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Attorneys Hale Murder case Pawhuska have advised that O. C Webb material witness has  
 appeared and may have been induced to leave Oklahoma and on December eleventh his wife  
 Webb Fairfax Okla received Western Union wire from Whittier California quote  
 where you are am working letter follows signed O C Webb Unquote Attorneys desire  
 to ascertain if Webb is actually at Whittier Not particularly necessary interview him  
 He is described about forty five short one foot off below knee usually wears  
 what Suggest Agent Murphy personally knows him After investigation advise

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El Paso, Texas,  
December 15, 1928.

Mr. C. E. Brennan,  
P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. E. Street of this office has received notification from U.S. Attorney John M. Goldsberry that he should appear as a witness in the William E. Hale case at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on January 2, 1929.

I wish to advise that Special Agent Street is a necessary and material witness before the U.S. Grand Jury at Roswell, N.M., on January 7, 1929 and before the U.S. Court at Globe, Arizona, on January 14, 1929, and that he is already under subpoena in the latter instance. Further, that Agent Street advised me that whatever testimony he might be able to give in the Hale case can readily be given by other qualified witnesses.

I wish you would take this matter up with United States Attorney Goldsberry and see if Agent Street can be excused from attending this trial. The case in which he is a witness at Globe, Arizona, on January 14 is a very important Indian murder case, itself, and I do not believe the United States Attorney for Arizona will be inclined to excuse him from obeying the terms of the subpoena already placed on him.

Very truly yours,

Louis De Hette,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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El Paso, Texas,  
December 15, 1928.

Mr. Gus T. Jones,  
P. O. Box 906,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter which came in  
an official envelope addressed to Charles Davis  
at El Paso and which I opened and find to be a  
notification that Mr. Davis, whom I assume to be  
Special Agent Charles Davis of your office, is  
wanted as a witness at Pashuska, Oklahoma, on  
January 2, 1929 in the William K. Hale case. I  
am transmitting same to you for delivery to Agent  
Davis.

Very truly yours,

Louis De Nette,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Director.  
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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 15, 1928

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Mr. Louis DeNette,  
P. O. Box 4771,  
Dallas, Texas.

Re: Special Agent J. A. Street,  
Witness, W. K. HALE CASE.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13th advising that Special Agent J. A. Street of your office has received notification from United States Attorney Coldestar, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to appear as witness in the Hale Murder Case, Pawhuska, on January 2nd, and also advising that Special Agent Street is a necessary and material witness before the United States Grand Jury at Roswell, New Mexico, January 7, 1929 and before the United States Court at Globe, Arizona, January 14, 1929; and requesting me to ascertain whether Agent Street cannot be excused from attending court at Pawhuska on January 2nd.

I am on this date presenting the matter to T. J. Leahy, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in charge of the prosecution of the Hale Murder case, at Pawhuska, and informing him of the situation in your district with reference to Special Agent Street, and I will advise you as to his wishes in the matter.

Permit me to suggest that you have the United States Attorneys in Arizona and New Mexico communicate direct with Mr. Leahy and inform him of the character of their cases in which Agent Street is a witness, and the necessity for his appearing as a witness there, and this might result in Mr. Leahy releasing Agent Street as a witness at Pawhuska. Unless there is an understanding between the Attorneys, I am inclined to believe that Mr. Leahy will insist upon Agent Street appearing at Pawhuska on January 2nd.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Branham,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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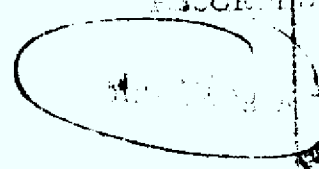
SPECIAL AGENT JOHN BURGER ADVISES LEAVING PAWHUSKA SEVEN AM NINETEEN  
 FOR KANSAS CITY AND NEARBY PLACES INTERVIEW WITNESSES HALE CASE BY  
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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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December 18, 1928.

Mr. John Wren,  
c/o Hinks Hotel,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: John K. Wren,  
Special Agent

This office is in receipt of a communication from the United States Attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma, advising that you are under process of the Court to appear at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on January 7, 1929 as a witness in the case entitled United States vs. W. E. Hale, No. 2900.

The trial was previously set for Jan. 2nd but has been continued to January 7th.

Yours very truly,

cc: Bureau  
cc: San Antonio

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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REPORT MADE AT: Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-27-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-27-28	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. Breniman.
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TITLE: HENRY COLETT; HOMER ROWE; CARL ROWE; C. GRADY BAUGH; JOE BOZARTH; WALTER RAMSEY; L. CASPERIS; J. M. SPRINGER; AMOS TUCKER	CHARACTER OF CASE: Probable Conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with trial of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey for murder Henry Bean, Osage Indian.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: REOPENED CASE (O. C. #74-15-19)

By direction of the Bureau, Oklahoma City files 74-15 to 74-21, inclusive, which include the names of all of the above named subjects, are being reopened under file 74-15 to be carried as pending until final disposition has been made of the cases by the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City. Investigative activity completed.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 8, 1928.

DETAILS: As requested in reference letter, Oklahoma City files 74-15 to 74-21, inclusive, are being reopened under file 74-15 and will be carried as pending case in which all investigative activity has been completed and awaiting prosecutive action by the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. E. Breniman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-726	RECORDED AND INDEXED:
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Los Angeles, Calif.  
December 27, 1928.

Mr. C. E. Brennan,  
P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

RE: Bill Hale et al  
L. A. File 70-21-4

Replying to your telegram of the 12th inst., in reference to locating G. C. WEBB, an important witness for the Government in this case, I desire to advise as follows:

The Post Office attaches at Whittier advise that they believe WEBB is in the oil fields near Whittier and that he may be getting mail through general delivery there. They will keep tab on the general delivery mail and advise this office if anything definite develops.

The Post Office records at Whittier reflect the fact that WEBB was at Whittier in August and on August 25, 1928, filed a change of address for a ten-day period to Salt Lake City, Utah.

It is believed he recently returned to Whittier and may be employed in the vicinity.

Permit me to suggest that your office keep tab on mail matter received by relatives of Subject and advise me if you learn where he is employed or that he is receiving mail at Whittier.

Yours very truly,

E. J. GEEHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-27-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/24 to 12/22	REPORT MADE BY: J. R. Burger
TITLE: K. (Bill) HALE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Murder of Osage Indians

(O. C. File #70-1)

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** W. J. EMERY, inmate Oklahoma Penitentiary, McAlester, again interviewed; stated that one Gray McNeer, also inmate there, was a resident of Kansas City, Mo. in 1922 and in the fall of that year, McNeer, then driving a car for the Eastern Auto Co., had brought to Emery's place, at 42nd and Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, Bill Hale and Henry Grammer; that McNeer stated Pop Schadel had him (McNeer) drive these men to see Emery; that Grammer and Hale stayed with Emery about forty-five minutes, while McNeer waited; that Hale, Grammer and Emery then had McNeer drive them to 12th & Troost Street, Kansas City, Mo., where Emery, Hale and Grammer went inside, stayed a few minutes and then came out and had McNeer drive them back to Emery's place, 42nd & Paseo, at which place McNeer left the other three named men.

GRAY MCNEER, #14765, Oklahoma Penitentiary, McAlester, was interviewed and stated that in the fall of 1922 he was driving a car for the Eastern Auto Company, then located at 31st & Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.; that the owner at that time was one F. J. (Pop) Schadel; that in the fall of 1922 Pop Schadel was noticed by McNeer talking privately to two men; that Schadel called McNeer over and told him to drive these two men to see W. J. Emery; that W. J. Emery at that time ran a paint shop at 42nd & Paseo; that McNeer drove these two men to said address and there let them out and W. J. Emery, who McNeer knew well, introduced the two men to McNeer as Bill Hale and Henry Grammer; that they stayed at Emery's place possibly forty-five minutes and then McNeer drove all three of them to 12th and Troost; that they stayed at 12th and Troost, in the basement, some short time and then the three men, Emery, Hale and Grammer, had McNeer drive them back to Emery's place at 42nd & Paseo, where the three men, Emery, Grammer and Hale, got out and McNeer left. McNeer stated that Hale, Grammer and Pop Schadel talked privately and he did not hear what they were saying, and that Hale, Grammer and Emery also talked privately and he did not hear their conversation; that he

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Bureau 1-U.S. Atty. Tulsa 1-U.S. Atty. O.C. 1-T. J. Leahy, Pawhuska 1-Edwin Brown, Guthrie 2-Oklahoma City.	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: FILE

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had not known Hale before this time but has seen his photo in the paper since, and knows it is the same man as Emery introduced to him as Bill Hale at Kansas City, as related above.

ROSS B. ERICKSON, Latham, Kansas, a well known rancher and stockman, interviewed, who stated that has been well and personally acquainted with W. K. (Bill) Hale for many years; that he also was intimately acquainted with Henry Grammer and W. J. Emery, et al; that sometime in 1922 Bill Hale told him (Erickson) that he (Hale) had loaned a lot of Osage Indians money and did not see how he was going to make them pay; that Hale mentioned that he had insured the life of "Henry Roan Horse" for \$25,000.00 in his, Hale's, favor and Hale asked Erickson if he (Erickson) could not get some outlaw that Erickson knew along the Mexican border to come up and bump Roan Horse off for Hale; that Erickson told Hale "Don't give me any of that bunk about you lending these Indians money"; that Erickson also asked Hale why he did not get some of his Oklahoma outlaws to do the job and Hale stated that the Oklahoma outlaws were mostly bootleggers "and will not come up from behind"; that later Erickson told Bill Hale that one W. J. Emery, then of Kansas City, Mo. might do the job, or get him a man, as Emery was reputed to be a killer and in with the "Little Italy Gang" in Kansas City, Mo.; that sometime in 1922 he (Erickson) introduced Bill Hale and Henry Grammer to W. J. Emery, in the Britton Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.; that he, Erickson, was informed that Emery had arranged with Hale to have Roan Horse bumped off but Erickson stated that in the spring of 1925, at Erickson's ranch near Latham, Kansas, Bill Hale told him (Erickson) that he (Hale) had gotten John Ramsey to bump Henry Roan off and the insurance company was refusing to pay the insurance on Roan and the insurance company and the Government were investigating; that Hale stated Roan was killed on the Rose Little Star land and that was claimed by the Government to give them jurisdiction to prosecute for the murder; that Hale made notes of citations of a case in New Mexico, which Erickson was well acquainted with and which Hale thought might help him prove the Government did not have jurisdiction to try Hale or John Ramsey for the Roan murder.

GUY WILKERSON, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, stated to Agents that he worked for Henry Cornett in the year of 1922; that he saw Henry Roan buy whiskey from Henry Cornett and also saw Curley Johnson, Mary Roan, Roy Bunch, William Taylor "and a lot of other people" buy whiskey from Henry Cornett; that however he never, at any time, saw Henry Roan at Henry Cornett's place at the same time that Curley Johnson or any of the others named, were there; that he never, at any time, saw Henry Roan leave Cornett's place followed by Curley Johnson, and maneuvered by Curley Johnson and Roy Bunch in their cars, so as to get Roan in between the cars of Bunch and Johnson. Guy Wilkerson stated that Bill Hale and Henry Cornett asked him (Wilkerson) to testify that he (Wilkerson) was at Cornett's house late in December, 1922, the day Henry Roan is said to have been murdered, and to testify further that he, Wilkerson, saw Roan leave, going out by the west and north

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way to the road leading south to Fairfax and further that he, Wilkerson, saw Roy Bunch in a car take the south and east way to the road leading south, to Fairfax, and saw Curley Johnson get in behind Roan on the west and north road, so as to get Roan in his car, between the cars driven by Johnson, Bunch, Bill Taylor and Mary Roan. Wilkerson stated that he told Cornett and Hale he did not see anything of this kind and he, Wilkerson, would refuse to testify as they asked, although he was at Cornett's place at the time and date mentioned, he saw nothing of what they urged him to testify as happening.

O. C. WEBB, government witness, Fairfax, Oklahoma, stated December 18, 1928, that on December 5, 1928, Walter Gray, Attorney, Fairfax, Okla., a partisan of Bill Hale, advised him (Webb) that it would be to Webb's best interest for him (Webb) to leave the country and stay away and not testify against Bill Hale in his Hale's forthcoming trial. Webb stated that in pursuance to this advice he did leave Fairfax the night of December 5, 1928, going to Whittier, California, intending not to be on hand to testify against Hale, but that he (Webb) decided to return, but must have protection as he fears for his life if he testifies against Hale.

F. J. (POP) SCHADEL, 3037 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri (new witness) stated that he has been personally and well acquainted with W. J. Emery and Gray McNeer, government witnesses, for many years; that he, Schadel, is willing to testify for the government in this case but requests that he, Schadel, be given opportunity to talk to Emery and Gray McNeer before making any statement. Arrangements are being made to have his request complied with.

Case continued from January 2nd to January 7th, 1929.

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REFERENCE: This Agent's report November 24, 1928.

DETAILS:

W. J. EMERY, #14758, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, stated on December 12, 1928, to Agents, that Gray McNeer, #14763, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was a pal of Emery's in Kansas City in 1922; that McNeer was at that time driving a car for the Eastern Auto Company, 31st & Prospect, Kansas City, Mo., and that McNeer, at the direction of F. J. Schadel, alias Pop Schadel, the then owner of the Eastern Auto Co., had hauled Bill Hale and Henry Grammer from the offices of the Eastern Auto Company in Kansas City to call upon Emery at his paint shop, 42nd & Paseo, Kansas City. Emery stated this was in the fall of 1922 and that he induced Hale and Grammer to McNeer at the time McNeer brought them to his (Emery's) shop on this occasion; that Hale and Grammer and Emery had a talk of about forty-five minutes at this time and then had McNeer, who was still waiting with his car, to take them (Hale, Grammer and Emery) over to 12th & Troost, Kansas City; that at 12th & Troost, Emery, Hale and Grammer got out and went into the place, stayed a

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12 short time and then came out and had McNeer drive them back to Emery's place. At this  
13 point they dismissed McNeer. Emery stated further that Pop Schadel still lives in  
14 Kansas City and can corroborate this if he, Schadel, does not refuse to get involved  
15 in this case.

17 W. J. EMERY stated further that he has known Ross B. Erickson person-  
ally and well for many years and that Erickson introduced him, Emery, to Bill Hale  
and Henry Grammer in the Britton Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. early in 1922; that  
Erickson knows a lot about Hale having Roan killed, if he will tell it all and that  
Erickson knows Gray McNeer, W. J. Emery, Ed King, Elmer Diehr, and others.

22 GRAY McNEER, #14763, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.  
23 stated to Agents on December 9th, 1928, that he (McNeer) was a pal of Emery's  
24 Kansas City for several years prior to 1922; that he, McNeer, and Emery were both  
25 doing time for the same job - robbing the Oklahoma Paper Co. payroll at Oklahoma  
26 City. McNeer stated further that in 1922 he was driving a car for the Eastern Auto  
27 Co. then located at 31st & Prospect, Kansas City, Mo.; that one P. J. Schadel,  
28 alias Pop Schadel, operated this auto company at that time; that in the fall of  
29 1922 one day he, McNeer, saw Schadel talking to two men; that this was at the com-  
30 pany's office, 31st & Prospect; that Schadel called McNeer over and told him to drive  
31 these two men to W. J. Emery's place, 42nd & Paseo; that he, McNeer, drove these two  
32 men to Emery's place and Emery was there, and Emery introduced the two men to him as  
33 BILL HALE and HENRY GRAMMER; that he, McNeer, has since seen a photo of Bill Hale  
34 in the papers and knows it is the same Bill Hale that Emery introduced to him that  
35 day. McNeer stated further that Hale, Grammer and Emery went behind a partition in  
36 Emery's place and talked for about forty-five minutes; that they then came out and  
37 told him to drive them to 12th & Proost; that he did so and at 12th & Proost, Hale,  
38 Grammer and Emery got out and went into the basement at that address; that these  
39 three men were in there a short time and then came out and he drove them all back to  
40 Emery's place at 42nd & Paseo where Grammer, Hale and Emery got out and McNeer left.  
41 (McNeer and Emery are apparently ex-Kansas City gangster pals). McNeer states he  
42 will willingly testify to the above facts.

44 ROSS B. ERICKSON, Latham, Kansas, who is a big rancher and stock-  
45 man and well known there, stated to Agents at Arkansas City, Kansas, December 9, 1928  
46 that he (Erickson) has known Bill Hale personally and well for many years; that he  
47 also knew Henry Grammer intimately, and knows W. J. Emery, Elmer Diehr, Ed King, et  
48 al, personally and well; that he (Erickson) knows all about the Henry Roan Horse  
49 murder, as Bill Hale told him all about it, before and after it was committed.

51 ERICKSON stated further that early in 1922 Hale informed him  
52 confidentially that he, Hale, had loaned a lot of the Osage Indians a lot of money  
53 and did not know how he was going to make them pay; that Hale then also told  
54 Erickson that he, Hale, had loaned HENRY ROAN HORSE \$25,000.00 and had insured  
55 Roan's life in his, Hale's, for \$25,000.00; that Hale asked Erickson if he, Erickson,  
56 could not get some outlaw Erickson knew from the Mexican Border to come up and buy  
57 Roan off for Hale; that Erickson told Hale to not give him any of that "damn junk"  
58 about lending any Indians money as he, Erickson, knew that was not true; that he,

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Erickson asked Hale why he did not get some of his Oklahoma outlaws to do the job. Hale replied they were nearly all whiskey men or bootleggers and "won't come up behind"; that he, Erickson, shortly after this introduced Hale and Grazier to W. J. Emery, in the Britton Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. and told Emery what Hale wanted; that he, Erickson, was informed that Emery was attending to the deal for Hale, but later he heard Emery would not do the job altho' Emery was reputed to be a killer

ERICKSON stated further that about 1925, Hale was at his place in... and was apparently worried over the investigations going on in the Roan, Kansas case; that Hale told him, Erickson, that Roan was killed on the Rose Little Street... and that the Federal Government claimed this gave the Government jurisdiction to try the persons who committed the murder; that Hale stated he had thought the insurance company would pay the money right on the barrel head when Roan was killed, but that the insurance company was refusing to pay at all; that he, Hale, was afraid of the Government investigating as they were too slow to get anything, but the insurance company kept on investigating and that worried him, Hale.

ERICKSON stated that HALE ACTUALLY TOLD HIM (ERICKSON) THAT HE (HALE) HAD HAD JOHN RAMSEY BUMP HENRY ROAN HORSE OFF and he (Hale) was afraid Ramsey would be... and hitched; that he (Erickson) told Hale of a similar case of murder in New Mexico where the Government sought jurisdiction on similar grounds and Hale wrote down the style of the New Mexico case and the citations that Erickson gave Hale, which citations were thought by Hale and Erickson as being authority against the Government having jurisdiction in this Roan case.

ERICKSON stated that he had never squawked in his life, but that Bill Hale was the worst crook and double-crosser he had ever known; that Hale rented some... from Erickson, near Latham, in 1925, and brought a lot of stolen cattle along... put them in Erickson's pasture; that some of Erickson's neighbors found their stolen cattle in Hale's bunch and Erickson turned them back - three or four head; that Hale told Erickson he had about 185 head of cattle he (Hale) had stolen from the... and Hale billed these cattle separately from his own, under the name of... BURNHART when they were sold at Kansas City; that Hale also proposed to Erickson that he Hale would steal a lot of cattle and put them in Erickson's ranch in Kansas; that Hale took four steers that belonged to Erickson and never paid for them; that he, Erickson, had thought this case over carefully and then told his partner, Melvin Case (or Gray), that he, Erickson, was going to tell all he knew and Melvin drove at once to Fairfax and saw Mrs. Bill Hale and Hale's daughter, and told them (about December 29 1928) and Mrs. Hale had asked Melvin "For God's sake, don't let Ross testify"; that Mrs. Hale gave Melvin a check for \$400.00 in payment of the four steers and Melvin offered Erickson his (Melvin's) half of this check if Erickson would not testify; that Melvin also told Erickson that he, Erickson, would be killed before he could leave the courthouse if he testified against Hale. Erickson stated that he knows a lot more and desires to have an interview with T. J. Leahy before the trial; that he knows "Judge Leahy" and desires to meet him before the trial. Erickson stated to us to "tell BURNHART and W. J. EMERY to tell it all; I am going to tell it all".

GUY WILKERSON, #14528, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, interviewed, who stated in material substance that he worked for Henry Cornett in

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Osage County in 1922; that Cornett was selling a lot of whiskey at that time and he, Wilkerson, often saw people at Cornett's house south of Burbank, Oklahoma, in Osage County, buying whiskey from Cornett; that he remembers seeing Henry Roan, Curley Johnson, Mary Roan, Roy Bunch, Bill Taylor and a "lot of others" thus buying whiskey from Cornett; that sometime in the fall or winter of 1922 he saw Henry Roan, Mary Roan, Roy Bunch, Bill Taylor, Curley Johnson and some others whose names he did not recall at Cornett's house; that he, Wilkerson, was at the branding pens and saw these people come, but did not see any one of them leave; that he did not see Roan there when he saw the others and does not know how or when any of them left; that he remembers when Roan's body was found but does not recall whether it was two days or two months before the day Roan's body was found that he saw these people there.

GUY WILKERSON stated further that Hale had him subpoenaed as a defense witness and Hale and Henry Cornett tried to induce him, Wilkerson, to testify that he (Wilkerson) saw Curley Johnson follow Henry Roan in his car when Roan left Cornett's place the evening of about December 26, 1922, and to testify further that he, Wilkerson, saw Roy Bunch, Mary Roan and Bill Taylor leave Cornett's place by the south and east way from Cornett's house, and that Roy Bunch and Mary Roan and Bill Taylor reached the road running south to Fairfax a little ahead of Henry Roan's car, and Curley Johnson in his car was behind Roan so that as the three cars drove south towards Fairfax that evening, Curley Johnson and Roy Bunch in their cars had Henry Roan in his car between them. (Agents drew a diagram of this as shown by Frank Pock, heretofore reported, and Wilkerson just glanced at the diagram and stated: "Yes, that is the way Cornett and Hale wanted me to swear it happened, but I told them I did not see any such thing and would not testify that I did"). Wilkerson stated that Cornett and Hale, at Pawmaka jail, urged him to testify as they requested, after he told them he saw nothing as they described. Guy Wilkerson was a very unwilling subject for interrogation and only answered when pressed, and then as briefly as possible).

KELSEY MORRISON, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, stated that Guy Wilkerson had told him that Cornett and Hale wanted Wilkerson to corroborate story of Roan leaving Cornett's that evening, as stated above, but that Wilkerson said he saw no such thing and would not testify that he did. Morrison also stated that Henry Cornett bragged to him that he, Cornett, was the best evidence framer that ever was, or words to that effect.

O. C. WEBB, Fairfax, Oklahoma, government witness who left Fairfax December 5, 1928 at night and was reported to be intending not to be present to testify for the Government and who Agents had kept located in the meantime, returned to Fairfax December 17, 1928 and on December 18th was interviewed and stated that on December 5, 1928 he was the complaining witness against one Jess Warren, charged with cursing over the telephone; that on that date, Walter Gray, attorney at Fairfax and Bill Hale partisan, personally advised said O. C. Webb in substance as follows: "Now, Webb, you know I am your friend and like you and never gave you any bad advice. This case today (Warren case) is going to be a Hale and anti-Hale case entirely. The best thing for you to do is to leave here and not be here to testify in the Hale trial. Stay away till it is over. You know I am your friend and am advising you for your own good."

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O. C. WEBB stated further that he left that night intending to stay away until after the Hale trial, as advised by Gray; that he, Webb, went to California, and finally decided to return but that he is in fear of his life because of being a witness for the Government against Hale and he, Webb, must have protection. Webb and Gray have lived in Fairfax for year and have been friends for several years. Webb requested that he be taken to Tulsa to see T. J. Leahy, attorney in this case, which was done.

F. J. SCHADEL, 5057 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed December 20, 1928, and stated that he knows W. J. Emery and Gray McNeer personally and well; that he knew them both for years when they lived in Kansas City and had business dealings with both of them. Schadel, however, indicated an unwillingness to make any statement at this time as to his acquaintanceship with Bill Hale and Henry Grammer, but stated he would like to have a personal talk with McNeer and Emery and he, Schadel, is willing to be a witness for the Government and would like to talk with McNeer and Emery before the trial and before making a statement. (Schadel apparently desires to have the approval of Emery and McNeer before making a statement or testimony. Agent did not press Schadel further for a statement at this time, but recommends that a subpoena be issued at once for him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LURIE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

With further reference to the case  
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of Osage Indians, there is transmitted  
herewith, for your information, a copy  
of a report of Special Agent V. R.  
Burger, dated December 27, 1928, at  
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Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

Special Agent J.A. Street of this office was under subpoena to appear at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, as a Government witness in the William K. Hale Indian murder case about January 7. The United States Attorney for Arizona has received the following wire from Mr. T.J. Leahy, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Pawhuska, Oklahoma:

"Believe we can get along without Agent Street  
if not we will wire you."

Under the above instruction, Agent Street will not report to Pawhuska on January 7 or at any other time as a witness in the Hale case, unless further directions are received from Special Assistant Leahy.

Very truly yours,

Louis De Fette,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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