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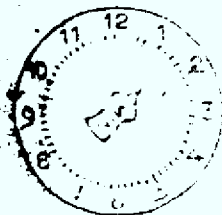
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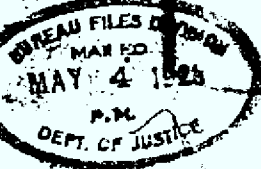
Dear Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your telegram
of May 1st., transmitting the request of the
United States Attorney at Oklahoma City that Agent Smith
be assigned to the William K. Hale case.

In reply thereto I beg to state that it will
be impossible to comply with this request at this
time inasmuch as Agent Smith is not available.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-11-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/2-3/28	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. James
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TITLE: JOE BOZARTH	CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY, committed in trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-17-15)

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject Bozarth is charged with perjury committed in trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, murder of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian, at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Subject gave testimony corroborating Amos Tucker which conflicted with the true facts developed during the said trial.

Names of Government witnesses and their statements contradicting evidence given in said trial by Subject Bozarth:-

Testimony of Roy Bunch,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.
(Summary)

That all testimony given by Subject Bozarth at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was false in its entirety. That Subject Bozarth is corroborating Amos Tucker and that Amos Tucker approached him, Bunch, just prior to going on the witness stand at Guthrie to testify and told him that he was going to perjure himself for Hale and would do the same for him, Bunch, under like circumstances, and requested him not to get mad at him, Tucker. Bunch states that he was not at Cornett's for more than a year previous to the murder of Henry Roan.

DETAILS:

Testimony of Mary Bunch,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.
(Summary)

Mary Roan Bunch will testify that she had not been to Cornett's ranch for more than a year previous to the death of Henry Roan, and was not out with Bunch and Taylor as testified to by Tucker, and that she had no car at that time.

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That testimony given by Tucker was false with respect to his being with Bunch and Mary Roar, Bunch in a car.

No criminal record of Subject is shown in the file of this case.

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TITLE: C. C. RADDABAUGH	CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY, committed in connection with trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-16-16)

SUMMARY REPORT

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Subject C. C. Raddabaugh is charged with perjury committed in connection with trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan. Subject testified at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in said trials as a defense witness and in the interest of substantiating an attempted alibi by John Ramsey, placing the said Ramsey at Ripley, Oklahoma, from January 9th or 10th to January 28th, 1923, which was contrary to the facts developed and conclusively proven to be false.

Names of Government witnesses and their statements refuting evidence given by Subject Raddabaugh are as follows:-

James Ballew,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness places John Ramsey on the Ballew Ranch covering a period from the latter part of December, 1922, until about January 20th, 1923, except a few days prior to January 7th, working for Ballew as a carpenter constructing a garage and doing repair work.

Mrs. James Ballew,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that of James Ballew.

John McGrory,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that of James Ballew and Mrs. James Ballew.

Frank Pratt,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that given by James Ballew, Mrs. James Ballew and John McGrory.

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0 Harry Corbett,
1 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness places John Ramsey at Fairfax, Oklahoma, on January 13th, 1923, at his home west of Fairfax on January 14th, 1923, and on evening of January 14th at the home of Mrs. Jennie Ward, west of Fairfax.

6 Bryan Corbett,
7 Springfield, Mo.
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This witness substantially corroborates that testimony given by Harry Corbett.

9 Mrs. Harry Corbett,
0 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness substantially corroborates that testimony given by Harry Corbett and Bryan Corbett.

3 Mrs. Jennie Ward,
4 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness places John Ramsey at her home near Fairfax on January 14, 26, and about the 28th, 1923, and on a date intervening between those dates.

8 Bob Parker,
9 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness is the Chief of Police at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and will testify to seeing John Ramsey drive into Fairfax in the early part of January, 1923, in a new Ford car, and suspecting that he was selling whiskey, with the assistance of his deputies, watched Ramsey's movements very closely, and recalls that he saw Ramsey in Fairfax during the following days of January as frequently as other citizens that resided there. Mr. Parker places John Ramsey definitely at Fairfax on January 14, 1923.

1 Jim Rhodes,
2 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness substantially corroborates the testimony of Bob Parker, except that he is unable to establish any definite date.

5 J. M. Crossland,
6 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness substantiates the testimony of Bob Parker and Jim Rhodes, and definitely places January 17 and 18, 1923 as dates he saw John Ramsey at Fairfax, Okla.

9 Fannie Lasley,
0 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness operates a hotel at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and recalls renting a room to John Ramsey, January 19th and 20th, 1923, and identified John Ramsey at Guthrie during his trial for the murder of Roan as being John Ramsey. Testimony of this witness corroborated by hotel register bearing signature of John Ramsey under date of January 19th to 21st, 1923.

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0 Hill Spurgeon,
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2 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness operated a gas station at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and will testify that John Ramsey drove in to his place in the early days of January, 1923, in a new Ford car, and in conversation this witness asked Ramsey where he got the new car and Ramsey's answer was that he managed for it. Following this occurrence Ramsey visited his place and made purchases of gas as regularly as any other patron residing in the vicinity.

1 David Hill,
2 Bartlesville, Oklahoma.
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This witness testified to seeing John Ramsey in a cafe in the latter part of January, 1923, at Fairfax, Oklahoma, but was unable to establish positive date.

7 R. C. Quigley,
8 Fairfax, Oklahoma.
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This witness placed John Ramsey in company with Henry Roan, in a cafe at Fairfax, Oklahoma, about a week or ten days before Roan was found murdered.

1 John Ramsey,
2 convicted murderer
3 of Henry Roan.
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This witness, at his trial in Guthrie, Oklahoma, placed himself at Ripley, Oklahoma, with his family, from about January 7, 1923, continuously until a date some time about January 23, 1923, at which time he visited Fairfax with his wife. This witness at his trial at Oklahoma City testified that he reached Ripley about January 15th, 1923.

No criminal record of Subject is shown in the file of this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-11-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-2-3/-28	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. James
TITLE: J. M. SPRINGER			CHARACTER OF CASE: Subornation of Perjury & Probable Consp. to Commit Perjury in connection with trials of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-20-15)

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject J. M. Springer is charged with subornation of perjury and probable conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, murder of Henry Roan. Subject, an attorney, represented John Ramsey at the trial of Hale and Ramsey at Guthrie, Oklahoma, which resulted in a hung jury, and at the trial at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which resulted in conviction. Subject Springer's manner and inducements to corrupt, entice and induce witnesses to swear falsely at the trials of Hale and Ramsey in the Federal Court at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are shown by testimony of Government witnesses.

Names of Government witnesses and their statements are as follows:-

George King -

Some time around after 3 PM I was standing just outside of the Court Room door in the Federal Building at Guthrie. The Court had just taken a recess. A man came out of the Court room whom I recognized as a lawyer in the Hale and Ramsey case. This man asked me if my name was King and when I told him it was, he introduced himself to me as Attorney Springer and told he was representing Mr. Ramsey. He took me to one side and asked me if I knew Fannie Lasley who had been on the witness stand testifying. I told him that I knew her. Mr. Springer asked me if I was a friend of Hale and Ramsey. I told him that I had only spoken to Mr. Ramsey once and that I knew his son Homer. Mr. Springer told me that a Mr. Murphy had taken Fannie Lasley down to identify John Ramsey and for me to go and tell Fannie Lasley not to identify John Ramsey and say that she did not know him, and for her to say that the dates on the hotel register had been changed. I walked away from Mr. Springer and did not tell him whether or not I would do this. When I got outside of the Federal Building I met Mr. Bob Par-

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er, and he asked me what Springer was saying to me, and I told him just what I told in this statement, and later I told John Lynn the same as I told Parker.

(Signed) George King

6 Sol M. Smith,
7 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Statement made by Sol M. Smith to Mr. John Leahy, in the presence of Frank S. Smith, on October 7th, 1926, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

By Mr. Leahy:

Q.State your name.

A.S. M. Smith.

Q.Where do you live?

A.Fairfax.

Q.You are acquainted with J.M. Springer, one of the attorneys for Ramsey and Hale?

A.Yes, sir.

Q.Were you in attendance in Guthrie in July and August of this year at the trial of Ramsey and Hale for the murder of Henry Roan?

A.I was there all the time.

Q.Were you subpoenaed there?

A.Yes, I was.

Q.On behalf of the government?

A.Yes, sir.

Q.During the time that you were there did Springer have a conversation with you in which he tried to get you to say that an automobile drove up to your house a short time before Henry Roan's body was found, and with Curley Johnson and Roy Beach in the car and had the body of Henry Roan in the car.

A.Yes, sir.

Q.Was that true or false, that they drove up there?

A.It is absolutely false - there was no car there at all.

Q.Did you ever hear of such a thing prior to the time of his suggesting it to you?

A.No, sir.

Q.State what he said with reference to trying to get you to testify to that?

A.He just asked me if I remembered it and he said "You know that car was up there", and I said, "I know there was not". He said "You know you saw that car", and I said "I did not see it at all". Well, we had quite a little argument about it.

Q.In that conversation, did he tell you that if you could remember that that there would be \$2,500.00 in it for you?

A.Something to that effect.

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Q. Did you, in that conversation, say to him that if there was Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, or any amount of money in it, that you could not remember it?

A. I told him there was not enough money in the world to make me remember that as it was not true and that I did not want him to tell me there was.

Q. Did he tell you, in that conversation, that Ross Begee and his wife would testify to that?

A. He did not.

Q. Several days after that time you met him on the streets in Guthrie?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he stop you?

A. He did.

Q. Did he have a gun?

A. Well, he had what I took to be a gun.

Q. What caused you to take it to be a gun?

A. Well, I had seen them before and he made a motion that made me to believe it was a gun.

Q. Did he have his hand in his right coat pocket?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he hold his hand in his pocket and hold it toward you?

A. In his side pocket.

Q. Did he stick it out toward you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. From the appearance of his pocket and his hand was it your judgment that he had a gun?

A. Absolutely.

Q. What did he say to you at that time?

A. Now listen, John McClain had went and had a conversation with him and told him about this and told him that I would go on the stand and swear to what he had told me down there. So when I met him he was telling me about what John had told him and he said, "God Damn you, if you tell that I will kill you", and that was when he stuck that gun toward me, or what I took to be a gun.

Q. And what did you say?

A. I told him he might just as well start marching as I would tell it if they asked me about it.

Q. In that conversation on the street, did he say to you anything about that he would have a gun with him in the Court Room in case you went on the witness stand and testified?

A. He just said that he would kill me and I took it at way.

Q. And since that time have you had a talk with him?

A. Yes, I talked to him a little.

Q. Where was that?

A. Tulsa.

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Q. Did he make an apology to you?

A. No, he didn't make an apology and he wouldn't stand long enough to say much. He said he would see me later. I have never seen him any more.

(Signed) S. M. Smith

Nov. 3, 26.

HARRY CORBETT,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

I was called as a witness and went to Guthrie in the Hale-Ramsey case, and after I testified I was told by Mr. Springer that I could go home that they would call me back if needed. I went to Fairfax and the 2nd day later Charlie Hale, Bill Hale's $\frac{1}{2}$ brother, come and told me they wanted me at Guthrie, that Mr. Springer wanted to see me. We went to Guthrie Hale's car. At Guthrie I met Mr. Springer after court and in front of Fed building and we walked down the street and stopped in a stairway. Mr. Springer then said to me, "That God dam Bill Taylor come down here and swore that John Ramsey was at your house on Jan 15 and we can't have it that way. We must change that evidence some way". I said "Well, Mr. Springer, that sure was the way it was", and Springer then repeated, "That we can't have it that way and we got to change it that is bad evidence". I again told him that was the truth and I would testify to the same thing. Springer got mad and wheeled around and started away. I then asked him if I could go home and he said No and left.

(Signed Harry Corbett.

RUSSELL BERE, Jr.,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Witness Beree stated to Mr. John Leahy, on October 7th, 1926, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that some time after the trial of W. E. Hale and John Ramsey at Guthrie, which resulted in a hung jury, he was approached by Subject Springer at Fairfax, Oklahoma, Springer endeavoring to have him remember that Roy Bunch and Carley Johnson drove up to Sol Smith's ranch house with the dead body of Henry Roan in a car and Sol Smith directed them to where the body was later found, Springer telling him that he, Beree, could remember these facts if he cared to and insisted that he remember them. This witness will again be interviewed and a written statement obtained from him.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-12-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/2-3/28	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. James
TITLE: HENRY CORNETT HOMER ROWE CARL ROWE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Probable Conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey for murder Henry Poin, Osage Indian.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			(O. C. #74-15-16)
SUMMARY REPORT			
<p>It is charged that Subjects Cornett, Homer Rowe and Carl Rowe conspired to commit perjury in connection with the trials of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, murderers of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian. Subject Cornett is an uncle of Subjects Homer and Carl Rowe. Subjects testified for the defense in the trials of this case at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At each of these trials Subject Cornett attempted to vindicate Defendants Hale and Ramsey and place the murder upon Curley Johnson, now deceased, and Roy Bunch, who married the widow of Henry Roan, the testimony of Subject Cornett being substantially corroborated by Subjects Homer and Carl Rowe, which was contradicted and clearly shown to be false by the developments of the trial.</p> <p>Names of witnesses and their statements contradicting evidence given by Subject Henry Cornett follows:-</p> <p>ED ROBERTSON, (Summary of information obtained by him) Witness Robertson was a special employee of the Government in the investigation of the Osage Murder cases and questioned Subject Cornett relative to his knowledge of the murders. Cornett stated that he lived near where the murders were committed and knew Hale and was familiar with the underworld of that section, but did not know anything about the Osage Murder cases but had an idea that Bill Hale was connected with all the murders. Stated that the pending state case against him, George Cornett, could be easily beaten if he was out of jail and in a position to prepare a defense; that he had a Federal case and in which he expected a mandate to be handed down in a few days, which would put him in the Federal Penitentiary; that if the Government would delay its case so that he could make defense in his pending state cases that he would gladly go among the underworld in the Osage country and endeavor to find leads that would assist the Government in the investigation, but that he knew nothing personally of the cases. Cornett was granted a stay of sixty days and he</p>			
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was into the Osage country to collect information. He kept in direct touch with witness Robertson and repeatedly reported to Mr. Robertson that he was unable to find any information that would any light on the guilty parties involved in any of these cases. The idea was suggested to Subject Cornett that Roy Bunch might be implicated in the Roan murder. Shortly thereafter Subject reported to witness Robertson that he had a witness, Ray Smith, who was in possession of circumstances that pointed to Roy Bunch and others as Roan's murderer. Ray Smith was located and interviewed by Frank S. Smith, Special Agent of the Department of Justice, in the presence of Robertson and Subject Cornett, and Ray Smith made the following statement:

My name is R.R. Smith. I am a farmer and reside seven 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 laying up with Mary Roan and I saw them together many times. 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 were 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 runs into the Fairfax road, I saw Roy Bunch and Bill Taylor coming from towards 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 towards Fairfax. Just after I turned into the Burbank road I met Henry Roan coming from towards 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 towards 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 thing I thought of was that Bunch and Taylor had met him and killed him.

(Signed) R. R. Smith "

Frank S. Smith,
Special Agent,
Department of Justice.

Will testify that based on information obtained from d Robertson, then special employee of the Government, that Subject Cornett lived in the Osage country during the period of the various murders and that Cornett expressed a desire to assist the Government and that owing to his acquaintance with the underworld in the Osage country and that if he could go into that country he could pick up some leads that would assist the Government. Based on this theory a stay of execution was had

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with the promise that Cornett would get and furnish to the Department of Justice such information that he could find. Repeatedly after this Cornett reported to Agent Smith that he was unable to obtain any information, but would continue to try.

Roy Bunch,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will testify that all the evidence given by Henry Cornett, Honie Rowe and Carl Rowe in the trial of Bill Hale and John Ramsey, at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was false in its entirety, and also the facts set out in the first statement of Ray Smith; that he was not at Henry Cornett's place with Bill Taylor and Mary Roan as testified to by these witnesses; that he was never at Henry Cornett's place in company with Bill Taylor; that he was not on good terms with Bill Taylor at that time, nor prior to that for a long period of time; that he owned no automobile at the time that these witnesses testified he was at Cornett's; that Mary Roan Bunch had no automobile at that time as it had been confiscated at that time under the law and later was sold.

Mary Roan Bunch,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness will corroborate in detail testimony given by Roy Bunch.

Bill Taylor,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will testify that he was never at Cornett's place but one time in his life and that was a year and a half, or approximately that period of time, prior to Roan's murder; that he was never at Cornett's place after that time with anyone; that the testimony of witnesses Henry Cornett, Honie Rowe and Carl Rowe is false in its entirety; that

he was not on speaking terms with Roy Bunch for six months prior to the finding of Roan's body and for a long period thereafter; that he was employed in Fairfax, Oklahoma, as a mechanic, working eight hours a day and did not lose any time prior to the time which these witnesses testified that he was at Cornett's ranch, nor thereafter, and the records of the firm for whom he was employed disclose that he was paid for eight hours service for each day from January 1st until March 1st, 1923, and was not absent from duty any time during this period of time.

T. B. White, formerly Special Agent,
Department of Justice, now Warden of
Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth,
Kansas.

Will testify substantially to the same facts as set out in testimony of Special Agent Frank S. Smith.

W. T. Carroll,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 2nd, 1926, W.T. Carroll appeared as a witness before the Federal Grand Jury, and made the following signed statement to Agent Frank S. Smith and Mr. John Leahy:

By Mr. Leahy:

Q. Your name is W. T. Carroll.

A. Yes, sir.

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Q. You reside at Fairfax?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You know Homie Rowe?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. About 3 years.

Q. Do you recall him being subpoenaed as a witness to attend the trial of John Ramsey and W. K. Hale at Guthrie a short time ago?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Before he went down to the trial did you have a conversation with him?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In that conversation did he state to you whether or not he knew anything with reference to the Hale and Ramsey case?

A. He said he did not know anything.

Q. Did you caution him against being influenced by anyone to testify about something he did not know anything about?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did you say in that regard?

A. We went out to the ranch and I told him I heard he had been subpoenaed as a witness and told him not to tell anything but the truth and not to let anyone influence him in telling anything but the truth.

Q. Was that in response that he said he did not know anything?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you talked with him since he was down there as a witness?

A. Yes, but not on these matters.

Q. He didn't state what he testified to?

A. No, sir.

(Signed) W. T. Carroll

John Carroll,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness will corroborate the testimony given
by W. T. Carroll, his brother.

Criminal record of Subject Henry Corbett is as follows:

Convicted for aiding and abetting in bank robberies; sentenced to 35 years in State Penitentiary by State Courts.
Convicted in Federal Court for violation of Prohibition Laws and sentenced to 18 months in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-12-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/2-3/28	REPORT MADE BY: H. E. James
TITLE: WALTER RAMSEY			CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY committed in connection with trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-18-14)

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject Walter Ramsey is charged with perjury committed in connection with the trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey for the murder of Henry Roan. Subject Ramsey is a brother of Defendant John Ramsey and testified at the trials at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In an attempt to establish an alibi for John Ramsey, his brother he stated that John Ramsey was at Ripley, Oklahoma, from January 9th or 10th to January 28th, 1923, which was contrary to the facts developed in the trials and was conclusively proven to be false.

Evidence produced by the Government refuting the statements made by Subject Ramsey follows:-

James Ballew,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness places John Ramsey on the Ballew ranch covering a period from the latter part of December, 1922, until about January 20, 1923, except a few days prior to January 7th, working for Ballew as a carpenter constructing a garage and doing repair work.

Mrs. James Ballew,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that of James Ballew.

John McGrory,
Alva, Oklahoma.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that of James Ballew and Mrs. James Ballew.

Frank Pratt,
Ponca City, Okla.

Testimony of this witness substantially corroborates that of James Ballew, Mrs. James Ballew and John McGrory.

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1 Harry Corbett,
2 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness places John Ramsey at Fairfax, Oklahoma, on January 13th, 1923, at his home west of Fairfax on January 14th, 1923, and on evening of January 14th at the home of Mrs. Jennie Ward, west of Fairfax.

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6 Bryan Corbett,
7 Springfield, Missouri.

This witness substantially corroborates that testimony given by Harry Corbett.

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9 Mrs. Harry Corbett,
0 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness substantially corroborates that testimony given by Harry Corbett and Bryan Corbett.

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2 Mrs. Jennie Ward,
3 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness places John Ramsey at her home near Fairfax on January 14, 26, and about the 28th, 1923, and on a date intervening between these dates.

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6 Bob Parker,
7 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness is the Chief of Police at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and will testify to seeing John Ramsey drive into Fairfax in the early part of January, 1923, in a new Ford car, and, suspecting that he was selling whiskey, with the assistance of his deputies, watched Ramsey's movements very closely, and recalls that he saw Ramsey in Fairfax during the following days of January as frequently as other citizens that resided there. Mr. Parker places John Ramsey definitely at Fairfax on January 14, 1923.

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0 Jim Rhodes,
1 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness substantially corroborates the testimony of Bob Parker, except that he is unable to establish any definite date.

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6 J. M. Crossland,
7 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness substantiates the testimony of Bob Parker and Jim Rhodes, and definitely places January 17 and 18, 1923, as dates he saw John Ramsey at Fairfax, Okla.

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2 Fannie Lasley,
3 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness operates a hotel at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and recalls renting a room to John Ramsey January 19th and 20th, 1923, and identified John Ramsey at Guthrie during his trial for the murder of Roan as the same John Ramsey. Testimony of this witness corroborated by hotel register bearing signature of John Ramsey under date of January 19th and 21st, 1923.

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2 Bill Spargin,
3 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness operated a gas station at Fairfax, Oklahoma, and will testify that John Ramsey drove to his place in the early days of January, 1923, in a new Ford car, and in conversation this witness asked Ramsey where he got the new car and Ramsey's answer was that he managed for it. Following this occurrence Ramsey visited

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his place and made purchases of gas as regularly as any other patron residing in the vicinity.

David Hill,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

This witness testified to seeing John Ramsey in a cafe in the latter part of January, 1923, at Fairfax, Oklahoma but was unable to establish positive date.

R. C. Quigley,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

This witness placed John Ramsey in company with Henry Roan in a cafe at Fairfax, Oklahoma, about a week or ten days before Roan was found murdered.

John Ramsey,
Convicted murderer of
Henry Roan.

This witness, at his trial in Guthrie, Oklahoma, placed himself at Ripley, Oklahoma, with his family, from about January 7, 1923, continuously until a date sometime about January 28, 1923, at which time he visited Fairfax with his wife. This witness at his trial at Oklahoma City testified that he reached Ripley about January 14th, 1923.

No criminal record of Subject is shown in the file of this case.

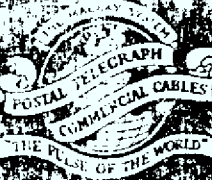
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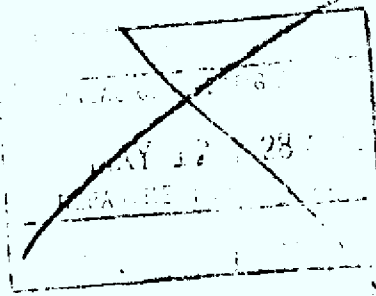
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May 16, 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUTTING.

With reference to the case entitled
W. H. HALE, JOHN HANSEN, et al, Murder of Osage
Indians, I am transmitting herewith for your
information, copies of the following reports:

Report of Agent H. E. Jones dated Oklahoma City,
May 11, 1948, re JOE BOWEN.

Report of Agent H. E. Jones, dated May 11, 1928,
re J. M. CORMACK.

Report of Agent W. E. Jones, dated May 11, 1925,
re J. C. HAMILTON.

Report of Agent H. E. Jones, dated May 12, 1928,
re ARTHUR GARDNER, HOMER BONE, CARL ROSE. —

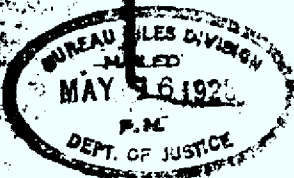
Report of Agent H. E. Jones, dated May 12, 1928,
re WILLIAM BOLNEY.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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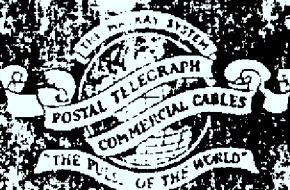
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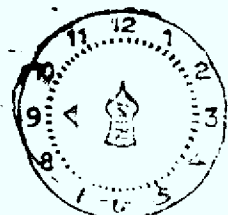
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May 25, 1928.

Mr. J. R. Burger,
426 Lathrop Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

There have been transmitted to you, Bureau instructions transferring you to Oklahoma City for general assignment.

This transfer has been made necessary by the desire of the Special Assistants in the Osage case that you be in that jurisdiction to work on said case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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MOS TUCKER

CHARACTER OF CASE: Perjury committed at trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.

(O. C. File #74-21-13)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, advises that this case will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the second trial of W. K. Hale, whose case was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals of this district.

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REFERENCE: Report of this Agent under date of March 2, 1928.

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DETAILS:

-At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-

Mr. Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, advises that his case will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the second trial of W. K. Hale, whose case had been reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals in this district.

W. K. Hale was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for the murder of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian, and the perjury committed by Subject when he testified in the behalf of W. K. Hale.

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J. L. CASPARIS

TITLE:

J. L. CASPARIS

CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY, and probable conspiracy in connection with trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-19-14)

United States Attorney advises this case will be held in abeyance pending outcome of new trial of W. K. Hale in the Osage Murder case.

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REFERENCE:- Report of this Agent dated March 2, 1928.

DETAILS:-

- At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -

United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis advises that this case will be held in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the new trial of W. K. Hale, who is charged jointly with John Ramsey for the murder of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian.

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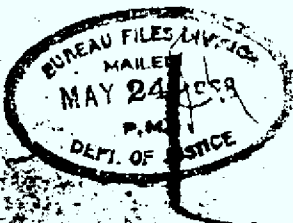
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUMMIS.

With further reference to the case entitled J. L. CASHMAN, Perjury and Probable Conspiracy, in connection with the trial of W. H. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Hoan, Osage Indian, there is transmitted herewith for your information a copy of the report rendered by Special Agent J. C. White at Oklahoma City, on May 19, 1928, together with a copy of the report of the same Agent, dated May 19, 1928, entitled ANOS TUCKER, relative to the same case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 78712.



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426 Lathrop Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri

May 28, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Director's letter dated May 23, 1928 advising that Special Agent John R. Burger has been ordered to proceed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to report to Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake. Reference is also made to Director's letter dated May 25th, addressed to Agent John R. Burger, copy of which was directed to the writer stating that this transfer has been made necessary by the desire of the Special Assistants in the Osage Case; that Agent Burger be assigned to work on that case.

In reply, I beg to state that Agent Burger will probably leave here June 1, 1928 for Oklahoma City.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BAYLESS
Special Agent in Charge

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c.c. Director.

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Guthrie, Okla. May 24, 1928.

The Hon. The Attorney General

Washington, D. C.

Re Osage Murder case reference my wire and letter May nineteenth
Hale case requesting Special Agent John R. Burger come Oklahoma
Mr. Leahy Roy St Lewis myself all agree this is necessary stop
many matters Burger can particularly handle stop Urgent stop
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Edwin Brown

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- 3. Assistant Attorney General Galloway
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- 7. Assistant Attorney General Parmenter
- 8. Director, Bureau of Investigation
- 9. Superintendent of Prisons
- 10. Mr. Pagan
- 11. Mr. Finch
- 12. Mr. Baldwin
- 13. Mr. Sornborger
- 14. Mr. Robb
- 15. Mr. Ridgely
- 16. Mr. Parrish
- 17. Mr. Wixson
- 18. Mr. Fisher
- 19. Mr. Ramsey
- 20. Mrs. Gilbert
- 21. Mr. Chase

Memorandum 5/24/28

Referring to memo
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If possible please comply
with the attached request
and let me know as soon as
possible.

✓ *Curry*

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2 Assistant to Attorney General
3 Assistant Attorney General Galloway
4 Assistant Attorney General Marshall
5 Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt
6 Assistant Attorney General Farnum
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUMBERG.

Attention: Mrs. Gilbert:

With reference to the attached telegram addressed to the Attorney General by Special Assistant Attorney General Brown, concerning Special Agent John R. Burger, you are advised that orders have been issued directing the transfer of Mr. Burger from Kansas City to Oklahoma City.

It is possible that Mr. Burger will be delayed a few days at Kansas City in order to clear out of matters upon which he has been engaged. When under orders to proceed to Oklahoma City as soon as public business will permit him to do so.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-1-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-2-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. White
TITLE: P. C. HESSER			CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY - in connection with Osage Murder Cases.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. 74-14-6)

- Reopened Case -

Subject was tried at Guthrie, Okla., on May 23 and 24, 1928, after entering plea of not guilty, and was found guilty by a jury and on May 31, 1928, was sentenced to serve two years in the Leavenworth Penitentiary and fined \$100.00. Subject's motion for a new trial was overruled and he gave notice of appeal.

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\$100 FINE.

- CLOSED -

REFERENCE:- Report of Special Agent W. W. Wright, Oklahoma City, February 18, 1927.

DETAILS:-

- At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -

Subject was tried in the Federal District Court by Judge John H. Cottrell, presiding at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on May 23rd and 24th, 1928, after entering a plea of not guilty and the jury after hearing the facts and evidence in this case found Subject guilty and on May 31, 1928, Judge Cottrell sentenced Subject to serve two years in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and to pay a fine of \$100.00. Subject, through his attorneys, filed a motion for a new trial, which was not granted and Subject's attorneys gave notice of appeal.

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THE UNITED STATES
vs.

File No. 74-14

P. C. HESSER

Violation: Perjury.

Complaint: July 31, 1926, at Guthrie, Okla., before
U.S. Commissioner Fred W. Green.

Charge: That Subject committed perjury at Guthrie,
Okla., July 31, 1926, while testifying as
defense witness in matter of United States
of America vs. W.K. Hale and John Ramsey,
Murder of Henry Roan, an Osage Indian.

Arrested: July 31, 1926, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Commissioner's hearing: July 31, 1926, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, before
U.S. Commissioner Fred W. Green. Released
on \$5,000 bond.

Indictment or Information: September 22, 1926, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Indictment No. 6024.

Arraignment and Plea: October 6, 1926, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Plea of NOT GUILTY.

Verdict: May 24, 1928, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.
Verdict of Guilty.

Sentenced: May 31, 1928, at Guthrie, Oklahoma.
2 years in Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth,
Kansas, and fined \$100.00.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUHRING.

With further reference to the case entitled R. C. HESSIE, Perjury, in connection with the Coage Murder Cases, there is transmitted herewith for your information a copy of the report rendered by Special Agent J. O. White at Oklahoma City on June 4, 1928, relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 70810.

Director.

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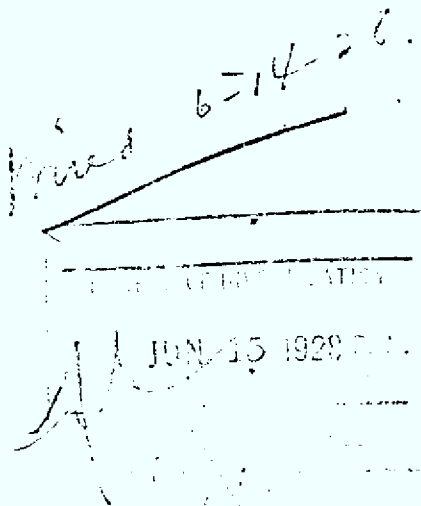
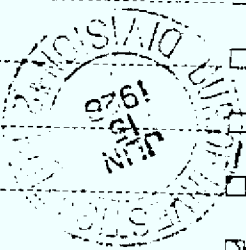
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Attorney General ☐ Mr. Nathan;
General Donovan ☐ Mr. Parrish just telephoned.
General Willebrandt ☐ He has been out to see Mr.
General Marshall ☐ Lohring who asked that he see
Mr. Carusi ☐ Mr. Hoover and ask Mr. Hoover
Mr. Baldwin ☐ to get in touch with the Agent
Mr. Stewart ☐ in Charge at Oklahoma City and
Mrs. Rishel ☐ have him communicate with
Assistant Director ☐ United States Attorney Roy St.
Mr. Baughman ☐ Louis in order that he may
Mr. Boddie ☐ proceed with the United States
Bureau Filing Section ☐ Attorney to Washington the first
Mr. Cunningham ☐ part of next week for conference
Miss Gandy ☐ on the Osage Indian cases.
Mr. Grimes ☐ Mr. Parrish was told that this
Mr. Keep ☐ information would be transmitted
Mr. McKean ☐ to Mr. Hoover.
Personnel Filing Section ☐

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUDWIG
ATTENTION: MR. PARRISH.

In accordance with your request, Agent in Charge Elske, of the Oklahoma City office, has been instructed to confer with the United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis relative to the Osage matter, and, if the latter desires, proceed with him to Washington for a conference the early part of next week.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.



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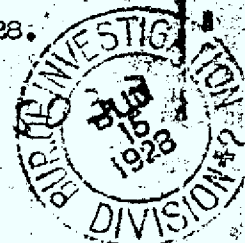
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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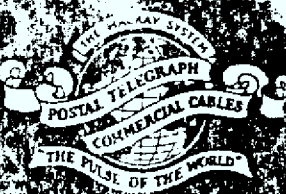
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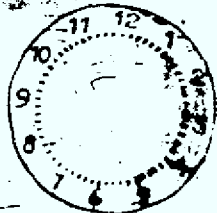
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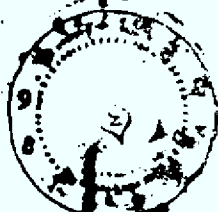
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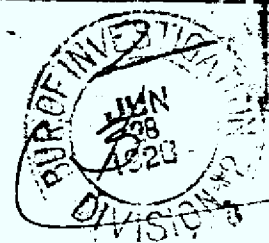
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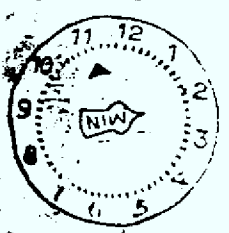
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-28-23	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-1-23 - 6-25-23.	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger
TITLE: W. K. (Bill) HALE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder Osage Indians

PROPOSED.

(O. C. #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Case as to W. K. (Bill) Hale was reversed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit; new trial pending. Conference had with SAC Blake, Oklahoma City, United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis and Special United States Attorney General T. J. Leahy. Witnesses reinterviewed. Summary of witnesses, their names and addresses and briefly what they will testify to incorporated in body of report.

New witnesses: **HARRY CORBETT**, Fairfax, Okla., made signed statement to effect John Ramsey had told him prior to killing of Henry Roan that defendant, Hale, had bought him a new Ford car to do a job for him (Hale). Frequently during January 1923 Ramsey called at Corbett home in a new Ford car.

MRS. HARRY CORBETT, Fairfax, Okla., made statement John Ramsey was at her home in January 1923 on two different occasions with a new Ford car and she had seen him several times during January 1923 : Fairfax.

MARY K. WILLIAMS, Pawnee, Okla. made statement Hale had "propositioned" him to "bump" Henry Roan off, and later told him he had gotten John Ramsey to do the job.

O. C. WEBB, Fairfax, Okla., made signed statement that he overheard conversation between John Ramsey and W. K. Hale prior to killing of Roan, at which time John Ramsey told W. K. Hale: "We are ready to go - everything is ready to go"; and W. K. Hale said: "Be sure and don't fail". W. K. Hale told Webb the night of his arrest that he would depend on him to "stand pat".

CHARLES DOTY, Webb City, Okla. gave signed statement reference statement by Whitie White of Webb City relative to defense attorneys giving him \$500 to testify falsely at trial of case.

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HATT M. WILLIAMS also made an affidavit that Carl Weaver and J. I. Howard, defense attorneys, had paid him \$100 to accompany them to Denver, Colo.; while there furnished him with whiskey and tried to get him to induce "Shorty" Wheeler to make false statement with reference to killing of Henry Roan.

Names and addresses of informants friendly to prosecution, also names and addresses of persons unfriendly to prosecution incorporated in body of report.

PENDING.

DETAILS:

Joint investigation and report made by Agents J. R. Barker and Hugh Larimer.

The case as to Defendant William K. (Bill) Hale was reversed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, and new trial is now pending.

After a conference with S. A. C. Blake, United States Attorney, St. Louis and Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Leahy, these Agents were assigned to the case for the purpose of reinterviewing witnesses and procuring such additional information as would be useful in further prosecution of the case. In compliance thereto, the following named witnesses were located and interviewed with results as herein outlined:

BOB PARKER, Witness,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will testify that Henry Roan was well known to him; that about Feb. 6, 1925, George Pratt reported to him the finding of a car in Sel Smith's pasture; that he (Parker) and Jim Rhodes of Fairfax proceeded to the car, in which was found the dead body of Henry Roan, and where an examination of the car and body was made. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Bob Parker at previous trial; Original 117, Page 59.)

J. R. RHODES, Witness,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will corroborate testimony of Bob Parker. (For details, reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by J. R. Rhodes at previous trial; Original 153, Page 60.)

WILL M. CLARK, Witness,
County Engineer & Surveyor,
Osage County,
Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Can testify as to location where Henry Roan's body was found. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by W. M. Clark at previous trial; Original 183, Page 95).

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1 **GEORGE C. CAMPBELL,**
2 **Witness,**
3 **Surveyor & Draftsman**
4 **at Government Indian**
5 **Office, Pawhuska, Okla.**

Will testify that he made a survey of the locality in which Henry Roan's body was found in SW of NW Sec. 34, Twp. 25, North, Range 5, East, which land was in the Indian name of Tom-pah-pe, English name, Rose Little Star. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Geo. Campbell at previous trial: Original 192, Page 200.) DUCAS Tatum to bring all records.

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10 **ERAROTT SMITH, Witness,**
11 **Brassfield, Okla.**

Undertaker and furniture dealer, care Newton Campbell and Brown Co., formerly engaged in the same business at Fairfax, Okla., will testify that he examined the body of Henry Roan where it was found, removed it to Fairfax, where he prepared the same for burial; and in addition can testify as to the condition of the body and the nature of the wound. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Erarott Smith at previous trial: Original 226, Page 112.)

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20 **J. C. WRIGHT, Witness,**
21 **Sgt. Osage Indian Agency,**
22 **Pawhuska, Okla.**

Will testify that he knew Henry Roan during his lifetime and that Roan was an enrolled member (full-blood) of the Osage Tribe of Indians. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by J. C. Wright at previous trial: Original 242, Page 130.) DUCAS TATUM to bring all records.

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Can testify and furnish records with reference to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34, T 25, R 5 East in Osage County, Okla.; that the said record on page 214 of Allotment Deed Record #1 shows the land in question to have been allotted to Tom-pah-pe. (For details reference is made to transcript of record as given by A. B. Ludwick at previous trial; Original 252, Page 132.) DUCAS TATUM to bring all records.

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0 W. C. SPURGEON, Witness,
1 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will testify that he was well acquainted with Henry Roan during his lifetime, and that he examined the body of Henry Roan where it was found on Feb. 6, 1923, he being a member of the coroner's jury. Mr. Spurgeon can testify as to the position in which the body was found. [For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by W. C. Spurgeon in previous trial; Original 255, Page 134].

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9 Dr. J. C. SHOWN, Witness,
0 Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Will testify that he knew Henry Roan well during his lifetime; that he made an examination of the body and wounds. [For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Dr. J. C. Shown at previous trial; Original 257, Page 135].

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5 T. B. WHITE, Witness,
6 Warden, Federal Peniten-
7 tiary, Leavenworth, Kan.

Formerly Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, can testify as to statements made by W. K. Hale and John Ramsey at Guthrie, Okla., at the time of their arrests. [For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by T. B. White at previous trial; Original 253, Page 136].

Mr. White will further testify as to a conversation with Hale at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, since Mr. White has been Warden, and during Hale's present incarceration in that institution, at which time and place Hale told Mr. White that he had always been very sorry of the lies he told on the witness stand to the effect that Mr. White and other government agents had used an electric cap and other harsh means on him; and further that he (Hale) had told his wife and attorneys that he was going to apologize to Mr. White for the lies he had told. Mr. White will also be able to testify as to Hale's conduct since confined in the prison.

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13 FRANK S. SMITH, Witness,
14 Special Agent, Dept. of
15 Justice, Phoenix, Ariz.

Will testify with reference to interview had by him with W. K. Hale and John Ramsey at Guthrie, Okla., at the time of their arrests. [For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by F. S. Smith at previous trial; Original 310, Page 163.]

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19 EDWIN BROWN, Witness,
20 Spec. Asst. to Attorney Gen.,
21 Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Will testify as to statements made by W. K. Hale and John Ramsey at Guthrie, Okla. at time of their arrests. [For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Edwin Brown at previous trial; Original 63, Page 124.]

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1 A. A. CORRELL, Witness,
2 Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Former Assessor, Cossage County, will testify that he is well acquainted with W. K. Hale and Ernest Burkhardt; that in the fall of 1922 he met W. K. Hale and Ernest Burkhardt at the home of Henry Grammer (deceased) at which time Hale gave him \$100 to assist in his campaign. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by R. A. Cornell at previous trial; Original 533, Page 285).

3 GORDON DURANT, Witness
4 Chief Clerk,
5 State Highway Department,
6 Oklahoma City.

Can testify as to application for 1923 registration of motor vehicle, applying to Ford car, Motor 6894153, Oklahoma State license #40857, issued to John Ramsey on January 4, 1923. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Gordon Durant at previous trial; Original 544, Page 290). DUCES TECUM to bring all records.

7 FRANK WIGGON, Witness,

Glenn Wiggon, owner and manager of the Ford Agency, Ponca City, Okla., stated that Frank Wiggon, his brother, is no longer connected with the Ford Agency, and is at this time located at St. Louis, Mo., and connected with the Western Air Lines there. He stated, however, that he, Glenn Wiggon, could testify as to the sale of said Ford car to John Ramsey, and could verify the record as to date and amount of sale.

8 JOHN MCCLAIN, Witness,
9 Agent, Mutual Life Ins. Co.
10 of New York, Tulsa, Okla.

Will testify that he met W. K. Hale in Pawhuska, Okla., in the year 1921 and inquired of Hale as to names of Indians on the lives of whom he might write life insurance, telling Hale that he had been talking to Henry Ream, but did not know that Ream could procure a policy, when Hale said: "What Henry Ream?" Hale then remarked: "I will take that bet, and pay the premium, and make it payable to me." An application was made for a policy on Henry Ream's life, but was declined. Mr. McClain will further testify that two or three months later Hale called McClain over long distance at Tulsa and said: "That fellow has got that policy; I want you to come up and pass on that policy before I accept it". That a short time thereafter McClain met Hale and Mr. Reynolds at the Duncan Hotel, Pawhuska, and told Hale he would not pass on the policy unless Mr. Reynolds was present; Hale then called Mr. Reynolds over and said: "Here he is". McClain then examined the policy and told Hale that the answers to the questions in the application were falsely stated, and that he knew Henry Ream was turned down; that he (McClain) examined the policy at the time and saw it was in the amount of \$100.

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payable to W. K. Hale as beneficiary, and issued by the Capitol Life Insurance Co. of Denver, Colo. (For details reference is made to transcript of record as given by John McClain in previous trial; Original 555, Page 295.)

F. W. REYNOLDS, Witness,
Representative,
Capitol Life Insurance Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Can testify concerning application for a policy of insurance on the life of Henry Roan, which policy was issued in the amount of \$25,000, payable to W. K. Hale as beneficiary. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by F. W. Reynolds at previous trial; Original 574, Page 304.) DUCES TECUM to bring all records.

DR. W. H. ARON, Witness,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Will testify that he represented as examiner the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, of which John McClain was Agent, in 1921 and examined Henry Roan for that company, likewise for the policy in the Capitol Life Insurance Company of Denver for \$25,000 payable to W. K. Hale. Dr. Aron will further testify that at the examination of Henry Roan he asked Bill Hale, who was present, if he was going to kill that Indian for his insurance, and who was the beneficiary; that Hale answered, "Oh God, I am - hell yes!" (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Dr. W. H. Aron at previous trial; Original 599, Page 315.)

CHARLES E. ASHBROOK,
Witness,
Cashier, First Natl.
Bank, Fairfax, Okla.

Witness held this position in January 1923. Will testify that he knew Henry Roan during his lifetime, and that he last saw Henry Roan alive on January 25, 1923 in his bank, at which time he gave Roan \$25.00. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Chas. E. Ashbrook in previous trial; Original 602, Page 318.)

ERNEST BURKHART, Witness,
Oklahoma State Prison;
Mollester, Oklahoma.

Wife of Defendant Hale; will testify that in the fall of 1922 he and W. K. Hale met John Ramsey at the home of Henry Grammer (deceased), Hale and Ramsey having a conversation by themselves; that on this occasion Hale told Burkheart that he had a life insurance policy on the life of Henry Roan and that John Ramsey was the man he could depend on to "bump" Henry Roan off. Burkheart will also testify as to a conversation with Hale in which he (Hale) stated that he was going to take John Ramsey to Pawnee, Okla. to get Ramsey a car, and would give Ramsey \$500 to buy the car.

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that Burkhardt afterward learned from Hale that Hale had taken Ramsey to Pawnee, given him \$500; that Ramsey went to Ponca City and bought the car. Burkhardt will also testify as to a conversation with John Ramsey relative to Ramsey purchasing a car at Ponca City, Okla. a few days later; as well as to a conversation with John Ramsey at Fairfax, Okla., about thirty minutes after Henry Ross was killed, during which conversation at Fairfax Ramsey asked Burkhardt where Bill Hale was - that he [Ramsey] wanted to see Hale that night; that Ramsey requested Burkhardt to see Hale and tell him [Hale] the job was done, that he had "bumped" that Indian off in a canyon out in Sol Smith's pasture; and further tell Hale that Ramsey was going to his home at Ripley, Okla.; Burkhardt will further testify that he later told Hale what Ramsey had requested him [Burkhardt] to tell, when Hale remarked that Ramsey should have gone to Grammar's instead of going to his home at Ripley. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Ernest Burkhardt at previous trial; Original 592, Page 209.)

Ernest Burkhardt was recently interviewed at the McAlester Prison, where he is now an inmate, serving a life sentence in connection with a murder in Osage County, Okla. He stated that the testimony given by him at the previous trial was true, and that the same is still clear in his mind. In addition Ernest Burkhardt further stated that his brother, Horace Burkhardt, had told him [Ernest] that M. C. Bozarth of Fairfax, Okla. during a conversation between Bozarth and Horace Burkhardt, remarked that a short time before Henry Ross was killed he [Bozarth] saw Bill Hale and John Ramsey playing pool in either McElroy's or Evans' pool hall at Fairfax; that Hale put up his cue, telling Ramsey to meet him some place [Horace did not understand where]; that Hale and Bozarth went out the front door of the pool hall, and Ramsey went out the back door, Hale and Ramsey again meeting a short distance away, when Hale called Ramsey aside and gave him [Ramsey] some money. In this conversation between Bozarth and Horace Burkhardt, the former said he thought little about the incident until the day Henry Ross was buried, at which time he met the funeral procession and saw Bill Hale and Charley Ashbrick riding in the front carriage together. In this conversation between Ernest and Horace Burkhardt, Horace went on to say that Bozarth had further remarked to the effect that, while he was a good friend of Hale's, he would not perjure himself if asked to testify as above stated.

HORACE BURKHART,
Witness
Fairfax, Okla.

When interviewed verified in detail the statement recently made by his brother, Ernest, heretofore incorporated, but did not make any suggestion that Bozarth be not interviewed at this time.

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personnel as a witness at the coming trial, at which time he (Horace) would then remind Bozarth of his remarks and he thought Bozarth would tell the truth if called to testify. However, he added, that to interview Bozarth at this time, letting him know that the Government was in possession of this information, might cause Bozarth some worry, and would serve of subpoena. Horace Burkhart further stated that he was satisfied in his own mind that Hale had talked to Horace's brother, Byron Burkhart, about the killing of Henry Roan, adding that he (Horace) would prevail upon Byron to tell what Hale had said to Byron, suggesting that Byron be subpoenaed at the coming trial, at which time both he and Ernest could have an opportunity to talk with Byron and encourage him to tell all he knows in this matter.

HARRY CORBETT, Witness,
Fairfax, Okla.,

Gave a signed statement which reads as follows:

"At the City Pump Station
2 miles west of Fairfax, Okla.
June 14, 1928.

My name is Harry Corbett. I reside two miles west of Fairfax, Okla., where I operate the City Waterworks.

I have known John Ramsey since about 1920; my wife and John Ramsey's wife are cousins.

In the fore part of January 1928 John Ramsey came to my home, where I now reside, and was driving a new Ford Roadster, and told me at this time and place that Bill Hale had bought and paid for said car for him (Ramsey) and that he got the car at Ponca City, Okla. I then asked Ramsey why Hale had given him the said car, and Ramsey told me that Hale had given him said car for doing a job for him. At this time John Ramsey's family was living at Ripley, Okla., and John Ramsey himself was staying at Henry Grammer's place. Several times thereafter, and prior to the killing of Henry Roan, John Ramsey would come to my home and on one or two occasions asked me how far I would go for money, and about this time some one came up and interrupted the conversation.

After the killing of Henry Roan, while I was visiting at John Ramsey's house, Ramsey said, when I asked him if Hale had anything to do with or knew anything about the killing of Henry Roan: "Yes", he thought Hale did know, but they would have a hard time proving it because Hale was a man that would not talk, and he thought it would be easy to stick

Bunch for it because Roy had been "laying up" with Henry Roan's wife.

Ramsey also told me along about this time that Hale had gone on his note at the bank for some money, and he guessed Hale would pay the note off for him, as Hale owed him some money for doing a job for him.

Sometime later Ramsey told me he would have plenty of money to pay for a Polco system when Hale finished paying him for a job he had done for Hale.

Ramsey told me that he thought Bill Hale knew of the killing of Henry Roan, and he wished he did not know so much about the killing, and that Bill Hale had given him a Ford car and some money for doing a job for Hale, all of which fully convinced him (Corbett) that Ramsey had killed Henry Roan at the request of Bill Hale, as above stated for a Ford car and a sum of money.

My wife can testify as to Ramsey being at our home as above stated.

(Signed) Harry Corbett

My brother Byron Corbett, Marefield, Mo., and Wm. S. Taylor, Fairfax, Okla., can also testify that John Ramsey was at my home as above stated in a new Ford car furnished him by Bill Hale.

(Signed) Harry Corbett.

Harry Corbett testified at the previous trial as a defense witness. The original statement herein quoted is attached to and made a part of the Oklahoma City office file in this case.

MRS. HARRY CORBETT,
Witness,
Fairfax, Oklahoma.

Stated that she and John Ramsey's wife were cousins, and John Ramsey came to her home near Fairfax on January 2, 1923, and had with him a gallon of whiskey, and was under the influence of whiskey, and was traveling in a new Ford car. That he again came to her home one week later, at which time he was again drinking heavily. That she saw John Ramsey on several occasions at Fairfax, Okla. during the month of January 1923; that the reason she remembered this so well was that she knew he was bootlegging whiskey and felt sorry for his wife, knowing that he would soon or late be caught, and of the embarrassment it would cause his wife and family.

59. C. VINE, new witness and new evidence, Fairfax, Oklahoma, was interviewed and made a signed statement reading as follows:

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"Fairfax, Okla.
6-18-28.

My name is O. C. Webb; my residence address is 532 South Second Street, Fairfax, Okla.

A few days before Henry Roan's body was found, to the best of my recollection three to eight days before the body was found, John Ramsey came to the Fairfax Telephone Co office at Fairfax. He told me to ring Bill Hale's residence phone number, which I did, number 278; John Ramsey then entered the booth and had conversation with Bill Hale. John Ramsey said: "We're ready to go - everything is ready to go". Bill Hale said: "Be sure and don't fail." John Ramsey made some answer to the effect: "You never know me to fail". When John Ramsey came from the booth he said: "Webb, don't you never tell anything I said. You are not allowed to, are you?" While I cannot state as to the exact date the above mentioned conversation took place, I do very clearly remember it was just a few days before Henry Roan's body was found near Fairfax, Okla.

In the following fall season, same year, I was sitting in front of the telephone office at Fairfax when John Ramsey came up to where I was sitting. Ramsey told me to come out - he wanted to give me some brown corn - he wanted to give me some - that I had been good to him and he wanted to be good to me. I said: "John I don't see why you should be good to me". And he said: "Well, maybe you have done more than you think you have".

While Ramsey and I were talking Bill Hale walked back and forth, but did not say anything. At the time of Bill Hale's arrest he remarked to me: "I want you to stand pat old boy - I'll depend on you". This remark was at Bill Hale's house at Fairfax, Okla. at the time he was taken into custody by Federal officers".

(Signed) O. C. Webb.

Witnesses:

J. R. Burger, U. S. Dept. of Justice
Hugh Larimer " " " " "
Tom Hubbard, Indian Officer, Pawhuska, Okla.
Joe Carper, Halston, Okla.

After signing above statement, O. C. Webb wrote in his own handwriting as follows: "I made above statement in my own free will, without threat or promise of any kind, first being advised by J. R. Burger, Government Agent, that same is privileged to be used by the Government as evidence in the Bill Hale case".

The original of the foregoing statement is attached to and is a part of the Oklahoma City office file in this case.

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JOE CARPER, Witness,
Balston, Okla.

Joe Carper, a very close personal friend of O. C. Webb, was instrumental in procuring his statement, and was present at the time the same was made. Carper, therefore, should be subpoenaed as a witness.

TOM MURKARD, Witness,
Indian Officer,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Stated that he was present at Bill Hale's home the night he was arrested and saw and heard Hale talking over the phone at the time to which Webb refers.

MATT M. WILLIAMS, Witness,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Will testify that W. K. Hale told him a short time before Henry Roan was found dead that he had a \$25,000 insurance policy on Roan's life, and propositioned him to "bump" Henry Roan off. Hale later told him he had got John Ramsey to do the job. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Matt M. Williams at previous trial in the Smith case, Pawhuska, Okla., which transcript T. J. Leahy has in his possession.)

Matt Williams made a statement June 17, 1928, to Dr. Samuel Blair, Inspector, Department of Interior, at Pawhuska, Okla., which reads as follows:

Matt Williams of lawful age, being duly sworn, deposes

and says:

Inspector Blair examining:

Q. What is your name?

A. Matt M. Williams.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. Pawhuska, Okla. at present, but resided in Denver last four years.

Q. How long have you lived in Pawhuska?

A. Since 1908.

Q. Were you a witness in the trial of Hale and John Ramsey for the murder of Henry Roan, Bill Smith and his family, and also in the Anna Brown murder?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. On the 6th day of June 1928 you gave a sworn statement to John Leahy, do you recall having made a sworn statement at that time?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I want to question you in regard to that statement this morning and I think I will just take each question of John Leahy's and ask you concerning it.

A. Yes, sir.

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Inspector Blair reads the following question from examination:

By Mr. Leachy.

Q. Matt, J. I. Howard, one of the attorneys for W. K. Hale, on April 18, 1928, wrote to Hon. E. B. Howard, a member of Congress from this District, protesting against the Osages appropriating additional expense money in connection with the future trial of W. K. Hale and other parties charged with the murder of Osage Indians. In this letter, he alleges, in substance, that, after the Kelsey Morrison trial at Bartlesville, you stated that T. J. Leachy and C. K. Templeton, County Attorney for Osage County, wanted to give you a ticket and a small amount of money for your return to Denver, Colo., and that you refused to accept the ticket and money, and that you stated to T. J. Leachy that you were entitled to a considerable amount of money for the services you had rendered to the Osage Tribe. I wish you would just state now what it was that C. K. Templeton and T. J. Leachy said to you with reference to your return to Colorado, and about furnishing your ticket, and how such matter came up, if it did come up.

A. I was in Bartlesville, Leachy and Templeton came out of court. John Leachy said to Templeton "what are we going to do with Matt?" He said he would get me a ticket to Colorado and expense money. I said "I want to see you at Pawhuska, Mr. Leachy". When I saw him at Pawhuska I said "the Osages want to give me some money for what I did for them in the murder trial". He said "Matt, the Indians don't owe you anything." I said "they don't owe me money, but they are willing to give me some, and I wish you would see Mr. Wright and see if there are some arrangements can be made so the Indians can give me money for services rendered in the past".

Q. Why did you think that the Osage Indians should give you some money?

A. Because I had been in these cases for about two years and had not received a dollar in salary or compensation.

Q. You thought you were entitled to some compensation for the time you had spent and devoted to this cause?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did this conversation take place?

A. In Mr. Leachy's office.

Q. About what time?

A. About ten days after the trial at Bartlesville which was on November 18.

Q. What did Mr. Leachy say to you when you suggested that the Osage Indians be permitted to contribute something toward your expenses?

A. He suggested he should take it up with Mr. Wright and he said he would let me know the following day.

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Q. Did Mr. Leahy take the matter up with Mr. Wright?

A. Yes - on the following day he informed me that if the Osages wanted to make me a present along the lines that I suggested there would be money available out of their interest fund which would become due in January. Then Mr. Leahy prepared a statement carrying out the purposes and wishes of the Indians for the Indians to sign in person, then he would file them with Mr. Wright at the agency.

Q. Did you present these applications or requests to the Osage Indians in person, yourself?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can you recall to what Indians you presented these requests?

A. Yes, a great many of them.

Q. Suppose you put in the record the names of some of them?

A. Ralph Onhand, Joe Bighorse, James Strike Axe, Foster Strike Axe, Fendleton Strike Axe, Dan Scott, Juanita Scott, Joe White, Grace Roan and others.

Dr. Blair - That is enough, I just wanted to get an idea.

Q. How much money did the Osage Indians contribute?

A. I think about \$1,200.

Q. Was this \$1,200 paid to you direct?

A. The checks were made payable to the Indian and presented to the Indian, and the Indian then gave me the checks. Mr. Wright told me when I come up that it would be necessary for the Indian to appear in person and endorse the checks, and each and every time when the Indian appeared Mr. Wright and Mr. Meyers, who is an employee of the Indian Agency and in charge of these matters, would ask each Indian "Is this your signature - Do you understand the contents and do you wish to make this donation to Mr. Williams as stated in that application?"

Q. Who made the suggestion to you first that the Osages would probably give you some money?

A. The Osage Indians themselves.

Q. Did any suggestion of this nature come from T. J. Leahy?

A. Never mentioned to him until I asked him could not some provision be made so they could carry out their wishes.

Q. The Osage Indians came to you themselves and said they desired to make this contribution?

A. After the trial was over many of them came to me and asked me wasn't there something they could give me.

Q. Can you recall what John Leahy said when you spoke to him about this contribution?

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Q. Yes, he said "Matt, the Osage Indians don't owe you anything."

A. I said "they don't owe me anything but they feel like they do for the services I rendered in the past, and it is their wish to give me something, and some provision should be made whereby they can."

Q. Mr. Leahy said he would see Mr. Wright concerning it?

A. I asked him to see Mr. Wright and he said he would and would let me know.

Q. What did Mr. Leahy tell you?

A. He reported to me that Mr. Wright said the Indians could give what they wanted to that way in a reasonable way, that the funds would be available out of their interest money due in January, without touching the regular payments.

Q. Mr. Leahy prepared the letter for the Indians to sign?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You carried the letter to the Indians yourself?

A. Absolutely. Mr. Leahy never saw any of the petitions after they were signed.

Q. Did you use any influence or furnish any whiskey or dope to the Indians for the purpose of getting them to sign the letter?

A. I did not. They were eager to sign it and I could get probably twice this amount if I had went to other parts of county and other places where the Indians were, as I had been requested to do so by the Indians.

Q. Where did you get most of your signatures?

A. In Pawnee. Nearly all came to my room. Sometimes I was at their home.

Q. You never gave them anything to drink in your room?

A. No.

Q. After the Indians had signed the request did the Indians accompany you to the office here?

A. Most times - they come with me in person.

Q. To whom did you present the letters in the office?

A. Mr. Meyers.

Q. What did he say to you when you presented the letters?

A. He would ask the Indian if he understood contents of the letter

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and if he wanted to make that donation to me. The Indian would answer me. The checks would be made payable to the Indian.

Q. Did you receive any checks from this agency that were not made payable to the Indian?

A. Not a one. Mr. Wright told me at the start that he would have to have the Indian with me, and that the Indian would have to express that as his wishes and he would rather have the Indian come in person with me and he would have to tell the Department that the petition contained his wishes and desires.

Q. Mr. Howard stated that you told him you received \$2500, did you make any such statement to him?

A. None whatever.

Q. Is it or is it not a fact that you received \$2500?

A. I did not receive it.

Q. May I ask you again how much you received?

A. About \$1,200.

Q. Do you know Mr. Carl Weaver?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. For a period of about a year or a little more.

Q. When did you first meet him?

A. About the time of the Bryan Burkheart preliminary.

Q. You mean the Ernest Burkheart -

A. No Bryan Burkheart.

Q. When you first met Carl Weaver what did he say to you?

A. He asked me when was I going back to Denver, where I resided at in Denver, and that he had some relative that died in Denver, that he was coming to Colorado to close up an estate that was there; that he would call on me and see me. That is about all that was said at that time.

Q. About what time did this conversation take place?

A. About April 13 or 14, something like that.

Q. The first time was after the preliminary trial, and the second conversation you had with him was after the Morrison trial, is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where did the first conversation with Carl Weaver take place?

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Q. By the Citizens National Bank in Pawhuska.

Q. Where was the conversation that you had with Carl Weaver after the Morrison trial in November?

A. On Kihekah above the post office near the Citizens Bank.

Q. You did have a conversation with him in November, 1927?

A. Yes, latter part of November.

Q. Then after the Morrison trial in November, 1927, did you have conversation with him?

A. Yes, that is one I just stated.

Q. That occurred in Pawhuska?

A. Yes.

Q. Did Mr. Carl Weaver ask you anything concerning the petition?

A. He asked me how I was getting along with the petition. I told him "very well". He said "You are entitled to a good deal, Matt, for what you did for the Osage Tribe, you are entitled to several thousand dollars."

Q. How did he happen to know about these petitions?

A. He would see the Indians sign the petition and it was generally known that the Indians were giving me that. It was a generally known fact.

Q. How tell me were any of those requests signed by the Indians after the Morrison trial or before?

A. All after the trial.

Q. Was there any understanding with these Indians before that trial?

A. Never even mentioned or thought of it.

Q. When was it that Weaver first spoke to you about going to Colorado?

A. Along first part of March, 1928.

Q. When he asked you whether you were going to Colorado and when, what did you say to him?

A. I told him I would go back any time in the near future, probably in a week.

Q. Did he say anything to you about going to Colorado with you?

A. Yes, he said he was going to Casper, Wyoming and would try to arrange to go by as far as Denver with me.

Q. About what time did you go back to Colorado?

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Q. My best recollection is along about 5th or 10th of March.
I don't just remember when.

Q. When you started back to Colorado along the early part of March
did Weaver go with you?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did he join you?

A. At Pershing.

Q. Before you started to Denver did you have any conversation
with Mr. Weaver relative to that trip?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say?

A. It was in the Friargile Building in a room adjoining Howard's
office and he wanted me to help him procure an affidavit from
Shorty Wheeler.

Q. What did he say in regard to that?

A. In behalf of Bill Hale - I told him that I knew Shorty Wheeler
and he said if I would that he would give me \$100 and go out
to Denver as I did.

Q. What did you say in response to that suggestion that he give
you \$100?

A. Well, he was to meet me at Pershing and take the train. I paid
my own fare to Denver. As he was given a bank draft by the
cashier of the First National Bank for the amount of money for
ticket from Pershing. Then of this \$100 - were paid me before
starting \$47 and the balance of the \$100 was applied to expenses on
the Denver trip and return from Denver.

Q. Who gave Mr. Weaver this draft for \$100 for you?

A. No, just \$30.71, that was my own money - cashier just gave him
that so I would take the train.

Q. He gave it to Mr. Weaver?

A. As custodian for me.

Q. Explain about this \$100?

A. For the amount of my ticket was given to Mr. Weaver, that was
my own money for my transportation to Denver. Then this \$100 was
agreed upon by Mr. Weaver to be paid for me for services rendered
in procuring this affidavit - \$47.50 was paid before we started
the balance applied on expenses in Denver and for transportation
back.

Q. Did you agree to assist Mr. Weaver in securing this affidavit?

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I agreed to show him Shorty Wheeler as I knew Shorty Wheeler and knew that he knew nothing about the Hale case, but was an important witness that had never been subpoenaed, for he never could be found, in the murder of Anna Brown. Upon arriving in Denver and finding out what he wished the affidavit to contain I told him that I would have nothing to do with it for it was contrary to the facts that had been sworn to by me in trials past, and also been admitted by both of the defendants and I could not assist him in getting that affidavit as it was not the facts in the case.

Q. Then before you started with Weaver to Colorado you did not know the nature of the affidavit he desired to secure from Shorty Wheeler?

A. No.

Q. He did not reveal that to you?

A. No.

Q. When was it that he revealed the nature of the affidavit he wanted to secure?

A. In Denver.

Q. And that was where you told him you could not assist him in that matter?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you point out Shorty Wheeler to him?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you introduce Weaver to Shorty Wheeler?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether or not Shorty Wheeler made the affidavit?

A. He did not make any.

Q. Will you just state in your own way, Mr. Williams, what Mr. Weaver said to you in Denver and how he treated you in Denver?

A. Well, Carl Weaver protested against not securing that affidavit and also asked me many questions relative to the Hale case and of my testimony in that case, saying that was just trying to fool him. Upon not receiving answers to these questions that was favorable to him he said that I was just trying to make a monkey out of him and that I had not told him anything that would be of benefit to Hale, and in the morning he would take me over to the Quincy Hotel and leave me there, and that he would not

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0 more whiskey; if I wanted any more I could sell my overcoat and
1 it. That I could lay around John Leahy and them Government agents
2 and make a monkey out of them as I was trying to make out of him but
3 that I had not told him anything, and that I could get home the best
4 way I could. He also said further that he was going to wire J. I.
5 Howard to come out to Denver; that Howard was the principal lawyer in
6 the Hale case. He could come out there and I could talk to him. I ex-
7 plained there was no use in wiring Howard or for Howard to come out to
8 Denver, that I could not tell him anything about the Hale case as he
9 already knew what my testimony was in it. But he wired Howard and Howard
0 came. He locked the door to my room that night taking my key with him
1 and returned in the morning, brought me a pint of whiskey and said he was
2 sorry for the statement he made to me the night before, that he did not
3 know enough about the case to know what to ask me, and probably he was
4 at fault. Then Howard arrived and I had audience with him three differ-
5 ent afternoons and his object was to try to find some testimony to switch
6 responsibility for the killing of Henry Roan to other parties and to
7 clear Bill Hale. These I told him I could not do because the case had
8 been tried on its merits and all the facts in the case brought out, that
9 I not only thought Hale was guilty of this crime but of all other crimes
0 charged to him. Then we all returned from Denver back to Pershing, Okla.
1 Upon arrival at Pershing Weaver gave me \$6.00 saying "that will buy you
2 two pints of whiskey which will hold you for the day" - as that was about
3 the amount he had been buying each day ever since we started to Denver.
4 That about ended the Colorado trip.

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7 Q. Did Mr. Weaver, while you were in Denver, furnish you with any whiskey
8 in the presence of Mr. Howard, and with the knowledge of Mr. Howard?
9 A. Not in the presence of Mr. Howard, but with the knowledge of Mr. Howard.

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11 Q. How do you know it was with the knowledge of Mr. Howard?
12 A. Because Howard asked me upon returning to Oklahoma if Weaver had
13 procured enough whiskey for my trip back. I told him yes - then all
14 the bills for this expense was paid by Howard.

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16 Q. Where did you stop in Denver.
17 A. Adams Hotel.

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19 Q. Where did Weaver and Howard stop?
20 A. Same hotel.

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22 Q. Who paid the expenses in Denver?
23 A. Howard and Weaver.

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25 Q. They paid room rent and board and supplied you with whiskey and
26 transportation home?
27 A. Yes.

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0 While you were on that trip to Denver, or before you went to
1 Denver, or since you returned from Denver, have you ever made
2 affidavit or sworn statement to either Mr. Howard or Mr. Weaver?
3 A. None at all.

4 Q. Tell me about the conversation you had with Mr. Weaver after you
5 were hurt?

6 A. I think it was on the 10th day of April that I got hurt in an
7 automobile accident near Bartlesville and was brought to my room
8 at Hotel Hotel, Pawnee. While in bed there Weaver would visit
9 me quite often and explain to me that if I would come across and
0 be of some assistance to Howard in the interest of Bill Hale, that
1 Howard had plenty of money to pay my doctor bill and all expenses.
2 He asked that I go to see Howard at different times which I never
3 did. He also told Dr. Neale about the same that he told me - who
4 was the attending physician.

5 Q. While you were sick after the automobile accident did Howard or
6 Weaver give you any money?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. About how much?

9 A. Weaver gave me an order on a restaurant for \$5 - the Manhattan.

0 Q. Is that all he gave you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you ask him for the \$5?

3 A. No.

4 Q. He volunteered it?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now I wish you would tell me about trip to El Paso and to other
7 places with federal agents. Howard states that you said there was
8 between seven and eight thousand dollars of these bills paid and
9 e.k. 'd and that ninety five per cent of it was for whiskey, and that
0 the Government agents were as big drunkards as you were. Is that
1 statement true?

2 A. No, it is not true.

3 Q. Did Howard ask you that?

4 A. Yes, during the Hale trial.

5 Q. Mr. Hale states that you said that the Government Agents all are
6 and that sometimes you spent as much as \$35 a day for whiskey, is
7 that true?

8 A. No.

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Q. Would you please state for the record what Mr. J. R. Burger, a Department of Justice Agent, said to you in regard to drinking?

A. Well he at all times prevailed on me to drink just as little as possible because when I started out with him I had been drinking very hard previous to that time. We went to Hot Springs, New Mexico, took the baths there, the agents at no time bought me any whiskey and what I had I procured for myself, and in some instances John R. Burger has found small bottles of whiskey where I had hid them, and poured them out - explaining to me that it was for my best interest - that the object of them being with me was not only for my own safety that it had been asked by me of the Department for my protection - but was for the purpose of having me in good shape physically and mentally - mind clear so that when the trial was called I would be in good shape to testify.

Q. What other Government agents were with you besides Mr. Burger on these trips?

A. Alce Street of El Paso, Texas, Charley Davis, of San Antonio and Gene Parker of Brownsville.

Q. Did any of these Government agents ever buy you any whiskey?

A. No.

Q. While these Government agents were with you, were you held in restraint or were you free to come and go as you chose?

A. I was free - they were always with me as I asked that for my own protection, but there was no restraint on me from going places I wanted to.

Q. And there were time when you were alone?

A. Yes - short while at a time.

Q. When they were with you did you buy any whiskey?

A. No.

Q. You always bought the whiskey when they were not there?

A. Yes I would go downtown to get a newspaper and would get a little whiskey - they were not with me when I got the whiskey.

Q. They did not know where you bought it?

A. No they did not know I had any except when they would find a little bottle.

Q. When they found it what did they do with it?

A. Poured it out. I was with Mr. Burger longer than I was with the rest of them.

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Q. Did Mr. Burger ever buy you any whiskey?

A. None at all. He always discouraged me about having any whiskey.

Q. Mr. Burger and the other Federal agents accompanied you at your own request?

A. Absolutely.

Q. Why did you request that the Government supply you with protection?

A. Well, I told them it was only way I would be witness in these cases, because if I had not had protection I was in fear of my life.

Q. How much money was allowed you each day while you were with these agents?

A. Average \$4 a day.

Q. How did they pay this to you?

A. \$4 in cash every day. I bore my own expenses - bought my meals and paid my room rent out of that \$4 - that is what money was allowed for.

Q. That is where you got the money for whiskey - out of that \$4?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you take a receipt for the \$4 as you expended it?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them a receipt for the \$4 each day?

A. I just made affidavit to the claims at the agency.

Q. Why did they take you around from place to place?

A. Because I requested it - I did not want defence to know where I was.

Q. Did Mr. J. George Wright have a knowledge of the fact that you were spending money every day for something to drink?

A. No he did not know anything about it. In fact I did not drink every day.

Q. Did you drink every day?

A. No, just occasionally.

Q. Then you feel that you are a better man physically and morally for having had the protection of the Government agents during that period of time?

A. Absolutely.

Q. Did any Government agent ever give to you or buy for you any dope at any time?

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Q. No.

Q. Did they ever have any knowledge of the fact that you had dope?

A. I never did have any dope.

Q. Have you ever been addicted to the use of dope?

A. Yes.

Q. How long since you have taken any dope?

A. I took a little while I was sick this time - just administered by a physician while I was in bed.

Q. During the time that you were with these Government agents did you take any dope?

A. No - not at all never used it in no way.

Q. Every statement you have made today is true to the best of your knowledge and belief, is it?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have any Government agents influenced you in any way to make this statement you have made today?

A. No. I was glad to make this statement in behalf of the Agents and Mr. Leahy and Mr. Wright to offset accusations that Mr. Howard made at Washington relative to me and my conduct in the procuring of this money.

Q. Did John Leahy at the time you made your statement to him tell you what to say or how to answer your questions?

A. No, he just let me do like you are doing - state it that way.

Q. Did Mr. Burger tell you what to say before you came up here?

A. Never knew what I was coming for - Mr. Burger told me you wanted me but never mentioned what it was for.

Q. Was Mr. Burger's conduct in your presence during the long period he was with you always that of an upright, honorable gentleman?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you ever see or know Mr. Burger to drink while he was with you?

A. No - he never did while he was with me.

I solemnly swear that the testimony herein given by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

M. M. Williams (Signed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June, 1928.

Samuel Blair, Inspector.

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CHARLES DOTY, Witness,
Webb City, Okla.

When interviewed gave a signed statement with reference to what Whitle White had told him regarding a payment to him by defense attorneys of \$500 to swear in court that Curley Johnson (deceased) killed Henry Roar. The original of this statement, which is hereinafter quoted, is attached to and made a part of the Oklahoma City office file:

"At Webb City, Okla.
June 13, 1928.

"My name is Charles Doty and I reside at the Livingston Hotel on Main St., Webb City, Okla.

On or about May 18, 1928, about 6 P. M. at Webb City, Okla., W. W. (Whitley) White told me that he was going to "promote" some money. I asked him where, and he said he was going to Pawhuska, Okla.; that he could get \$500 now from Bill Hale's attorney for swearing in court that Curley Johnson killed Henry Roar. White said it wouldn't be making Curley the worst of it - Curley was dead.

On May 23, 1928, in the presence of Dora Doak, of Ponca City, at Webb City, Okla., the O'Hara Rooming House, he made practically the same statement.

About May 23, 1928, White appeared at Webb City, he had two new suits of clothes, a Ford Coupe (used) with wire wheels and a plenty of money. He said, as he slapped me on the shoulder, "Well, I didn't do so bad. I am liable to tell those sons-of-bitches anything for some money.

Witnesses:
Hugh Larimer,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Okla. City, Okla.

(Signed) Chas Doty."

DORA DOAK, Witness,
Webb City, Okla.
(last known address).

Was present and heard Whitle White make the statement quoted above. Due to her absence from Webb City attempts to locate and interview her were unsuccessful.

RELIABLE INFORMANTS:

Each of the following named persons, who had previously assisted the prosecution as witness or informant, was interviewed, with the result that the testimony or attitude of each remains constant and loyal to the Government;

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Henry Ward, Fairfax, Oklahoma

J. Runsecker do

W. M. Spurgeon "

Geo. Bolton "

Bob Parker "

R. W. Richey "

Jim Pyle "

Jas. Rhodes "

Bill Taylor "

Horace Burkhardt "

Ray Dunch, Gray Horse, Okla.

Joe Carper, Balston, Okla.

A. W. Comstock, Pawhuska, Okla.

Smith Leahy do

Harve Freas "

Tom Hubbard "

C. K. Templeton "

Ed Tinker "

Charley Doty, Webb City, Okla.

General information for future reference:

The following named persons are friends of defendant H. and are active in his behalf to the extent of opposing prosecution of this case:

John Gregg, Shidler, Okla.

John Demison, Pawhuska, Okla.

D.K. Smith (jailer) do

John Henderson "

Dick Connors "

W. W. (Red) Jacobs "

Elin Elam "

Fred Roe (now under indictment for perjury), Pawhuska, Okla.

Carl Craddock, son-in-law of Roe,

Arthur Graves (questionable), Pawhuska, Okla.

Chas. Steward (banker)

John Steward "

Gene Scott "

Sam Tulk (Chief Police), Ponca City, Okla.

Luther Aldridge "

Chas. Callahan (Okla. State Cattle Inspector)

Homer Ruffaker, Fairfax, Okla.

Pitts Beatty "

Ben McDonald (Candidate for Sheriff, Osage County)

Bright Roddy, Tulsa, Okla.

Lee Russell (cattleman), San Antonio, Texas.

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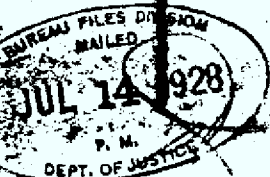
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LORRING.

With further reference to the alleged
murder of Osage Indians by W. K. (BILL) HALE,
there is transmitted herewith for your in-
formation, a copy of the report of Special
Agent J. R. Banger, dated June 28, 1928, at
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 7, 1928.

F.B.B.
7-16-17.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: C. C. Raddabaugh - Perjury com-
mitted in connection with trial
of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey,
Murder of Henry Roan.

This case has been pending in this office
since November 30, 1926. It appears that the investi-
gation is complete and no further request has been made
from the office of the United States Attorney for ad-
ditional investigation.

In view of the fact that this case has been
pending for sometime and the investigation is completed,
will you not authorize the closing of the case subject to
being reopened when the United States Attorney shall have
arrived at a decision regarding it.

Very truly yours,

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

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P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 7, 1928.

JB:B.
74-15-17

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Henry Cornett; Homer Rowe;
Carl Rowe - Probable Conspiracy
to commit perjury in connection
with trial of W.K. Hale and John
Ramsey for murder of Henry Roan.

On December 8, 1926, an investigative report
in this matter was submitted by Special Agent Frank S. Smith
of the Oklahoma City office. On May 12, 1928, a summary re-
port in this matter was submitted by this office to the United
States Attorney at Oklahoma City.

Periodically since the date of the first report,
requests have been made of the office of the United States At-
torney as to what action was anticipated with respect to this
matter, with the result that no decision has been obtainable.
I respectfully request authority, since there is no further in-
vestigation to be done in this case, to close this case pending
final decision from the office of the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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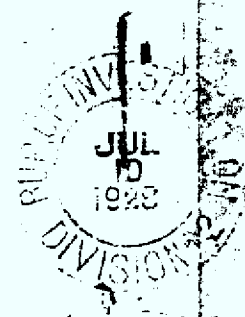
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FJB:B.
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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Walter Ramsey - Perjury committed
in connection with trial of W.K.
Hale and John Ramsey.

This case has been pending in this office since
November 30, 1926. It appears that the investigation is
complete and no further request has been made from the
office of the United States Attorney for additional in-
vestigation.

In view of the fact that this case has been
pending for sometime and the investigation is completed,
will you not authorize the closing of the case subject to
being reopened when the United States Attorney shall have
arrived at a decision regarding it.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 7, 1928.

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74-19-15

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

Dear Sir:

Re: J. L. Casparis - Perjury and probable
conspiracy in connection with trial of
W. K. Hale and John Ramsey.

This case has been pending in this office since
December 9, 1926. It appears that the investigation is com-
plete and no further request has been made from the office of
the United States Attorney for additional investigation.

In view of the fact that this case has been pending
for sometime and the investigation is completed, will you
authorize the closing of the case subject to being reopened when
the United States Attorney shall have arrived at a decision re-
garding it.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge. JUL 12 1928

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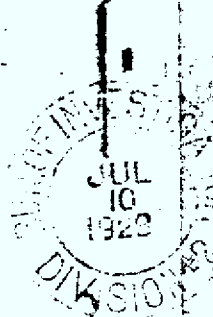
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Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

62-5133

Dear Sir:

Re: Joe Bozarth - Perjury committed in
trial of W.K. Hale and John Ramsey.

This case has been pending in this office since December 1, 1926. It appears that the investigation is complete and no further request has been made from the office of the United States Attorney for additional investigation.

In view of the fact that this case has been pending for sometime and the investigation is completed, will you not authorize the closing of the case subject to being reopened when the United States Attorney shall have arrived at a decision regarding it.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1535,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 7, 1928.

FJB:B.
74-20-16

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

Dear Sir:

Re: J. M. Springer - Subornation of Per-
jury and probable conspiracy to commit
Perjury in connection with trial of
W. K. Hale and John Ramsey.

This case has been pending in this office since
December 9, 1926. It appears that the investigation is com-
plete and no further request has been made from the office
of the United States Attorney for additional investigation.

In view of the fact that this case has been pend-
ing for sometime and the investigation is completed, will you
not authorize the closing of the case subject to being re-
opened when the United States Attorney shall have arrived at
a decision regarding it.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Amos Tucker - Perjury committed at
trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey,
Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.

This case has been pending in this office since
December 20, 1926. It appears that the investigation is
complete and no further request has been made from the of-
fice of the United States Attorney for additional investi-
gation.

In view of the fact that this case has been pend-
ing for sometime and the investigation is completed, will
you not authorize the closing of the case subject to reopen-
ing when the United States Attorney shall have arrived at a
decision regarding it.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mr. P. J. Blake,
P. O. Box 1135,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

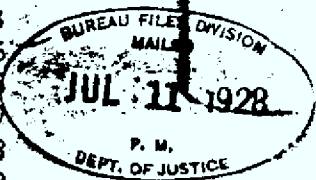
The Bureau is in receipt of a number of letters from you concerning your desire to have certain perjury cases closed which arose from the trial of W. E. Hale and John A. Gray. Murder of Henry Ross, Osage Indian, and notes that the United States Attorney has not arrived at a decision as to whether or not these cases will be prosecuted.

It is believed that these cases should be kept pending in your office until such time as the United States Attorney renders an opinion as to the advisability of the prosecution of these cases.

It will be perfectly proper for you to have an Agent of your office contact with the United States Attorney for the purpose of learning his decision in these cases.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-12-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-26/30-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger.
CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder George Indians.			JUL 16 1928

(O. C. File #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

F. A. McInroy, Fairfax, Okla. stated he had in his possession bill under date Jan. 13, 1923, at which time at **Fairfax, Okla.** Henry Roan paid said bill and John Ramsey and Henry Roan were at that time engaged in conversation. Price Boles, Independence, Kansas stated that John Henderson had asked him to testify for defense with reference to statement made by Beat Lawson, and that he, Boles, knew nothing as to killing of Henry Roan and could not do Hale any good as he did not know anything. T. B. White, Warden, Federal Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas stated that Hale had told F. C. Swindell (atty.) that he, Hale, had paid Jim Springer (atty.) for Hale, \$10,000 attorney fees for defending John Ramsey and had cancelled checks. Dewey Selph now confined in Federal prison, Leavenworth, Kansas stated W. E. (Bill) Hale told him he, Hale, had \$25,000 insurance policy on Henry Roan and offered him \$500.00 to bump him off and later told him, he, Hale, had got John Ramsey to do the job. Roy St. Louis, U. S. Atty. and T. J. Leahy, Special U. S. Atty. Gen. conferred with and evidence obtained submitted to them. No further investigation advised at this time. Case pending trial.

- PENDING -

REFERENCE: Report of this Agent dated 6-23-28.

DETAILS:

- At Fairfax, Oklahoma. -

F. A. McInroy stated he had found bill under date Jan. 13, 1923 paid him by Henry Roan at Fairfax, Okla. at which time and place John Ramsey and Henry Roan were engaged in conversation and John Ramsey asked him at this time if he, McInroy, had any jugs for sale. Mr. McInroy stated Henry Roan and John Ramsey were

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well known to him and he could not be mistaken as to identity of them; further, that he had seen John Ramsey and Henry Roan at Fairfax, Oklahoma several times during the month of January, 1923.

- At Independence, Kansas. -

Price Boles, now confined in County Jail, Independence, Kansas on bank robbery charge, stated John Henderson, now jailer at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, had talked to him about testifying for Hale and he had told Henderson he did not know anything other than what Post Lawson had told him about blowing up Bill Smith's home when Smith, his wife and servant girl were killed, which statement he, Boles, did not believe and he, Boles, did not know anything about the killing of Henry Roan and could not do Hale any good as he did not know anything.

Boles made above statement in presence of Sheriff McGrab, Independence, Kansas.

- At Leavenworth, Kansas. -

T. B. White, Warden Federal Penitentiary, stated F. C. Swindell, (associate atty.) with Wm Springer, Tulsa, Oklahoma had had interview with W. K. (Bill) Hale at Federal Penitentiary Dec. 23, 1923 and after interview Mr. Swindell had told him, Mr. White, that Hale had told him he, Hale, had paid Jim Springer (atty.) \$10,000 attorney fees for defending John Ramsey and he, Hale, had cancelled checks to show payment to Springer. Mr. White stated he would have interview with Mr. Swindell prior to trial of case and try to obtain from him more detailed statement from him with reference to his conversation with Hale; that judging from Mr. Swindell's remarks Springer had told his law partners that he only received from Hale \$1,000 in payment for attorney fees.

Dowey Selph, now confined in Federal prison Leavenworth, Kansas, stated he met W. K. (Bill) Hale at Fairfax, Oklahoma a short time before Henry Roan was killed and Hale told him he had \$25,000 insurance policy on Henry Roan and would like to get him out of the way and later told him, Selph, that he, Hale, would give him \$500.00 to bump Roan off, and he told Hale he had never killed anyone, and Hale then told him to forget what he had said, as he knew of another party he thought would do the job; that a short time thereafter he again met Hale at Fairfax and Hale told him again to forget what he had said to him about bumping Roan off; that he had arraigned with John Ramsey to do the job; that since he, Selph, and Hale have been confined in prison Hale had told him his, Hale's, attorneys had Mat Williams fired and he, Hale, would give him, Selph, anything in the world he had if he, Selph, could not testify against him; that he could beat the case if he, Selph, and Mat Williams would not testify against him.

Selph stated while he would rather not be called to testify as a witness, however, if he was put on the witness stand he would tell the truth, as above stated, as he did not believe in protecting anyone for murder.

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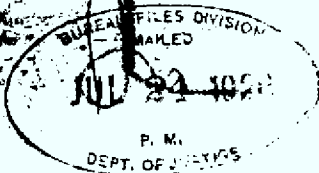
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUTHER

With reference to the case of J. K. (Bill) Hale,
Murder of Osage Indians, there is transmitted herewith copy
of a report submitted by Special Agent Burger at Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma, under date of July 12.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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July 17, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Slater,
P. O. Box 1835,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

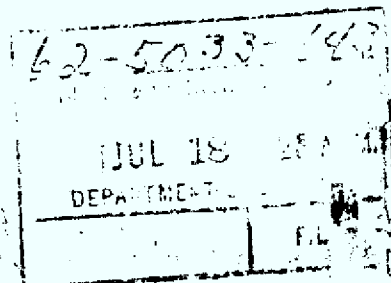
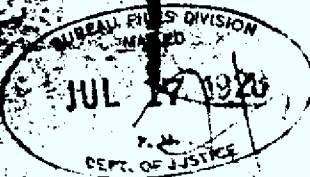
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting attached hereto
copy of affidavit submitted in the Osage
Indian Murder Case by John Ramsey. This
affidavit has been transmitted to the Bureau
by Assistant Attorney General Jahring. The
affidavit in question is for your information
in the supervision of the investigation of this
case and will probably be of interest to Agent
Burger who is working thereon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Tulsa, Oklahoma.

July 18, 1928.

Honorable F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

In re: U. S. v. W. K. Hale,
No. 2900 Criminal

Sir:

I have just had an interview with Mr. J. R. Burger with reference to the above entitled matter, and I concur in the opinion of Mr. Leahy, Special United States Attorney General, in that some Agent be personally stationed at Pawhuska to keep track of Government witnesses and watch the maneuvers of the defense, as you are doubtless well aware that the Defendant and his Attorneys are doing everything that can be done to prevent a fair and impartial trial of this cause.

It has also come to my attention that probably some of the Attorneys for Mr. Hale have been in Denver, Colorado, with Government witness Matt Williams, in an endeavor to cause this witness to commit perjury, or at least to change his testimony. It might be important to the Government that this matter be investigated and that Mr. Williams' statement be corroborated at Denver. It is the policy of the Government in this case to prosecute any and all persons who are guilty of perjury or subordination of perjury.

Mr. Leahy, as I understand it, has asked that Mr. J. R. Burger come to Colorado Springs for a conference and that he, Mr. Leahy, get in touch with Mr. White prior to the time that Mr. Leahy took his vacation, in this respect.

I have turned over to Mr. Leahy all the records in this office for his perusal.

As I understand it, Mr. Leahy has gone to Colorado Springs so that he might study this case undisturbed and to be in good physical trim when the case comes on for trial September 4.

I might suggest that if Mr. Burger is given authority to go to Colorado Springs to confer with Mr. Leahy, he might also make the investigation at Denver in connection therewith.

I trust that you will pardon these suggestions and any presumption that there may be on my part, what I do is for the best interests of the Government.

Respectfully,

Harry Seaton, Assistant
United States Attorney

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P. O. Box 1365,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

July 23, 1928.

Hon. John M. Goldsberry,
United States Attorney,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Attention Mr. Harry Seaton.

Re: W. K. Hale.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 15, 1928, relative to the case of United States versus W. K. Hale. Special Agent J. R. Burger is now in the vicinity of Pawhuska for the purpose of keeping track of the activities of the defendants in that territory.

With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, if you will advise just what it is that you desire to have done at Denver I will be in a better position to determine whether it would be advisable for Agent Burger to proceed to Denver or to request the Denver office to get such information as you desire.

With respect to the third paragraph of your letter, I am without authority to authorize the travel of Special Agent J. R. Burger to Colorado Springs for the purpose of a conference with Mr. Leahy, and would not feel justified in requesting the Bureau to authorize me to direct Agent Burger to make that travel until I was advised as to what the purpose of the conference is and what matters it is desired to take up with Mr. Leahy.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

c.c. Bureau.

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REPORT MADE AT: <u>Oklahoma City, Okla.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>7-27-28</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>7-26-28</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>J. C. White</u>
TITLE: <u>J. L. CAMPBELL</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>PERJURY, and probable conspiracy in connection with trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Emory Roan, Osage Indian.</u>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(O. C. #74-19-16).

No further investigation necessary
this case, therefore,

CLOSED.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent J. C.
White, Oklahoma City, 5-19-28.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United
States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who
stated that no further investigation
was required and that the Bureau might
close this case.

DETAILS:

CLOSED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LUTHERING,
Assistant Attorney General.

There is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of the report rendered by Special Agent J. C. White, at Oklahoma City, Okla., on July 27, 1928, in the case entitled: - J. L. CASPARIS, Perjury and probable conspiracy in connection with trial of W. K. Rife and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.

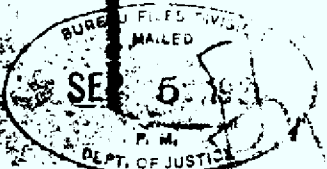
Recently the Bureau was advised by its Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Okla., that the U. S. Attorney had not reached a decision in this case.

The Bureau will appreciate being advised as to the action contemplated to be taken in this matter by the U. S. Attorney.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-27-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-26-28	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. White
TITLE: WALTER RAMSEY			CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY, committed in connection with trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, Murder of Henry Roan.
(O. C. #74-18-16)			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No further investigation necessary this case, therefore, CLOSED.			
REFERENCE: Report of Agent H. E. James, Oklahoma City, 5-12-28.			
DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Okla. Consulted with Roy St. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, who stated that no further investigation was required and that the Bureau might close this case. CLOSED.			
DETAILS:			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Belva</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62 5033 446	RECORDED AND INDEXED SEP 28 1928
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