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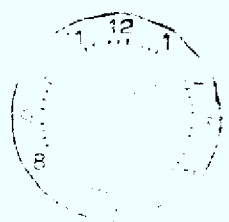
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DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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RETEL W K HALE STOP POSTMASTER REDLEY AT CAMPBELL TEXAS ADVISES BY  
PHONE THAT PEYTON HALE FATHER OF W K HALE DIED YESTERDAY AND WILL  
BE BURIED TWO OCLOCK THIS AFTERNOON

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MAR 12 1929

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March 11, 1929.

MAR 12 1929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS.

62-5033-757

With reference to the matter relating to the funeral of the father of Federal Prisoner W. K. HALE, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, the Bureau is in receipt of a telegram from its Dallas Office, dated March 8th, 1929, in response to the Bureau's telegraphic request, for investigation at Campbell, Texas, which is set out as follows:

"RETEL W.K HALE STOP POSTMASTER REDLEY AT CAMPRELL TEXAS ADVISES BY PHONE THAT PEYTON HALE FATHER OF W K HALE DIED YESTERDAY AND WILL BE BURIED TWO OCLOCK THIS AFTERNOON."

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
March 12, 1929.

Mr. C. E. Breniman,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The motion for new trial in the W. K. Hale Osage Indian murder case was heard today before the Honorable Judge F. E. Kennamer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and overruled by said court, which terminates said case.

Mr. Goldesberry, United States Attorney, has requested that I return to Pawhuska and meet him and Agent Smith there in the next day or two for a conference with reference to some irregularities which occurred during the Hale trial at Pawhuska. In compliance thereto I shall proceed as requested by Mr. Goldesberry, unless otherwise advised by you.

Mr. Goldesberry further advised me this date that I could be released from further investigation in this matter the latter part of this week.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Burger.

Received

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Tulsa, Oklahoma. March 7, 1920.

Honorable C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This letter being written for the purpose of advising you of the splendid co-operation and assistance furnished this and other agents of the Bureau during the investigation and trial of the W. K. (Bill) Hale case in connection with the Osage murder cases, by J. Geo. Wright, Superintendent of the Osage Indian Agency at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and his Assistants, Judge Humphrey, Tribal Attorney, and Mr. Wright's Chief Clerk, Mr. McKahan. Superintendent Wright's and his Assistants co-operation and assistance in said investigation, cannot be over-estimated. For instance, he furnished this and other agents means of transportation, automobiles and drivers which expedited matters in a way that could not have been done otherwise in the limited time. For instance, he assigned special enforcement officers E. A. Hubbard, J. L. Pyle, and C. C. Graves, all experienced men possessed with arresting authority, and well acquainted with the country and conditions. These men drove agents over the country in locating witnesses and checking of jurors, in the worst kind of weather, and on several occasions have accompanied this and other agents on trips which was necessary to work continuously without rest or sleep for twenty-four hours or more to expedite matters in a limited time.

For your information these officers expressed to this Agent their willingness in the future in co-operating with the Bureau agents in the apprehension of criminals and fugitives that might be in their district and in violation of the Federal laws, and in reality work as one unit in this respect bringing to justice Federal violators.

Trusting this will assist you in the future should similar conditions and circumstances arise, I am,

Very truly and sincerely yours,

JMB:MMH

J. E. Burger.

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 20, 1929.

CEB:H

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter addressed to me by Special Agent J. R. Burger, which refers to the cooperation and assistance that he and other Agents of this Bureau received from J. George Wright, Superintendent of Osage Indian Agency at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, during the course of the investigation and trial of the W. K. Hale Murder case.

I have personally known that Mr. Wright and his assistants rendered very material services to our Agents during the course of the Hale investigations, with the result that considerable money was saved the Bureau by reason of the assistance rendered to our Agents while this investigation was in progress.

Very truly yours,

*J. C. White*  
J. C. White, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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March 27, 1929.

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Mr. J. George Wright,  
Superintendent of Osage  
Indian Agency,  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

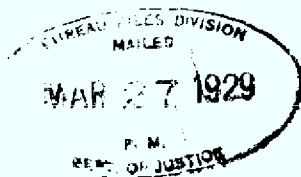
Dear Mr. Wright:

The Bureau is in receipt of a communication transmitted to it by the Acting Agent in Charge of the Bureau's Oklahoma City Office, together with enclosure, consisting of a letter from Agent Burger speaking in highly commendatory terms of the assistance rendered by you and your assistants in connection with the Osage Indian case.

Permit me to again express my appreciation of the courtesy and cooperation exhibited by you and my willingness to reciprocate at all times.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

June 27, 1929.

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

'Attention Mr. Blair'.

Dear Sir:

Re: John Duke - Intimidating  
Government Witness.

Will you be kind enough to advise me,  
at your earliest convenience, the status of the  
above entitled case, as disclosed by your records.

Yours very truly,

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau.

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-29-29</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-29-29</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. E. Breniman.</b>
TITLE: <b>JOHN DUKE.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Intimidating Government Witness.</b>	

(O. C. #72-14-10)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On May 7, 1929, the Subject entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve thirty days in the Osage County jail at Pawhuska, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Letter from U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, dated June 28, 1929.

DETAILS:

Reference letter discloses that on May 7, 1929, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Subject entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced by the court to serve thirty days in the Osage County jail at Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS:

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. E. Breniman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-5033-761	RECORDED AND INDEXED: 1828
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July 5, 1929.

• ORDERED

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. THODE:

JUL 8 - 1929

Re: - John Duke.  
Intimidating Government Witness.

On May 7, 1929, John Duke entered a plea of guilty before a Federal Court at Pawhuska, Oklahoma and was sentenced to serve thirty days in the Geage County (Okla.) Jail on a charge of intimidating a government witness.

Subject John Duke is described as follows:-

Age, 30.  
Weight, 150 lbs.  
Height, 5' 8".  
Complexion, light.  
Right leg off above knee.  
Left arm off near shoulder.

Very truly yours,

Director.

JUL 5 1929

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

July 18th, 1929.

CEB:S

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

Re: W. K. (BILL) HALE,  
Osage Murder Case

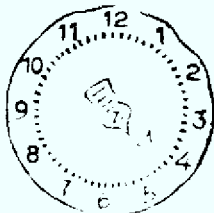
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau letter dated July 12th, 1929, referring to my communication of May 27th last, relating to charges made against officials of the Department who were instrumental in the prosecution of Subject Hale.

Special Agent Frank S. Smith of this office has conferred with United States Attorney Roy St. Lewis, Oklahoma City, relative to this matter, and he has stated that United States Attorney Goldesberry, Assistant Attorney General Leahy and himself have replied to the charges made against them to the Attorney General and that he does not desire any further investigation at this time.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Bronfman*  
C. E. Bronfman,  
Special Agent in Charge



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Duty Two

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# Department of Justice

## Bureau of Investigation

CEB:B.

P. O. Box #1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
October 8, 1929.

62-5033

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

Dear Sir:

Re: W. K. (Bill) Hale.

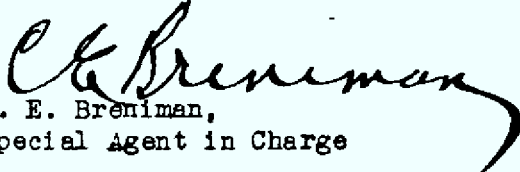
I am enclosing herewith the following communications:

- 1st. Letter dated October 4, 1929, from Hon. John M. Goldesberry, U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, Okla.
- 2nd. My reply to Mr. Goldesberry dated October 7, 1929.
- 3rd. Editorial page of the "Tulsa Daily World", Thursday, September 19, 1929, containing an article entitled "Government Espionage".

You will note that Mr. Goldesberry has requested this office to interview the author of the article in question. You will further note that Mr. Goldesberry has reported the matter to the Attorney General.

If the Bureau authorizes the investigation, I shall arrange to give the matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

  
C. E. Breniman,  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Northern District of Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
October 4, 1929.

Mr. C. E. Breniman,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Breniman:

I enclose herewith copy of the issue of the "Tulsa Daily World", under date of Thursday, September 19, 1929, and call your attention to an editorial under the heading "Government Espionage", on page 8 thereof.

You will recall this is the matter about which I talked with you when you were in Tulsa recently and in the office. The particular thing of interest to this District is the W. K. Hale trial at Pawhuska, mentioned therein.

This article charges that the government prosecutors, through the government agents, constantly watched the jury or jurors for weeks; while the facts are that this is not true. The government officers or the government prosecution had no interest in watching the jury at all in the trial of this case, and did not do so; and none of the other matters mentioned in the article with reference to the Hale trial are true so far as I know.

The matters mentioned therein with reference to the deal between federal prosecutors and Dick Gregg (a convict witness, so I am advised) are not the facts. My information is that Dick Gregg was released to the State of Oklahoma by the Kansas Penitentiary authorities for the State of Oklahoma's use in the trial of its state cases at Pawhuska, and was in charge and custody of state officers when he made his escape, and the government had nothing to do with it.

I think the gentleman who wrote this editorial ought to be interviewed, and it should be ascertained where he got his information with reference to these things, and probably he and his informers, if any, should be called before a federal grand jury to disclose these alleged violations, if they have any knowledge thereof, which I am satisfied they have not.

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For your information, I am enclosing a copy of this paper to the Attorney General's office with the information that I have forwarded the same to you with the request that this investigation be made, provided they approve thereof.

Respectfully,

John M. Goldesberry,  
United States Attorney.

JMG-H.  
Encl.

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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

October 7, 1929.

CEB:p

Hon. John M. Goldesberry,  
United States Attorney,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.      \*Personal Attention Mr. Goldesberry.\*

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4th enclosing copy of the "Tulsa Daily World" for Thursday, September 19, 1929, which contains an editorial concerning the activities of the Agents of this Bureau during the trial of W. K. Hale at Pawhuska.

I shall be very glad to comply with your request and interview the writer of the editorial in question along the lines suggested by you. I shall hold this matter in abeyance until I am instructed by the Director of this Bureau to proceed with the investigation or until the Attorney General instructs you to turn the matter over to this Bureau office for investigation.

Before we proceed with the investigation, I shall have the Agent, or Agents, who I assign to the case, confer with you.

Very truly yours,

G. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Bureau.

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## GOVERNMENT ESPIONAGE

Haley was in the Sisco case at Washington and he says that the espionage charges against him were a "hoax" because he had never been in the country. That was one of the reasons why he and Henry F. Hall were not even indicted as almost the only persons in the country who had been indicted. It was said that the government supposed to have been watching a watch over the persons who were in their private lives and who were not at all charged with espionage. The number of a Senate committee was "Haley" for a great many years of the year and his income was not reported. It was said that there is no one in the world of the kind of a man who did not come from some of the most of investigations. The result is a little exposure.

Right here it has the same sort of zealous exposure was used in a federal court case. In the case of W. K. Hall at Dallas. It was fully exposed and his, so far as we know, not been related—that many agents of the government constantly watched the pay or earnings for spies. It will be recalled that at the time there was great hurry over the alleged impropriety over the espionage. No real basis was found, it is recalled. But anyway, the young man or men tried to earn the pay.

Another phase of the Haley matter which seems to the average responsible citizen to be much more important than keeping Sisco case closely confined to a fiction technical charges, was the reported deal of federal prosecutors with Dick Green, a convict witness. He is said to have been granted immunity or leniency in some form. Anyway, he made a remarkably easy escape from jail. As a result he killed two earnest and peaceable highway patrolmen in Tulsa. What other calamities may have come or may yet come from that disagreeable Haley episode we do not know. Certainly the general and specific effects of such deals are bad.

What we want to get over is that the valiant prosecutors ought properly substitute conviction upon real evidence for conviction upon facts and that evidence of witnesses and jurors and shouting about their possible corruption should not be as liberally practiced by agents of the government who make similar things the basis of persecution for an individual. There has been much hypocrisy, much boasting about the will, in this Sisco case. We hope the facts bearing up in the activities of the prosecution there and elsewhere will be brought to light. If it is bad for an individual to practice espionage it is bad for the government to do the same thing.

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October 16, 1929.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL-LUSHING:

There is attached hereto, an editorial which appeared in the "Tulsa Daily World", September 19, 1929, in which reference is made to the case of W. K. (Bill) Hale - Murder of Osage Indians. The U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, John M. Goldsberry, who forwarded the newspaper item to the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office has requested that an agent of that office interview the author of the article.

The Bureau will be pleased to receive an expression of your opinion as to the advisability of conducting the interview requested by the U. S. Attorney, so that the Oklahoma City Office may be instructed in accordance with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. 532870

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Assistant Attorney General Luhring  
to

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Memorandum

- Attorney General
- Solicitor General
- Assistant to Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General Galloway
- Assistant Attorney General Marshall
- Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt
- Assistant Attorney General Farnum
- Assistant Attorney General Parmenter
- Director, Bureau of Investigation
- Superintendent of Prisons
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- Mr. Gilbert
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*Please comply with request of MS. If you possibly can, you are familiar with what is...*

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P. O. Box 1533,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

October 27, 1929.

CEB:S

Mr. Louis DeWette,  
P. O. Box 771,  
El Paso, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: <sup>0</sup> John Ramsey,  
Osage Indian Murder

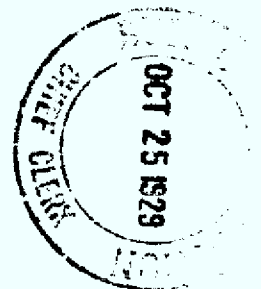
Attached hereto is copy of letter I have addressed to the Director of the Bureau on this date informing him, as you will note, that Special Agents Wren, Davis and Street will be required to report to United States Attorney Goldsberry at Tulsa on November 10th, 1929, to testify in the above entitled case.

The United States Attorney has informed me that the presence of these Agents at this trial is absolutely necessary.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge



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REPORTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RAMSEY MURDER CASE

John Edgar Hoover Director

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

MR:DOJ

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October 21, 1927



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Editorial in Tulsa Daily World  
of 19th ultimo referring to Hale  
and Ramsey case.

I am of the opinion that an investigation would  
be inadvisable. See my letter of the 17th instant to the  
United States attorney at Tulsa in the department file under  
the second number above.

*C. E. Lester*  
Assistant Attorney General.

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November 1, 1929.

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NOV 2 1929

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1929, relative to the case entitled: - W. K. (BILL) HALE - Murder of Osage Indians, concerning which U. S. Attorney Goldsberry requested your office to make certain inquiries as a result of an editorial appearing in the "Tuls. Daily World", September 19, 1929. In this connection, please be advised that the Bureau is informed that the Department is of the opinion that an investigation of this matter would be inadvisable. The U. S. Attorney was accordingly advised in a letter from the Department under date of October 17, 1929.

No action need therefore be taken by your office concerning the editorial.

Very truly yours,

Director.

RECEIVED BY DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# Star Telegrams

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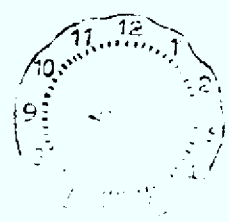
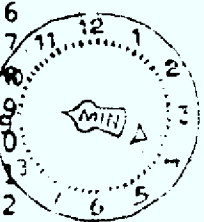
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P. O. Box 1535,  
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CEB:S

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

RE: JOHN RAMSEY,  
Osage Indian Murder

Dear Sir:

A jury panel is about to be drawn in the Northern District of Oklahoma for the trial of the above named Subject to begin at Pawhuska on November 12, 1929. Hon. John M. Goldesberry, Tulsa, Northern District of Oklahoma, has informed me that he desires the jury panel checked in the usual manner for the purpose of ascertaining the suitability of the individual jurors to serve on the jury in the trial of this case. Mr. Goldesberry further informs me that it will be desirable to begin this investigation during the week beginning October 23rd.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to advise if I am authorized to conduct this investigation.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Breniman*  
C. E. Breniman,  
Special Agent in Charge



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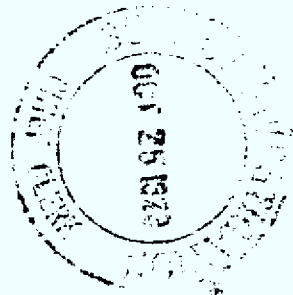
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P.O. Box 1535,  
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October 22, 1929.

CEB:S

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



Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN RAMSEY,  
Osage Indian Murder

Hon. John M. Goldesberry, United States Attorney, Tulsa, Northern District of Oklahoma, has informed me on this date that the case against John Ramsey, Osage Indian Murder, is set for trial at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on November 12th, 1929; that Special Agents John Wren, C. R. Davis and Alex Street are necessary and material witnesses and that he desires these Agents to report to him at Tulsa not later than November 10th, 1929.

I am on this date advising Special Agent in Charge Jones, San Antonio, and Special Agent in Charge DeNette, El Paso, accordingly.

Mr. Goldesberry informs me that Agents Wren, Davis and Street will probably not be required to remain in attendance at this trial but a few days.

Very truly yours,

*C. E. Breniman*  
C. E. Breniman,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc San Antonio  
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SUBPOENAS FOR AGENTS ERN DAVIS AND J V MURPHY THIS OFFICE REQUESTING THEIR  
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P. O. Box 906,  
San Antonio, Texas.  
October 24, 1929.

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

JOHN RAMSEY  
Osage Indian Murder

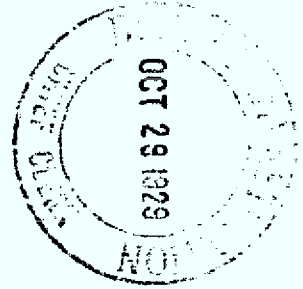
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22, 1929, advising that United States Attorney John M. Goldesberry at Tulsa, Okla., requested that Agents John K. Wren and C. R. Davis of this office report to him at Tulsa, Okla., not later than November tenth, in connection with the John Ramsey Indian murder case.

In this connection Agent Davis has been advised and the information is being forwarded to Agent Wren, who is at this time, as you probably know, in Phoenix, Ariz.

These Agents will report to United States Attorney Goldesberry in accordance with the above request unless some unforeseen reason arises.

Very truly yours,



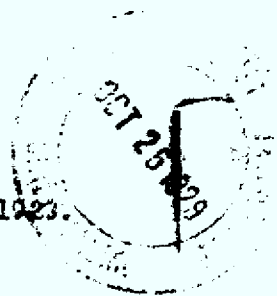
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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

October 22, 1929.



CEB:S

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

RE: JOHN RAMSEY,  
Osage Indian Murder

Dear Mr. Goldesberry:

In accordance with your request to me by telephone today, advising that Special Agents John Aren, C. E. Davis and Alex Street are necessary and material witnesses at the trial of John Ramsey to begin at Pawhuska on November 12, 1929, I have this day informed the Director of this Bureau at Washington of your wishes, and I have also notified the Agents in Charge at San Antonio and El Paso, where these Agents are regularly stationed, as you will note by copy of the enclosed communication.

I have also requested authority from the Director of this Bureau to make the usual investigation of the jury panel, and will await your further advice as to the date we will begin this investigation.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Department of Justice  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
Northern District of Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
October 29, 1929.

Mr. C. E. Breniman,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Okla. City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Breniman:

Since talking to you in the office this morning, I have had a conference with Mr. Burger, and it is deemed advisable and necessary that we have Mr. J. V. Murphy, an agent of your department, also present at the Ramsey trial at Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

The particular reason that it is necessary for Mr. Murphy to be present is that Murphy actually wrote John Ramsey's statement in Guthrie as testified by Ramsey in making his confession as to the killing of Henry Roan. You will, therefore, readily see the importance of Murphy's testimony and the necessity of his being present in the event Ramsey should attempt to claim that he was forced or coerced in the making of said confession.

It will not be necessary for Mr. Murphy to be here prior to November 10th, but would like, if possible, to have him report at Pawhuska on that date. Please advise us Mr. Murphy's correct address.

Your usual prompt and kind attention to this matter will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

John M. Coldesberry,  
United States Attorney.

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P. O. Box 1533,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
Oct. 30, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29th, advising that it will be necessary to have Special Agent J. V. Murphy present at Pochoska, Oklahoma, on November 10, 1929, to testify in the John Ramsey case.

Special Agent Murphy is, I believe, stationed at San Antonio, and I have written that office today, as you will note by the enclosed letter, advising them of your request for Agent Murphy to report to your office on November 10th.

Very truly yours,

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cc-San Antonio

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
October 30, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: John Ramsey,  
Osage Indian Murder cases.

Attached hereto is copy of a letter addressed to this office on October 29, 1929, by John M. Goldsberry, United States Attorney, Tulsa, Northern District of Oklahoma. Mr. Goldsberry has stated, as you will note, that Special Agent J. V. Murphy is a necessary and material witness in this case, and that he desires Agent Murphy to report to him at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on November 10, 1929. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication, and advise me if Agent Murphy will report at Pawhuska on November 10th.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau.

C. E. Brennan,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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San Antonio, Texas.  
November 2, 1929.

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Mr. C. F. Brennan,  
Box 1535,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

JOHN PATTERSON  
Indian Murderer

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 30, 1929,  
you are advised that Special Agent J. V. Murphy will re-  
port to the United States Attorney at Tulsa, Okla., on  
November 10, 1929, in accordance with his request.

Very truly yours,

cc to Director.

J. J. Lawrence,  
Acting Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	11-1-29	10-20-11-1-29	J. R. Burger
TITLE JOHN RAMSEY			CHARACTER OF CASE Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian.  (C. C. File #70-1)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SUMMARY REPORT

Henry Roan, full blood Osage Indian, was murdered between January 24, 1922 and February 6, 1923, and his body was found on Section Thirty-Four (34) Township Twenty-Five (25) N. R 5 E., Osage County, Oklahoma the same being the designated homestead allotment of Nok-Pah-Pe (Rose Little Star).

Subject John Ramsey was jointly indicted with W. K. Hale in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, January, 1926 term.

In the indictment it was charged that John Ramsey committed crime of murder in Osage County by shooting Henry Roan on an Indian allotment under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States of America, and that William K. Hale aided and abetted and protected the said John Ramsey in the commission of said crime. Hale and Ramsey were tried together and convicted of the charge in said indictment in the said Court for the Western District of Oklahoma on the 29th day of October, 1928 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On an appeal from the charge and conviction in said case to the Circuit Court of Appeals to the Eighth Circuit, both Hale and Ramsey were granted a new trial; Hale since given a new trial in the Northern District of Oklahoma, and again convicted by a jury and now serving a life sentence in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; no appeal taken by Hale from the last conviction; new trial for subject John Ramsey set for trial in the Northern District of Oklahoma at Pawnee, Oklahoma, on November 10, 1929.

Names of Witnesses, their addresses and briefly what they may be expected to testify to:

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BOB PARKER, Witness,  
Fairfax, Oklahoma,

Will testify that Henry Roan was well known to him; that about February 6, 1923, 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 trials: 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 155, Page 80)

W. C. SPURGEON,  
Witness,  
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 250, Page 184).

EVERETT SMITH, Witness,  
Drumright, Oklahoma,

Undertaker and furniture dealer, care Norton Campbell and Brown Co., formerly engaged in the same business at Fairfax, Oklahoma, 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 Everett Smith at previous trial, Original 226, Page 113.)

DR. J. G. SHOON,  
Witness,  
Fairfax, Oklahoma,

Will testify that he knew Henry Roan well during his lifetime; that he made an examination of the body and wound. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Dr. J. G. Shoun at previous trial: Original 257, Page 135.)

DR. WILLIAM H. BAILEY,  
Witness, Physician and  
Surgeon and Pathologist  
at Wesley Hospital,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

Can testify as expert witness concerning the length of time the body of Henry Roan had been dead when found.

J. GEO. WRIGHT, Witness,  
Supt. Osage Indian  
Agency,  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma,

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. Geo. Wright at previous trial: Original 246, Page 120.)  
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ROSE LITTLE STAR,  
Witness,

Can be reached through the Osage Indian Agency, Pawhuska, Okla. She will testify that her Indian name is Tom-pah-pe, and that she is a member (full-blood) of the Osage Tribe of Indians; that she owned the land where Henry Roan's body was found, it being a part of her original allotment. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Rose Little Star at previous trial: Original 251, Page 132.)

WILL M. CLARK,  
Witness,  
County Engineer &  
Surveyor, Osage Co.,  
Pawhuska, 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.)

GEORGE C. CAMPBELL,  
Witness,  
Surveyor & Draftsman  
at Government Indian  
Office, Pawhuska,  
Oklahoma,

Will testify that he made a survey of the locality in which Henry Roan's body was found in SW of SW 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 records as given by Geo. Campbell at previous trial: Original 192, Page 100.) Duces Tecum to bring all records.

A. B. LUDWICH,  
Witness, County Clerk,  
Osage County,  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma,

Can testify and furnish records with reference to the  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 34, T 25, R 5 East in Osage County, Oklahoma; 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. Ludwig at previous trial: Original 202, Page 132.) Duces Tecum to bring all records.

GORDAN DURANT,  
Witness, 109 E. 16th  
St., Oklahoma City,  
Okla., Chief Clerk  
in State Highway Com-  
mission in Guthrie,  
in January, 1923,

Will testify that he held this position on January 4, 1923, at which time John Ramsey made application for 1923 registration of motor vehicle, Motor #6894153, for Ford Roadster and state license tag No. 40-857 was issued to John Ramsey for said car on January 4, 1923. (Government's exhibit #1.)

OLENN WIGGON, Witness,  
Owner & Mgr., Ford  
Agency, Ponca City,  
Oklahoma,

Will testify that he was in the automobile business at Ponca City in January, 1923 and was at that time handling Ford and Lincoln cars, and that his records show that John Ramsey purchased a Ford Roadster from this concern on January 4, 1923 and paid \$500.00 cash for same. (Reference Government Exhibit No. 10.)

CHARLES E. ASHBROOK,  
Witness, Cashier,  
First National Bank,  
Fairfax, Oklahoma,

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 23, 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 502, Page 513.)

MRS. CHAS. ASHBROOK,  
Fairfax, Oklahoma,

Will testify that she was guardian for Henry Roan prior to and at the time of his death.

JOHN McCLAIN, Witness,  
Agent, Mutual Life Ins.  
Co. of New York,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma,

Testified 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 Roan, but did not know that Roan could procure a policy, when Hale said, "What Henry Roan?" 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 Roan'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 Roan was turned down; that he (McClain) examined the policy at the time and saw it was in the amount of \$25,000. payable to W. K. Hale, and issued by the Capitol Life Insurance Co. of Denver, Colorado. (For details reference is made to transcript of record as given by John McClain in previous trial: Original 555, Page 295.)

A. P. HALL, Witness,  
of Mutual Life Insurance Co., Kennedy Bldg., Tulsa.  
Res. 111 So. Utica,  
Tulsa, Okla.,

Will testify that John McClain was well known to him during his lifetime and he can establish the date and place that John McClain died.

F. W. REYNOLDS, Witness,  
Representative, Capitol Life Insurance Co.,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.,

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

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

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: "By 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 597, Page 315.)

T. B. WHITE, Witness,  
Warden, Federal Pen-  
itentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas,

Formerly Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, can testify as to statements made by John Ramsey at Guthrie, Oklahoma, at the time of his arrest. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by T. B. White at previous trial: Original 263, Page 138.)

FRANK SMITH, Witness,  
Special Agent, Dept.  
of Justice,  
Phoenix, Arizona,

Will testify with reference to interview had by him with John Ramsey at Guthrie, Oklahoma, at which time John Ramsey was taken into custody and made signed statement to Agent Smith in the presence of T. B. White concerning the murder of Henry Roan and that he (Ramsey) had shot Henry Roan in the back of the head with a forty-five automatic pistol at which place Roan's body was found. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by F. S. Smith at previous trial: Original 310, Page 163.)

EDWIN BROWN, Witness,  
Spec. Ass't. to Atty.  
General, Guthrie,  
Oklahoma,

Will testify as to signed statement made by John Ramsey at Guthrie, Oklahoma, at the time he (Ramsey) was taken into custody concerning the murder of Henry Roan. Also conversation had by him, Mr. Brown, with John Ramsey while the latter was confined in the County jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma, concerning the murder of Henry Roan. (For details reference is made to Transcript of Record as given by Edwin Brown at previous trial: Original 363, Page 194.)

J. V. MURPHY, Witness,  
Special Agent, Dept.  
of Justice,

Will testify that he was present when John Ramsey made signed statement to Agent Frank S. Smith and T. B. White at Guthrie, Oklahoma, concerning the murder of Henry Roan and that he, Agent Murphy, wrote the statement in long hand as dictated to him by Subject John Ramsey.

JOHN K. WREN, Witness,  
Special Agent, Dept.  
of Justice.

Will testify that he witnessed signed statement made by John Ramsey at Guthrie in January, 1922; at that time he (Mr. Wren) asked John Ramsey, in the presence of Agent

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11 J. R. Burger, what kind of a gun he killed Henry  
12 Roan with and John Ramsey said he killed Henry Roan  
13 with a Forty-Five automatic and pointed to Agent  
14 Wren who had an automatic on his person, and Ramsey  
15 remarked a gun like the one you are wearing. (For  
16 details reference is made to transcript of record,  
17 as given by J. K. Wren at previous trial: Original  
18 1409, Page 738.)

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20 J. R. BURGER, Witness,  
21 Special Agent, Dept.  
22 of Justice,

23 Will testify that he was present and witnessed signed  
24 statement by John Ramsey, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, in  
25 January, 1926 concerning murder of Henry Roan and was  
26 also present when Agent John K. Wren asked John Ramsey  
27 what kind of a gun he killed Henry Roan with, and John  
28 Ramsey stated that he had killed Henry Roan with a  
29 forty-five automatic pistol and pointed to J. K. Wren  
30 saying, "One like that one you have". (For detail  
31 reference is made to Transcript of Record as given at  
32 previous trial. Original 388, page 207.)

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34 ERNEST BURKHART, Witness,  
35 Oklahoma State Prison,  
36 McAlester, Oklahoma,

37 Nephew of Defendant Hale, will testify that in the fall  
38 of 1922 he and W. K. Hale met John Ramsey at the home  
39 of Henry Grammer (deceased), Hale and Ramsey having a  
40 conversation by themselves; that on this occasion Hale  
41 told Burkhart that he had a life insurance policy on  
42 the life of Henry Roan and that John Ramsey was the  
43 man he could depend on to "bump" Henry Roan off. Burk-  
44 hart will also testify as to a conversation with Hale  
45 in which he (Hale) stated that he was going to take  
46 John Ramsey to Pawnee, Oklahoma, to get Ramsey a car,  
47 and would give Ramsey \$500. to buy the same; that Burk-  
48 hart afterward learned from Hale that Hale had taken  
49 Ramsey to Pawnee, given him \$500.; that Ramsey went to  
50 Ponca City and bought the car. Burkhart will also tes-  
51 tify as to a conversation with John Ramsey relative to  
52 Ramsey purchasing a car at Ponca City, Oklahoma, a few  
53 days later, as well as to a conversation with John  
54 Ramsey at Fairfax, Oklahoma, about thirty minutes  
55 after Henry Roan was killed, during which conversation  
56 at Fairfax, Ramsey asked Burkhart where Bill Hale was -  
57 that he (Ramsey) wanted to see Hale that night; that  
58 Ramsey requested Burkhart to see Hale and tell him  
59 (Hale) the job was done; that he had "bumped" that Ind-  
60 ian off in a canyon out in Sol Smith's pasture; and  
61 further tell Hale that Ramsey was going to his home at  
62 Ripley, Okla. Burkhart will further testify that he  
63 later told Hale what Ramsey requested him (Burkhart)  
64 to tell, when Hale remarked that Ramsey should have  
65 gone to Grammer's instead of going to his home at  
66 Ripley. (For details reference is made to Transcript

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9 ERNEST BURKHART,  
Witness,  
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of Record as given by Ernest Burkhardt at previous trial: Original 392, Page 209.)

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13 HARRY CORBETT, Witness,  
14 Fairfax, Oklahoma,  
15 at the City Pump Station,  
16 2 miles west, Fairfax,  
17 Oklahoma,

Will testify that he has known John Ramsey since about 1920 and that his (Corbett's) wife and John Ramsey's wife are cousins; that in the forepart of January, 1923, John Ramsey came to his home (Corbett's), where he now resides and was driving a new Ford Roadster and Ramsey told him (Corbett) that Bill Hale had bought and paid for said car for him (Ramsey) and that he bought the car at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Corbett then asked Ramsey why Hale had given him said car and Ramsey replied that Hale had given him said car for doing a job for him. At this time Ramsey's family was living at Ripley, Oklahoma, and Ramsey, himself, was staying at Henry Grammer's place. That several times thereafter and prior to the killing of Henry Roan, John Ramsey would come to his (Corbett's) home driving a new Ford Roadster; that after the killing of Henry Roan and the finding of his body, Mr. Corbett had visited at the home of John Ramsey and Ramsey had asked him to walk down into the corn field with him to look at the corn crop and watermelon patch; that Ramsey appeared to have something on his mind and to be very nervous and Ramsey asked Corbett what he had heard about the Indian killing and Corbett told him what he had heard that there were several Government detectives making investigations as to the murder of Osage Indians and he (Corbett) at this time asked Ramsey if Bill Hale had anything to do or knew anything about the killing of Henry Roan, and Ramsey replied, "Hell, yes." He, (Ramsey) thought Bill Hale did know, but that they would have a hard time proving it because Hale was a man that would not talk, and he, Ramsey, thought it would be easy to stick Roy Bunch for it because Roy Bunch had been intimate with Henry Roan's wife. Ramsey also told Corbett at this time while Corbett was visiting at Ramsey's home, in answer to question by Mr. Corbett to Ramsey, in which Mr. Corbett asked Ramsey if he had killed Henry Roan and Ramsey replied "Hell, yes" and became very nervous; that Corbett met Ramsey several times prior to the murder and finding of Henry Roan's body, at which times Ramsey would call at Corbett's home and on most every occasion would have with him a jug of whiskey and always appeared very much concerned as to whether or not there was any investigation being made as to the murder of Henry Roan, and almost always asked him, Corbett, that question.

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12 MRS. HARRY CORBETT,  
13 Witness,  
14 Fairfax, Oklahoma,  
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Will corroborate the statements of her husband, Harry Corbett, concerning John Ramsey's visits to their home in a new Ford car.

16 W. M. TAYLOR,  
17 Witness,  
18 Fairfax, Oklahoma,  
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Will corroborate evidence of Harry Corbett and wife concerning Ramsey's visits to the Corbett home and having in his possession a new Ford car.

20 BYRON CORBETT,  
21 Witness,  
22 Springfield, Mo.,  
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Will testify that he is a brother of Harry Corbett and was staying at Harry Corbett's home in January, 1923, and saw Ramsey at Harry Corbett's home on several occasions driving a new Ford Roadster.

25 F. J. WOOTEN,  
26 Witness, last known  
27 address, Chihuahua,  
28 Mexico,  
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Will testify that he was living ground Fairman, Oklahoma, in January, 1923 and the latter part of 1922; that to the best of his recollection in the latter part of 1922 or the early part of January, 1923, he made a trip with John Ramsey from Fairfax to Goads place, at which time John Ramsey was driving a new Ford Roadster and he (Wooten) asked Ramsey on this trip where he had gotten this car and Ramsey stated that Bill Hale had given said car to him.

35 JAMES BALLEW, Wit-  
36 ness, Enid, Oklahoma,  
37 Operating Rooming  
38 House,  
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Will testify that he formerly lived near Ponca City, Okla., about 3 miles from Henry Grammer's place and he is well acquainted with Henry Grammer and John Ramsey; that in the fall of 1922 John Ramsey did some carpenter work for him (Ballew) and Ramsey was at this time making his home at Henry Grammer's place and in the early part of January, 1923, John Ramsey was driving a new Ford Roadster.

44 DAVIS HILL, Witness,  
45 Bartlesville, Okla.  
46 Operating Cafe.  
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Will testify that he was operating Silver Moon Cafe at Fairfax, Oklahoma in January, 1923, and he had seen John Ramsey and Henry Roan in his cafe in January, 1923 talking together on two or three different occasions.

50 DEWEY SELPH,  
51 Witness,  
52 Deceased,  
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Testified at the previous trial, that while confined in the city jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma, with John Ramsey in January, 1923, he had conversation with Ramsey and Ramsey at that time told him (Selph) that Buchart had told everything and that there was nothing else for him (Ramsey) to do but to back up on his previous statement and tell the truth about killing Henry Roan and that Bill Hale had gotten him into this trouble by giving him a Ford car and \$500. for murdering Henry Roan. Reference to Records is had to previous testimony: Original 546; Page 291.

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B. BRITT, Witness,  
Physician, Arkansas  
State Prison,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Will testify that Dewey Selph was well known to him prior to his death and was serving sentence in the Arkansas State Prison under the name of W. D. Bailey, that Subject died on August 21, 1929, on this prison farm, cause of death, congestion. Dr. Britt also testified that he saw the body of Dewey Selph, after he had died, and that he can establish the death as above stated.

In addition to above named witnesses and those who have been re-interviewed concerning this case, the Government has a number of other witnesses subpoenaed to be used as witnesses in event the defense should use W. K. Hale as witness at the trial of case.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LUHRING:

With further reference to the case entitled: - JOHN RAMSEY - Murder of Henry Roan, Osage Indian, there is transmitted herewith, for your information, a copy of a report of Special Agent J. E. Burger, dated November 1, 1929, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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25 Mr. C. E. Brennan,  
26 P. O. Box 1838,  
27 Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: John Ranscy (S.M.Hale)  
Osage Indian Murder.

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29 Dear Sir:

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# Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



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