ANNA BROWN on the night of the murder, also the next day but found no one there. This man worked for ARREST BURKHART on farm, also worked for HALEs hauling cotton seed cake etc for HALE on many occasions to feed cattle. This man is doubtful and should be watched, and kept under observation when HALE and BURKHARTS are brought up for trial.

MAGGIE CLARK MCCLURE, Indian woman now living with MOY BUNCH and his wife, formerly the wife of HENRY ADAM, deceased. She is working as a servant and reported in previous reports that she saw BRYAN BURKHART and ANNA BROWN leave ANNA BROWN's home on the night of the murder and reported by J. M. CROSSLAND to know some facts concerning the murder of ANNA BROWN. She is a woman who is now drinking lots of liquor and is absolutely afraid of the HALE and BURKHART faction. MR. CROSSLAND states positively that this woman knows a good deal concerning the murder of ANNA BROWN. Investigation will be made and the party interviewed at the proper time.

ED HAINLEY, Malston, Okla. He is a white man and reported previously as E. D. HAINLEY, who is said to have seen ANNA BROWN and BRYAN BURKHART in Malston on the night of the murder. He is a strong HALE and BURKHART man, and will assist them in their trouble and is a very close friend to HALE as well as BRYAN and ARREST BURKHART.

Mrs. ANNA SIBBELY, Fairfax, Okla. She is a white woman and reported by confidential informants to be all right. She is a married woman and lived near ANNA BROWN and is reported to have cooked the last meal in the evening before ANNA BROWN was murdered.

MELVIN CASE, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man, squaw man and in the cow business. He is friendly to the Government and lived adjoining neighbor to ANNA BROWN and the house that ANNA BROWN owned is now owned by BILL HALE and he and his family are living there at the present time. MR. CASE will be very useful and will help the Government in case the prosecution is brought against the BURKHARTS and HALE. This man has not yet been interviewed by an agent of this Bureau as to any positive facts, but it is believed by this agent that when the proper time comes, MR. CASE can give some very material evidence. He is a little skittish, in fact his Indian wife was almost a nervous wreck after the reign of terror and CASE had to take her away from Fairfax for while after the Indian murders.

MR. TURKIN, Arkansas City, Kans. He is with the Kirkpatrick Furniture Company, but formerly of Fairfax, Okla. He was an undertaker at Fairfax at the time of the Indian murders and handled and prepared the body of ANNA BROWN, as well as the different ones, and while there worked as undertaker for the Big Hill Trading Company, which is controlled by HALE, SCOTT MATHIS and HOMER HUFFAKER. SCOTT MATHIS fired TURKIN from the Big Hill Trading Company. MR. TURKIN is absolutely all right and bitterly hates the HALE gang and will testify in behalf of the

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Government if this case is brought up for prosecution.

CONCERNING THE MURDER OF HENRY ROAN.

JOHN EMBRY, Oklahoma City, Okla. He is a white man and represents an Insurance Company in the BILL HALE suit against the Insurance Company to receive insurance on HENRY ROAN. This Agent was asked by the Bureau to get MR. EMBRY'S first name, which is JOHN.

MARIE FLETCHER, Pawhuska, Okla. She is an Osage Indian woman and is said to know some facts concerning the ROAN murder. She is a woman of very little sense and can not be depended on.

E. M. PIKE, formerly Kansas City, Mo., now Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and a former private detective and said to be in the employ of the Interior Department working under J. GEORGE WRIGHT, Indian Agent, located at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. It is reported by confidential informants that PIKE knows considerable about the HENRY ROAN murder as well as the ANNA BROWN murder. This Agent has met PIKE but at this time cannot state positively how PIKE is getting along, but apparently he is doing the best he can. He has been sick lately and reports that it is just a waiting game with him. It is reported by confidential informants to this Agent that PIKE tells some of the residents of Fairfax that nothing more can be done with reference to the investigation of the Indian murders of Osage County, and that the case is at its end, and at others he states that the parties, HALE and the BURKHALTS, will be brought to justice and will be prosecuted in a short time. MR. PIKE is living with his wife and child at the FRANCIS Hotel and from his talks to this Agent and his connection with the Interior Department under J. GEORGE WRIGHT we will have to trust him in these investigations, that is he is there for a certain purpose hoping that HALE, so he states, may offer him a bribe and if he is offered a bribe he will immediately advise the Bureau and bring in other witnesses to co-operate the bribery of HALE, if such a thing happens.

ARCE BARGER, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and his occupation is Manager of BAN Pool Hall. From confidential sources the following information was obtained: ROY BURCH came to BARGER and showed him a pistol and wanted him, BARGER, to keep it for him, saying "Just like for you to keep this pistol, I am afraid that I will get into trouble about it if I keep it myself." This occurrence was a short time before HENRY ROAN, Osage Indian's body was found. Confidential informants further state that there was only two pistols like the one in Osage County that ROY BURCH wanted BARGER to keep for him. This statement was made by BARGER to JOHN LYNN, son of WARD LYNN. JOHN LYNN is now in Kansas attending school studying law. His father and mother reside at Fairfax and are good people. ARCE BARGER is considered a good white man.

This Agent was introduced to BILL HALE about Aug. 16th at the Smith-Williams Hotel in Fairfax, Oklahoma, HALE'S T.O.N. Since that time from time to time this Agent has met BILL HALE and HALE has been very talkative with reference to his cattle deals and his boyhood days, how he ran away from home and became a cowboy. He has a very high opinion of himself and is money mad, as well as a good deal.

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He has stated to Agent at different times that he is suffering with stomach trouble, and lately has also stated to this agent that he has been unable to get any sleep or rest for nearly a month. He is very nervous and has further stated to this Agent that he has sold out all of his cattle interests, which has been verified, and has only about 250 head of cattle on hand, as well as about 75 tons of cotton seed cake. He does not know just what he is going to do, but he thinks he needs a long vacation. He has been very friendly to this Agent, in fact has introduced me to quite a number of the citizens of Fairfax, Oklahoma, and from further investigation he is now making all the propoganda he can to favor himself by giving presents, suits of clothes, as well as going on notes for different people of Fairfax, and giving ponies away to young boys and being kind to those who are afflicted, as well as to old people. Of late he has not been coming down town at night and through his tailor he has ordered a suit of clothes as well as an overcoat, and states to his tailor that he is going to make a trip to Florida. His daughter, a young girl about eighteen years old, has stated to the wife of a confidential informant, that they have everything packed and are ready to go at a moment's notice, and that there is another woman trying to get her papa and she and her mother are very much worried about this. It is not probable that BILL HALE will flee to another country, but this agent is not able at this time to state the exact plans of BILL HALE. He has stated on one occasion, in the presence of this Agent, to others, that he is too slick and keen to catch cold, and was tired of two bit crooks riding the public on his reputation. This was in a conversation with reference to the cow theft of WILLARD OLLER, son of HALE's partner, L. L. OLLER, and WILLARD'S associates mentioned he etofore. HALE is very bitter in his denunciation of the K. K. K. and curses them openly on the streets of Fairfax, but his close bosom friend, PITTS BEATY is a high member of the K. K. K. located at Fairfax and is continually giving him information as well as assisting him, HALE, in all of his crooked deals.

PITTS BEATY is a man about fifty years old and has had considerable experience in the cow man game. He is an arch trickster and will resort to most anything to help out HALE and his gang in case they are brought to justice. MRS PITTS BEATY, the wife of subject, BEATY, is a very nervous and weak woman and is almost on the verge of hysterics for fear that her husband will be brought into some trouble by HALE and his gang.

MRS HALE, wife of BILL HALE, is almost a nervous wreck and it is probable that HALE will take her to Florida or some other resort to let her recuperate. HALE controls the majority of the citizens of Fairfax by his methods, and is closely allied with the big interests of Osage County, and will resort to most any trickery to gain his point or his freedom if brought to justice. At this time HALE has made about \$75,000 in cow business as well as other matters in this year, 1925. HALE is a 32nd degree Mason and has assisted several of his friends in getting into the Masons, as well as putting them through to higher degrees. HALE at this time knows that this agent is in the employ of the Government and is connected with the Bureau of Investigation. Agent will continue to do the best that he can on this investigation reporting facts obtained during his stay in Osage County.

ERNEST BURKHART, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is married to an Indian squaw named Mollie, who is a sister of ANNA BROWN, murdered Indian. His occupation is that of a poker player and he handles liquor. He is a nephew of BILL HALE and in all probability will be one of the defendants in the Indian murder case.

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ERNEST'S home is in Fairfax and of late he does not come out much at night. He occasionally visits what is called the Hall Chief Pool Hall. He is a very nervous man and from appearances and inquiries that he has been making among the different ones of Fairfax, he expects something to happen regarding his activities in the Indian murders. No doubt when this man is apprehended he can be easily broken down by the Agents of the Bureau and made to tell the truth concerning his connection with the Indian murders. This is also the opinion of confidential informants working in connection with this agent at Fairfax and vicinity.

BRYAN BURKHART, Fairfax, Okla. He is a white man and is married to an Indian squaw, her name being ROSE LEBLEY BURKHART. BRYAN BURKHART in all probability will be one of the defendants in the Indian murder cases. He is a nephew of BILL HALE and a brother of ERNEST BURKHART. He is some younger than ERNEST, his brother, and from actions and his inquiries among his friends with reference to investigation being made at this time by the Agents of the Bureau, he is not so much worried as his brother, ERNEST, and is a different type of man from his brother. He is more reserved, sneaking and will keep things to himself and it will be hard for him to be made to tell the truth in his connection with his Uncle, BILL HALE, and his Brother, ERNEST BURKHART, in their complicity in the Indian murders committed in the past in Osage County, Oklahoma.

HORACE BURKHART is a brother to ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART, and also a nephew of BILL HALE. He is a different type of man in comparison to all the other three, his Uncle, BILL HALE, and his two brothers, ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART. At the present time he is living ten or twelve miles northeast of Fairfax, Okla., and is in partnership with his Uncle, BILL HALE. They own some steers together. This party very seldom comes to town and does not seem to associate with his brothers at Fairfax when he does visit this city, and in no way does he take any part in the poker games and the bootlegging operations of his two brothers, ERNEST and BRYAN BURKHART. He, however, will do just what his Uncle, BILL HALE, tells him to do in the event that his brothers and his Uncle are brought up for prosecution in connection with the Indian murders.

BILL HALE recently has had a talk with LEAHY, McDONALD and FLES, attorneys, located at Lawhuska, Oklahoma, with reference to the probability of his being prosecuted in the Federal Court about the Indian murder cases, and in all probability has given this firm an attorney fee, and it is said by confidential informants that they will represent HALE and his faction in case they are brought into Federal Court. Further HALE has also employed GAMBEL, SCOTT and HAMILTON at Lawhuska to defend him in case he is prosecuted for the Indian murders of Osage County, Oklahoma. This information is considered correct as it was secured from clients of the above mentioned law firms, the clients being very friendly to the Government.

An alphabetical list has been prepared by this agent of the residences and citizens of Fairfax, Oklahoma, and vicinity using the telephone directory and opposite each name is given their occupation, their nationality, as well as their reputation, also their friendship for HALE and connection with HALE and his gang of murderers. This data is in the files of the Bureau office of this District, being so much it is not included in this report, however, it can be made into another report if the Bureau so desires such a report.

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It seems to be the universal opinion of the people living in Fairfax and vicinity that in the event the United States Government is not successful in prosecuting BILL HALE and his allies for the various murders of Osage Indians, that they will move from that section of the country in order to protect themselves and families, as they feel that it will only be a period of time until they themselves will be subject to attack of BILL HALE and his allies for any activities they may have taken in assisting the Government to solve these Osage Indian murders. It is a positive fact that when the Government takes into custody BILL HALE and his allies, that these people, who now fear for their lives, will come forward and tell all they may know relative to these murders and the reign of terror conducted by HALE and his faction in the vicinity of Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This Agent is not now working under cover as he has previously been, as it is not considered necessary at this time, because Agent has made known his connection with the Government.

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November 16, 1925.

Mr. T. B. White,
P. O. Box 125,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your request of some weeks past for certain information in the National Bank of Commerce, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in connection with the Osage Indian Reservation murder case, I enclose herewith for your confidential information a copy of a letter addressed the Comptroller of the Currency by the National Bank Examiner of that District, under date of November 1, 1925.

Very truly yours,

FOR DIRECTOR'S FILE

Director

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October 16, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GRIVES

Will you please prepare a summary memorandum on the Osage Indian case covering developments subsequent to your memorandum of March 12, 1925?

Very truly yours,

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October 16, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GRIMES

Will you please prepare a summary memorandum on the Osage Indian case covering developments subsequent to your memorandum of March 12, 1925?

Very truly yours,

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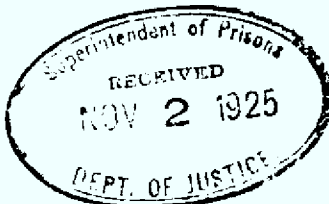
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REPORT MADE AT: <u>San Fran 306, 041</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>Nov. 19</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>Nov. 18/25</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>G. B. Seasley - E.C.</u>
TITLE: <u>BRYAN BURKHART et al</u>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>Murder of Anna Brown and others - Stage Indians</u>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
 Following a prior report by this office, it is learned upon good authority that subject was at or near North Fork, Calif., of comparatively recent date. To be followed up toward ascertaining exact location of subject.

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DETAILS:
 Reference made to Agent Dadds' report, San Francisco office, dated Nov. 6th, and to the following telegram:
 Oklahoma City, Okla.
 "E. R. BOHNER DEPT JUSTICE
 POSTOFFICE BLDG SAN FRANCISCO CALIF
 REFERRING TO INVESTIGATION BRYAN BURKHART MADE BY YOUR AGENT DADDS RESPONSE BY LETTER OCTOBER TWENTY THIRD DID YOU AGENT SEEK INFORMATION BARBYS STORE IF NOT SUGGEST YOU COMMUNICATE POST MASTER OROVILLE AND HAVE HIM TRY OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM SOURCE INFORMATION OBTAINED HERE THAT EWERS THERE CONSIDERED RELIABLE IS REPORT WITNESS THIS CASE THEREFORE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE
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As Agent Dadds' report was somewhat vague and apparently left room for further search in the Fresno section, Agent personally interviewed the Postmaster at Oroville, Calif.

He stated that the day following receipt of request from this office for information, he had occasion to inquire of the Dyer family as to whether or not a certain letter was meant for one of their family. He then made inquiry of the mother of C. E. Dyer, an elderly woman living with her son. She told the postmaster that Dyer was formerly at the home of his brother, C. E. Ewer, near Oroville, had been gone for some time, but had visited his brother for a short time the past

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13 postmaster at Oroville will advise this office of any mail addressed to
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Okla.

REPORT MADE AT: Guthrie, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11/20/25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/19 to 11/20	REPORT MADE BY: F. S. SMITH.
TITLE: W. E. "BILL" SMITH, ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: MURDER OF OSAGE INDIANS, ANNIE BROWN, ET AL.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED]

Re Henry Roan murder: Statement by R. R. SMITH setting out his meeting HENRY ROAN, ROY BUNCH and BILL TAYLOR on the road near HENRY CORNELLIS ranch three days prior to the finding of HENRY ROAN's body. Statement by R. R. COOK concerning HENRY ROAN looking for ROY BUNCH in COOK'S pool hall and BUNCH'S conversation with COOK after HENRY ROAN left the pool hall. Re W. E. "BILL" SMITH murder: Information from ROY COOK that his father has information of material value regarding Osage murders. A. M. BLOYD a material witness in the W. E. "BILL" SMITH case present location unknown. Leads now being followed up to ascertain his present whereabouts. CONTINUED.

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REFERENCE:

Is made to report of Agent Smith captioned as above dated Sept. 28th, 1925, covering results of investigation by confidential informant, [REDACTED] with special reference to the last paragraph of page 4.

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CONCERNING THE MURDER OF HENRY ROAN.

DETAILS:

STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM R. R. SMITH:

Nov. 18, 1925.
Statement made by R. R. SMITH to F. S. SMITH, Special Agent, Department of Justice.

My name is R. R. SMITH. I am a farmer and reside seven

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miles west of Fairfax.

I knew HENRY ROAN and his wife, MARY ROAN, for more than a year before HENRY ROAN was killed. I had heard that ROY BUNCH was [redacted]

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[redacted] There was common talk that there was going to be trouble between BUNCH and HENRY ROAN. About three weeks before ROAN was found dead, I was at HENRY CORNETT'S Ranch and ROY BUNCH, BILL TAYLOR and MARY ROAN drove up in a car. HENRY CORNETT made the remark to ROY BUNCH that if he did not look out that HENRY ROAN would catch him with his, ROAN'S, old lady and kill him or something like that, and BUNCH remarked that he would beat ROAN to it. Then TAYLOR said leave him to me, meaning ROAN, and I will cold cock him. There was several other remarks made. Three days before HENRY ROAN'S body was found I was going from my home to Burbank, when I got within a short distance from where the road coming from HENRY CORNETT'S ranch run into the Fairfax road, I saw ROY BUNCH and BILL TAYLOR coming from toward CORNETT'S ranch in a Buick car. As I went through the gate BUNCH motioned to me to leave the gate open, which I did. I drove on and turned in to the Burbank road and BUNCH and TAYLOR turned into the Fairfax road going toward Fairfax. Just after I turned into the Burbank road I met HENRY ROAN coming from toward Burbank in a Buick car. When he passed me I saw he was drinking or under the influence of whiskey. He passed me and went toward Fairfax. From where I met BUNCH and TAYLOR on the CORNETT road, they would have just about had time to meet HENRY ROAN when he got to where they struck the main Fairfax road. After I passed ROAN I paid no more attention to either of them. After I heard of ROAN being found dead, the first think I thought of was that BUNCH and TAYLOR had met him and killed him.

(Signed) R. R. Smith

STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM ROY JOOK:

Pawnee, Okla. Nov. 19, 1935.

At the time HENRY ROAN was killed and prior thereto, I was operating a pool hall at Fairfax, Oklahoma. It was public talk prior to ROAN'S death that ROY BUNCH was laying up with ROAN'S wife, and that there was likely to be a killing between BUNCH and ROAN.

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Sometime before ROAN was killed, ROY BUNCH entered my pool hall hurriedly and went into the rear of the building and hid behind a partition. In a few seconds HENRY ROAN entered my place and from his expression he was made and looking for somebody. He went towards the rear of my place with his hand in his coat pocket. He did not go far enough back to see BUNCH behind the partition. ROAN then walked out of my place and after he had gone, BUNCH came from behind the partition and asked me which way ROAN went. I told him down the street. BUNCH said ROAN was looking for him and intended to kill him and that he would have hard luck. BUNCH then left. BUNCH left the impression with me from his remarks that if ROAN had come back behind the partition where he was, that he would have been killed. I have seen BUNCH with a small caliber automatic pistol two occasions.

(Signed) ROY COOK.

ROY COOK BEING THE MURDERER OF W. E. "BILL" SMITH.

At the time of the murder of HENRY ROAN, W. E. "BILL" SMITH and others, the father of ROY COOK was Sheriff of Osage County. ROY COOK stated to Agent that his father was very much interested in bringing to justice the murderers of ROAN, SMITH et al, and unquestionably is in possession of material information of interest to the Government.

Informant [redacted] advised Agent that W. K. BLOYD mentioned in confession of BUNCH LAMBSON set out in this Agent's report dated Oct. 27th, 1933, shortly after murder of W. E. "BILL" SMITH, stated to him that he, BLOYD, was in possession of material information concerning the murder of SMITH and had given such information to one SAM TUCK, who was at that time in the employ of the Interior Department in the Indian Service, and at present City Chief of Police at Ponca City. That SAM TUCK took the information that he, BLOYD, gave him and immediately divulged it to W. K. "BILL" HILL, the apparent master conspirator in the Osage murder cases, and that BLOYD stated that he saw no use in attempting to further assist in the developments of these cases, due to the fact that his efforts were being blocked.

Investigation develops that BLOYD was involved in transportation of stolen automobiles from Oklahoma to Joplin, Missouri, where he was charged by the Government for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act sometime in 1933. That SAM TUCK went to Joplin, Missouri and obtained the release of BLOYD and later gave him employment on the police force at Ponca City, as a police officer, where he, BLOYD, remained until sometime in June, 1934, at which time

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he disappeared.

Leads are now being followed at Joplin, Mo., by the Kansas City office at the request of the Oklahoma City office in the interest of locating [REDACTED].

Deputy Sheriff COOK will be interviewed at New Orleans at the earliest practical time.

LOCATION OF INTEREST:

ROY COOK, Deputy Sheriff.
Pawnee, Oklahoma.

R. R. SMITH, farmer.
Lives seven miles west of Fairfax, Okla.

MR. COOK, ex-sheriff Osage County.
Race Track, New Orleans, La.

ROY BUNCH,
Fairfax, Okla.

BILL RAYLOR,
Fairfax, Okla.

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

November 13, 1925.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROYER.

The following is a record, in so far as I have been able to obtain from the files, of the cost of the George Harber case, chargeable to the Interior Department.

July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924,	\$8,410.00
July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925	4,662.77
July 1, 1925 to October 31, 1925	<u>7,761.17</u>
Total	\$18,833.93

We have no records that I have been able to find prior to the above dates.

Respectfully,

H.B.

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November 27, 1925.

Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General Luhring.

Sometime ago you requested certain figures as to the cost of the investigation into the Osage Murder cases. I am transmitting herewith record of said costs as obtained from the files of the Bureau from July 1, 1923 to October 31, 1925, showing a total expenditure of \$18,897.93.

Respectfully,

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Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-30-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-20-24-25	REPORT BY: ANTHONY ZOPOLESKI
TITLE: ARGLE M. BLOYED		CHARACTER OF CASE: INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF.	

K.C. 62-71-9

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Record of subject on file K.C.Mo. office covering Auto theft violation, later closed when Federal Grand Jury Joplin, Mo., at June 1925 term returned no indictment against subject.

Subject located at 729 Connor Ave, Joplin, Mo. R.U.C.

Reference is made to the telegram from the Okla City office, dated 11-20-25, which is quoted below.

DETAILS.

The following telegram was received from the Oklahoma City office under date 11-20-25:

"WIRE QUICK IF YOU HAVE ANY RECORDS A M BLOYED AND IF YOU HAVE RECORD INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO HIS PRESENT LOCATION."

and in answer thereto the following wire was sent to the Oklahoma City office:

"RE A M BLOYED ALIAS A M BLAYELL STOP KANSAS CITY FILE SHOWS SUBJECT WITH HIS WIFE ARRESTED JOPLIN MISSOURI ABOUT AUGUST TWENTYEIGHTH NINETEEN TWENTYTHREE IN POSSESSION TWO FORD TOURING CARS BOTH MOTOR NUMBERS CHANGED ONE CAR IDENTIFIED AS PROPERTY JOHN HENDERSON PAWNSKA CASE AGAINST SUBJECT HERE CONTINUED FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL JUNE NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE WHEN NO TRUE BILL RETURNED BLOYED FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF OSAGE COUNTY OKLAHOMA AND LATTER PART OF NINETEEN TWENTYTHREE ON POLICE FORCE AT PONCA CITY SAM W TULK CHIEF POLICE PONCA CITY APPARENTLY BLOYED'S CLOSE FRIEND BLOYED PROBABLY HAS BROTHER JOPLIN MO SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGERPRINTS ON HAND"

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-254x 26-3766-7	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 1 1925
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JOPLIN POLICE."

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

Agent interviewed Chief of Detectives, J.F. LASTER, and learned from him that subject is well known to the police here and that he had been arrested 11-7-25, by Chief LASTER for passing a bad check in 1919, however, subject made a settlement in this matter immediately following his arrest and was then released;

That at the present time subject resides with his wife VIDA BLOYED, at 729 Connor Ave, Joplin, Mo., he has two automobile trucks (Maxwell and a 1 Ton Ford Truck) which he uses inhauling coal and wood out of Columbus, Kansas. Subject formerly resided at Bellville, Mo. for about 1 year and moved to the Connor Ave. Place during the latter part of August 1925. It is said that subject's parents operate a farm at Cottonwood Springs, Mo.

The following wire was then dispatched to the Oklahoma City office:

"RE A M BLOYED LOCATED 729 CONNOR AVENUE JOPLIN MISSOURI.
WIRE INSTRUCTIONS, IF ANY."

and in answer thereto Agent received the following telegram from the Oklahoma City office:

"IF YOU HAVE LOCATED AMOS M BLOYED AT SEVEN TWENTYNINE CONNOR AVENUE ADVISE IF INFORMATION THERE INDICATES ANY PREGNANCY IN THIS ADDRESS BE SURE AND MAKE GUARDED INQUIRIES AS I DONT WANT THIS MAN TO KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIM UNTIL I CAN GET AN AGENT FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE IN INTERVIEW HIM."

In answer to the above mentioned wire Agent procured photograph of subject and sent same to the Oklahoma City office, attached to Special Delivery letter dated 11-21-25 out lining details of case.

Agent SMITH later was met at Joplin, Mo., and informed this Agent that ARGLE M. BLOYED subject of this report is a person in whom he is interested and further is the man mentioned in the original wire.

For the information of the OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE a copy of Agent PAXSON'S report, dated K.C. Mo. 9-19-25, K.C. File 2-110, entitled: A.M. BLOYED VIOLATION NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. is hereto attached to copies of this report to Okla. City. Further in connection with the above mentioned report, this case was presented to the Federal Grand Jury, Joplin, Mo., during the June 1925 term and a NO TRUE BILL was returned, where upon said case was closed.

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NO FURTHER ACTION HERE.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Okla. (O.C. - 1070-5)

REPORT MADE AT: <u>San Francisco, Cal</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>Dec. 2</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>Dec. 2/25</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>W. J. Forland - D.C.</u>
TITLE: <u>BRYAN WRIGHT et al</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>Murder of Anna Brown and others - Osage Indians.</u>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Agent ascertained that Wid Ewers had been employed with Sugar Pine Lumber Co., Central Camp, North Fork, Calif; that he resigned and left North Fork on Oct. 30, 1925; left no forwarding address.

R. U. C.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to all previous reports on this subject, particularly to telegrams from Agent in Charge White noted as follows:
Oklahoma City Okla Dec 1 1925.

"E. R. BOWSER DEPT OF JUSTICE SAN FRANCISCO

THIS INFORMATION HAVE YOU OBTAINED WHEREABOUTS WID EWERS IS
IMPERATIVE THAT YOU NOT LET THIS MAN GO UNLESS YOU ARE SEEKING INFOR
MATION HIS WHEREABOUTS BUT OBTAIN SAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
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Agent proceeded to Fresno, Calif., and called on F. W. Kelly, Private Detective Agency, who handles most of the work for the Lumber companies and also handles the I. W. W. situation. Mr. Kelly immediately got in touch with the labor agencies for the lumber companies, and ascertained that subject had been employed by the Sugar Pine Lumber Co., Central Camp, North Fork, California, but had resigned on Oct. 30, 1925, and had left for parts unknown; that he left no forwarding address at lumber camp or at the postoffice at North Fork.

Agent proceeded to the Postoffice at Fresno and requested postmaster to phone the postmaster at North Fork, some fifty miles distant, and verify the statement of the Lumber Company at North Fork. Postmaster at Fresno was informed by the postmaster at North Fork that subject left no forwarding address; that he had also checked the mail office at the lumber camp and was informed by that office that subject left.

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BRYAN SWIFT

no forwarding address.

Agent is of the opinion that Ewers might possibly have been tipped off that the Government was looking for him. Agent was referred to Mr. F. W. Kelly, Fresno, by Acting Agent in Charge Montgomery.

There being no further leads in this district, this matter is

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Okla. City, Okla.
Dec. 7, 1925.

Director

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Please authorize employment [redacted] as informant Osage murder case for another 30 days as per plan with you while in Washington. Am in middle of arrangements to get another confession this case at present time in which [redacted] giving material aid.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

December 5, 1925.

Director,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Am advised by San Francisco Office they have located WID EWERS,
Kingsburg, California. Our information is this party secured
explosives that blew up Bill Smith's place Fairfax in 1923.
Believe it necessary to send one of the Agents here familiar
with this case to Kingsburg to interview him and an instructing
Agent John R. Burger proceed there. Is this satisfactory?

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

December 5, 1925.

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

ATTENTION #4

Dear Sir:

In Re: Argle M. Bloyed-- Investigation
to Ascertain Location of.

In reference to the above matter, upon which Agent Anthony Topoleski, of the Kansas City office, under date of November 30th, 1925, submitted a report and entitled it identically as above, as well as Agent Paxson, under date of September 19th, 1925, will state this is an erroneous title, and should be William E. (Bill) Smith, et al. Osage Indian Murders.

At the time that this investigation was made, Agent called Special Agent W. A. Kitchen, Acting Agent in Charge of the Kansas City office, over long distance telephone and advised him of the title of the investigation with reference to locating Bloyed. It is presumed in passing report on that this matter was overlooked.

Therefore, I am passing this information to you, in order that the records may be accordingly corrected and these papers put in the proper file.

Respectfully,

TBV:B.
(c.c. Ks.City.)

J. B. Quinn
Special Agent in Charge.

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

December 9, 1925.

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

ATTENTION #2.

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W. T. ...	

Dear Sir:

In re: Osage Indian Murder Cases.

In the above connection, I am herewith enclosing additional information prepared for the abstracts in the above cases. This information has been secured since I mailed these abstracts to you and has reference to the W. E. (Bill) Smith case, as well as the Henry Roan and Anna Brown cases. I have had memorandums attached to each of these sheets showing just how to file them in the one that you have.

I am having the agents working on this case prepare additional detailed reports on what they have accomplished since the last report rendered to you in this connection. I have delayed somewhat in furnishing you with these detailed, investigative reports on account of expecting every day to secure another confession in the case of Henry Roan, in order that I could submit a report including the confession and any additional information secured; thereby, making a more intelligent recital of the developments in the case. But, inasmuch as it appears now that it will be two or three more days before I get the expected confession, I am, as I have stated, preparing reports setting forth information thus far obtained in these cases.

I might say that arrangements have been made whereby a Grand Jury will be called to hear these cases January 4th and all arrangements are being made accordingly to have the cases in such shape that they can be presented expeditiously and intelligently at that time.

Respectfully,

W. T. ...
Special Agent in Charge.

TBW:B.

(Clas) Clingan
Fairfax, Okla.
previously re-
ported as LEE
CLANHAM.

On Sept. 25, 1936, this witness stated to Agent J. W. Burger that about one month before Bill Smith's house was blown up at Fairfax, Okla., John Gregg, father of Dick Gregg, met Dick Gregg and him (Clingan) at Bob Dawson's Garage, Bartlesville, Okla., and said that Fred Rowe wanted to see Dick and him (Clingan) and to meet him and Bill Hale in Hale's pasture on the following morning; that John Gregg, Dick Gregg and him (Clingan) left Bartlesville in a car and went to Bill Hale's pasture East of Fairfax, where they met Bill Hale, (Clingan did not mention whether or not Rowe was with Hale when they met Hale); that Hale told them that he wanted Bill Smith and wife killed; that Smith and his wife were alone, and that if we would kill them, he, Hale, would pay us \$5000; that he, Hale, had given Rowe \$5000 to pay off when Smith and wife were killed. Clingan also said that Hale told them to go look Smith's home over and when they got ready to blow Smith up, to let him know the day before so he, Hale, could be away; that Hale would go to Ponca City or Wichita or some other place where he could register at some prominent hotel for an alibi; that Hale then pointed out Bill Smith's home to them and told them to do a good job and put them out of the way; that Dick Gregg and he, Clingan, called at Bill Smith's home and visited with Smith and wife, and found several other people there, and after seeing the children there, left and

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CLINGAN refused to do the job as they did not want to kill several innocent women and children. Clingan stated that Hale told him and Dick Gregg to shoot them or kill them in any way they wanted to just so they got them out of the way, (meaning Bill Smith and wife).

The above statement corroborates statement made by Dick Gregg.

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This witness was a telephone operator at Page 844, Ralston, Okla., at the time J. E. "Bill" 3rd par, Smith's house was blown up. This man is said to have stated that just after the explosion of the Smith home, a man who said his name was Kelsie Morrison put in a long distance call for BILL HALE and talked with Hale and told Hale that everything was all right and for him to come in.

Subpoena and question fully before using before Grand Jury.

This witness will be located and interviewed.

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