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RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surveillance and subsequent investigation at the home of subject COLE's relatives in Woodlake, California, made with negative results. Mail cover placed on subject COLE's parents in Exeter, California.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #76-2686.
Letter from San Diego, May 5, 1943.

DETAILS:

On May 5, 1943, the Los Angeles Field Division was advised by letter from the San Diego Field Division that Sheriff ROBERT W. WARE, Imperial County, El Centro, California, had advised that a Mrs. CLEO BROWN, 657 Park Street, El Centro, had told him that she had information to the effect that TED COLE was living at Woodlake, California, masquerading as a woman.

Mrs. BROWN subsequently advised Special Agent NEWMAN E. LONG of the San Diego Field Division that her neighbor, Mrs. WILLIAM CORNETT, 651 Park Street, had remarked to her that she was "worried to death" because her family was going to be disgraced. Mrs. CORNETT reluctantly told Mrs. BROWN the following story:

In February of 1943 her husband's mother, who resides in Seminole, Oklahoma, came to California on a visit, and after visiting with them proceeded to the home of WILLIAM CORNETT's half-brother, R. B. CORNETT, of Woodlake, California. While there the mother ascertained that TED COLE, who is Mrs. R. B. CORNETT's brother, was living in R. B. CORNETT's home

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masquerading as a woman. Upon her return to Oklahoma Mrs. CORNETT wrote her son WILLIAM and advised him of the above, stating that R. B. CORNETT had made plans to come to El Centro to obtain employment, but that if he did, not to let him stay at their home because TED COLE would eventually be caught and he, WILLIAM, should not become involved. Mrs. BROWN further stated that she had never heard of TED COLE before; that Mrs. CORNETT explained that he had escaped from Alcatraz by swimming to the mainland.

Accordingly, upon the authority of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, J. W. VINCENT, the reporting agent and Special Agent IRA J. KELLOGG were designated to make a preliminary investigation and also make a surveillance of the home of R. B. CORNETT in Woodlake, California.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

Dr. ROY F. RUTH, 350 Palm Street, telephone 63, Woodlake, California, was contacted by the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG in an effort to ascertain the residence of R. B. CORNETT and also to obtain any background information on R. B. CORNETT and his family. Dr. RUTH advised that Mrs. R. B. CORNETT is presently a patient of his, inasmuch as she is expecting a child in the very near future, but that he does not know any of their personal history or background, inasmuch as Mrs. CORNETT usually comes to his office for treatment and that he, Dr. RUTH, has never been to their home. However, by discreet inquiry, Dr. RUTH was able to ascertain the location of the home occupied by R. B. CORNETT, which, in turn, was related to the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG.

The immediate vicinity of the R. B. CORNETT home was considered with respect to placing a physical surveillance, and after a due amount of consideration it was decided to contact Mrs. MABEL VINTON, whose home was located on Palm Street and located approximately four hundred yards diagonally from the CORNETT home.

Mrs. VINTON was contacted and stated she was acquainted with the CORNETT family, inasmuch as R. B. CORNETT had previously been employed by her husband, who is a contractor. Mrs. VINTON further advised that she, as well as the town folk, are familiar with the case of TED COLE and that to the best of her knowledge he had not been seen or heard from in the vicinity of Woodlake.

It was deemed advisable to conduct a physical surveillance from a garage located on the premises of Mrs. VINTON, from which a good view of the CORNETT home was had. Thereupon the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG maintained a physical surveillance of the CORNETT home for approximately two days, during which time numerous children were observed at the CORNETT home. However, there was only one individual who was deemed to be reasonably similar to a person who could possible masquerade as a woman and still fit the physical description of TED COLE.

Upon consulting Mrs. VINTON, it was ascertained that this individual was MABEL CORNETT, a seventeen year old daughter of R. B. CORNETT, who was known in Woodlake as "The Beast." After it was definitely decided that the only individual who could possibly be TED COLE was MABEL, otherwise known as "The Beast," Assistant Special Agent in Charge, J. W. VINCENT, was consulted telephonically.

Mr. VINCENT advised that MABEL CORNETT should be interviewed, and that subsequent to this interview R. B. CORNETT should be contacted to ascertain if he has seen or heard from TED COLE in that vicinity. Shortly thereafter MABEL was contacted by the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG near the home of G. I. DAWSON, 573 Antelope Street, Woodlake. The fingerprints of subject TED COLE were compared with those of MABEL CORNETT, and it was definitely ascertained that she was not subject COLE.

G. I. DAWSON advised that he maintains a residence in Woodlake for his wife and four children, but that he is employed by the Southwest Optical Company, 610 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, and that while in Los Angeles he resides at 2005 South Union.

For the general information of the office of origin, the entire family of G. I. DAWSON is set out below: G. I. DAWSON, father; VIOLET DAWSON, mother;

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R. B. CORNETT was subsequently interviewed by the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG at his home, located on Pepper Street in Woodlake, California. CORNETT advised that TED COLE has not been in or around his home since they moved to Woodlake, which was approximately three months ago; that he has in the past been contacted on numerous occasions by Agents of this Bureau and that he would help the Federal Bureau of Investigation catch TED COLE if he ever knew where he could be found.

Mr. CORNETT advised that he was responsible for turning in TED COLE in Oklahoma previously and that he still had no use for him whatever. Mr. CORNETT also stated that he despises his mother-in-law, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, who is presently residing in Exeter; that although he believes she might possibly try to shield TED he has never been able to gather any information due to the fact that she simply will not talk.

CORNETT further advised that they had not been visited recently by any of their relatives, although he did go to El Centro to visit his brother WILLIAM in an effort to secure employment. As a parting comment, CORNETT advised that should TED COLE ever appear in the vicinity of Woodlake it would not be necessary for us to come after subject COLE, but we would, in all probability, have to travel to Woodlake to take him into custody for murder.

The names of the R. B. CORNETT family are set out below: - R. B. CORNETT, father; PAULINE CORNETT, mother; [redacted] b6 b7C

It was ascertained from R. B. CORNETT that FRED and ESTHER COLE are presently residing at 332 I Street, Exeter, California. A thirty day mail cover is being placed on May 20, 1943 on FRED and ESTHER COLE in view of the remarks made by R. B. CORNETT to the effect that TED COLE's mother would be the only person who could possibly help COLE, and furthermore, that she is the only one who would know of his whereabouts.

CORNETT advised that Mrs. COLE frequently gets sums of money which could be from TED, and that in his opinion TED is either in South America or else in the vicinity of Chicago. However, CORNETT advised that he has no basis for this conclusion except that in his own mind these are the only two places where he could be and still not be in danger of being recognized.

Mrs. VINTON was subsequently contacted and stated that R. B. CORNETT is presently employed at the Cement Pipe Company in Woodlake, California; that the CORNETTS are presently residing in the old COLE residence and that in her mind R. B. CORNETT is not on good terms with Mrs. COLE, inasmuch as he, CORNETT, was recently arrested for being drunk and beating his wife, and that these charges were brought about by Mrs. COLE.

As a matter of general information, it is noted that Mrs. VINTON advised the writer and Special Agent KELLOGG that there seems to be bad blood between the COLLINS family and the CORNETT family due to some mix-up in an inheritance. Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS are also presently residing in Woodlake, where Mr. COLLINS is likewise employed at the Cement Pipe Co. Mrs. ALTA COLLINS is known as the sister of Mrs. FRED COLE.

In view of the fact that R. B. CORNETT advised that there had been no relatives recently visiting in Woodlake, an undeveloped lead is being set out for the San Diego Field Division to clarify the original information obtained.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

At El Centro, California, will recontact Mrs. CLEO BROWN, 657 Park Street, to ascertain whether she has obtained any additional information with regard to the original report that subject TED COLE was in the vicinity of Woodlake masquerading as a woman. In covering this lead it is to be borne in mind that R. B. CORNETT has advised that no relatives have visited them in Woodlake.

Will, after contacting Mrs. BROWN, consider interviewing Mrs. WILLIAM CORNETT to ascertain the correct story with regard to the information received that subject TED COLE was residing in Woodlake at the home of R. B. CORNETT and masquerading as a woman.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will report the results of the mail cover on Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE at Exeter, California.

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TITLE

RALPH ROE, was, I.O. 1472, FUGITIVE;
THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. 1471, FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of mail cover set forth. Subject COLE's son, [redacted] HENRY and BESS VAIL of Orange, Texas. IKE MARSHALL, cab driver, Dr. WATKINS, Alpena, and Chief of Police FLOYD HUDSON, Harrison, all contacted with negative results.

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Report of Special Agent HENRY H. MOORE dated 4-10-43 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

DETAILS: AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS:

RALPH REA, Postmaster, was contacted. He advised that the results of the mail cover on mail of MARIE WYNNE COLE were as follows:

Letter postmarked May 7 from Mrs. H. P. OLSON, 127 Lehman, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Letter postmarked from Lebanon, Pennsylvania April 19. No return address.

Letter from N. SCHULTZ, 204 East 7th Street, Pittsburg, Kansas postmarked April 20.

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Letter from Mrs. FRANK TALBERT, General Delivery, Temple, Texas postmarked May 1.

He advised that subject had a son about eleven years of age living at Alpena Pass in a home owned by subject's wife, MARIE COLE. He also stated that subject's wife was still seen frequently in and around Harrison but that he had never seen any sign or indication of subject's being in or near Harrison. He did say, however, that MARIE COLE seemed to have more money than usual and was not noticed to ride the buses as much as she used to.

IKE MARSHALL, cab driver, was recontacted and photographs of subject were exhibited to him. He advised that he did not recognize the photographs as being anyone that he had seen. He said that subject's wife seemed to have plenty of money of late and had not been hustling for about five months, but that she still lived at the Hotel Harrison. She is quite a pal of the Madam and that she lives with a man whose name is unknown and whom MARSHALL positively stated did not resemble either of the subjects of this case. MARSHALL again stated that subject's wife associates with some of the toughest crooks and most hard boiled people that he had ever seen and that he had driven plenty of hard boiled people in his cab since he had been in business.

FLOYD HUDSON, Chief of Police, Harrison, was contacted and pictures of subjects were exhibited to him. He advised that he had not seen anyone resembling either of the subjects in the vicinity of Harrison and expressed the belief that both of them were drowned.

AT ALPENA, ARKANSAS:

FRANK WHITTAKER, storekeeper, was contacted. He advised that as far as he knew subject had never been seen in the vicinity of Alpena since his escape or attempted escape from Alcatrez. He advised that subject's boy [redacted] He said that he had heard also that the boy's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. HENRY VAIL, had adopted the boy. b6 b7C

He said HENRY VAIL lived in Orange, Texas, and is employed at the shipyards there. He also advised that Mrs. VAIL is a sister of subject's wife. He said that the boy had lived with Mrs. WYNNE, his grandmother, that subject's wife never took care of the child although she lived with them off and on.

Dr. WATKINS was contacted. He advised that he has seen nothing to indicate that subject COLE was back in the Alpena section or had ever been back in that section. He advised that when subject COLE was a boy and even a young man he had treated him for various illnesses and knew him well. When the photographs of subject were exhibited to him he said that they were only fair likenesses; that the most striking resemblance was through the eyes and through the mouth. Dr. WATKINS stated that [redacted] b6 b7C He advised that subject never appeared at all at any time to visit his son or inquire how his son was progressing. He said that the boy's mother, MARIE COLE, was supposed to act as a nurse in the hospital but did not show up except one morning when she came to the hospital in Harrison at about 8:00 with one of the most dissipated looking man he had ever seen. He said that the man was about forty years of age, five feet six inches, weighed about one hundred forty pounds, dark complexion and name unknown. Dr. WATKINS said that the man did not resemble subject at all and he was sure that the fellow was not subject COLE. He did say, however, that the man was a very tough looking customer. Dr. WATKINS advised that [redacted] the boy had been adopted by his aunt and uncle by the name of VAIL, who seemed to him to be people that were okay. He made the following comment about subject's son: that the boy was a very unusual young fellow, seemed to be quite smart, made good grades in school, but that he never smiled and talked somewhat profanely and about ten years beyond his age.

AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS:

Miss LAURA LAWSON, secretary Washington Welfare Office at Harrison, was contacted at her office in the Court House. She checked her records and advised that an application had been made for the adoption of [redacted] by Mr. and Mrs. HENRY VAIL and that the proceedings were in the County Court. b6 b7C

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ROY MILUM, JR., County Clerk, Harrison, Arkansas was contacted at the County Court House. He advised after checking his records that a petition for adoption of [redacted] had been filed by HENRY VAIL and BESS VAIL who listed their residence as Arkansas; that a consent to the adoption was signed by NORMA MARIE COLE, mother of [redacted] on May 4, 1943; that an order of adoption was signed and entered by Judge J. M. SHINN, Judge of the Chancery Court in Probate on May 5, 1943; that the papers are in Box 56, Book I, Page 15, Probate record in his office if they ever want to be re-examined. b6 b7C

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THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION AT ORANGE, TEXAS:

Will make discreet inquiry to determine whether an attempt has been made by subject COLE to visit his son who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. HENRY VAIL of Orange, Texas.

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Title:	Character of Case:
RALPH ROE, was, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS: GEORGE THOMPSON, former Alcatraz inmate, now incarcerated State penitentiary, Folsom, California. GEORGE VON GLAHN, former Alcatraz inmate, MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, sister of Alcatraz inmate, EDWARD BENTZ, and LEO TRAVEGA, brother of Alcatraz inmate, JAMES SARGEANT, interviewed negatively. HELEN ROBINSON, wife of former Alcatraz inmate RITCHEY, now living Tullahoma, Tennessee. ELEANOR DAWSON, visitor of ABE ALLEN at San Quentin Prison, now located in Benicia, California. MARIE HEWITT of Monterey, California, reported to have known where subjects were located, interviewed negatively.

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Report of Special Agent M. J. CASSIDY, dated June 20, 1940 at San Francisco, California.

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated November 1, 1939 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Report of Special Agent G. M. ALDERSON, dated October 25, 1939 at Boston, Mass.

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated July 21, 1939 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

This case has been reopened in compliance with reference Bureau letter dated January 8, 1943 to the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Field Division.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

CHARLES H. UPTON, Probation Officer, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Building, advised that GEORGE THOMPSON, former Alcatraz inmate #249AZ, was received at the State penitentiary at Folsom, California in October, 1940 as GEORGE MILLER, Folsom #22995, and that he is presently incarcerated there.

GEORGE VON GLAHN, former Alcatraz inmate #377AZ, was located at his home, 2823 Pine Street - telephone, WEst 3744 . VON GLAHN advised that inasmuch as he was only serving a short sentence at Alcatraz he was not taken into the confidence of any of the other inmates. VON GLAHN is presently employed at the Western Pipe and Steel Company, South San Francisco, California, as a chipper. He was unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation. He advised that his mother, MRS. MARIAN or MARY VON GLAHN, is presently employed and residing at the Travelers Hotel in Livermore, California.

MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, Alcatraz #307AZ, was interviewed at her place of employment, the Earl M. Berendsen Real Estate Company, 1386 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco. She advised that

she still visits her brother, however he has never mentioned the instant escape to her. She said that she has never discussed it with anyone and has heard of it only through general conversation. She said her conversations with her brother both before and after the escape were always of family affairs.

MRS. EDGAR J. DAVEGA, 2701 High Street, Oakland, Calif., sister-in-law of HELEN ROBINSON, who is the wife of former Alcatraz inmate RITCHEY, advised that she has not seen her brother RITCHEY nor his wife HELEN ROBINSON since 1939, at which time they went to New York City. She advised that at Eastertime, 1943 she received an Easter greeting card from the couple which bore the return address, P. O. Box 389, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

LEO TRAVEGA, brother of JAMES SARGEANT, Alcatraz inmate #1294?, was interviewed at his home, 1341 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California. TRAVEGA who is now known as LEO TRAVERS was unable to offer anything of value to this investigation. He advised that he merely corresponded with his brother and visited him on several occasions for the purpose of pleasing his mother. He said that now that his mother is deceased he no longer corresponds nor visits with his brother. He further stated that he has not heard from him for several years. He said that during his visits to Alcatraz instant case was never mentioned.

On November 6, 1941 Special Agent NORMAN C. SULLIVAN was advised by Constable GEORGE ALVES, Benicia, California, that ROSE QUENTO is no longer located there and has not operated a house of prostitution in that town since 1940. Constable ALVES advised that at the present time ROSE QUENTO lives in Oakland, California and is believed to operate a restaurant on San Pablo Avenue called the Bay Bridge Inn. Constable ALVES also advised that he had never heard the name of ELEANOR DAWSON and that he knew of no prostitute by that name as ever having worked in Benicia, California.

ROSE QUENTO, whose husband operates the Bay Bridge Bar and Grill, 2800 San Pablo, Oakland, California, was questioned relative to the identity of ELEANOR DAWSON and the circumstances surrounding the visits of ELEANOR DAWSON to ABE ALLEN at San Quentin, as reflected by the visitors' record.

ROSE QUENTO advised that ELEANOR DAWSON, a prostitute, working for her in Benicia, California in 1939, asked her to accompany her

to San Quentin at that time. She said ELEANOR DAWSON visited her brother who was incarcerated there and she passed the time visiting AEE ALLEN of Stockton, California. According to ROSE QUENTO, NORA HART who operates the Benicia Rooms, a house of prostitution in Benicia, California, at the present time, would know the present whereabouts of ELEANOR DAWSON. She advised that if the DAWSON girl could not be located through this source that a check of the records of San Quentin Penitentiary concerning ELEANOR DAWSON'S brother would possibly reveal ELEANOR DAWSON'S whereabouts.

The following investigation was conducted in San Francisco in an attempt to locate JACK THOMPSON and JOE OAKS who are supposedly well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles, California in boxing and sporting circles.

ROBERT BURNS, Manager of the Royal Gymnasium, 541 Turk Street, San Francisco, and BEN FRIEDMAN, operator of Ryan's Gymnasium, Eddy and Turk Streets, advised that they had never heard of THOMPSON nor OAKS.

DOLPH THOMAS, operator of the Royal Gymnasium, 541 Turk Street, advised that THOMPSON, a colored pugilist, was believed by him to be employed by the Marinship Corporation, Sausalito, California. However, a check of the records of Marinship by the writer failed to indicate that THOMPSON is presently employed there or was ever employed there.

An undeveloped lead is being set out to attempt to locate THOMPSON and OAKS through boxing and sporting circles in Oakland, Calif., inasmuch as THOMAS advised that colored boxers were better known in that city than in San Francisco.

Master Sergeant JOHN F. MC DEWELL, Provost Marshal's Office, Fort Ord, Monterey, California, advised Special Agent JOHN F. GLEASON that a woman acquaintance of his had told him sometime in 1942 that she knew where subjects ROE and COLE were. Special Agent JOHN F. GLEASON and the writer interviewed Sergeant MC DEWELL and he advised that MARIE HEWITT, an entertainer at "Biff's Plane", who resided at the Underwood Apartments, Monterey, California had related to him in November, 1942 that she was personally acquainted with subject RALPH ROE, both before and after his escape.

Upon interview MISS HEWITT advised that her home was in Seminole, Oklahoma, and that she has been in California since 1938. She

said that before ROE'S incarceration in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz she was at a party in the home of MRS. GRACE CUNNINGHAM nee GRACE HALL at Seminole, Oklahoma and ROE entered the HALL home during this party and went directly to the kitchen and spoke to GRACE HALL and then departed. She advised that this was the only time she ever saw ROE and stated that she did not know COLE. She said MRS. GRACE CUNNINGHAM is now operating the Capitol Hill Beauty College at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She advised that at times while intoxicated she falsely confides in her companions that she is personally acquainted with the subjects. She said that she did not realize her stories would ever reach the authorities and said she intends to discontinue this line of conversation in the future.

By letter dated April 21, 1943 Sheriff WALTER B. SELLMER advised that J. L. DECHERY, a janitor employed at the Marinship Training School, Ferry Garage, Sausalito, had informed a member of the Sheriff's Office that while talking to two men in regard to the recent attempted escape from Alcatraz of four prisoners the two men volunteered the information that ROE and COLE had been successful in their attempted escape in 1937.

DECHERY advised the Sheriff's Office that the two men informed him that the subjects had been seen about three years ago in a place DECHERY spelled "Cushon", Oklahoma, where the subjects had been harbored by an old woman who dressed as a man.

An undeveloped lead is being set out for the San Francisco Field Division to interview DECHERY and obtain the complete details concerning the above.

Special Agent D. E. IRWIN was advised on July 7, 1941 by GEORGE PARDEE of the Oakland, California Police Department Vice Squad that he did not know JEAN LEE. PARDEE who knows practically every prostitute in Oakland, California advised that he might be able to be of some assistance in locating her if he had some description of her. He said he had several JEAN LEEs in his file but did not know where any of them were.

P E N D I N G

San Francisco File No. 76-290

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE: Will interview MRS. VERA RITCHEY, alias HELEN ROBINSON, P. O. Box 389, concerning her knowledge of instant escape.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA: Will interview MRS. MARY VON GLAHN, who is employed at and resides at the Travelers Hotel, concerning any knowledge of this escape in her possession.

AT BENICIA, CALIFORNIA: Will ascertain from MORA HART, Benicia Rooms, the whereabouts of ELEANOR DAWSON so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to MRS. C. I. DAWSON, the half-sister of COLE.

AT FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA: Will interview GEORGE MILLER, Folsom #22995, alias GEORGE THOMPSON (Alcatraz #249AZ) concerning instant escape.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Through contact with persons in the sporting and boxing circles will endeavor to contact JACK THOMPSON and JOE OAKS. The former is said to be a colored pugilist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOE OAKS is an ex-pugilist who is supposed to be well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937 to determine whether it is a fact that OAKS accompanied THOMPSON on that date. They should be questioned as to the identity of JANE ROSE, 1735 Fifth Street, Oakland, who is also listed as having visited ALLEN on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JANE ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

AT [redacted] Inasmuch as [redacted] was the original informant concerning JEAN LEE, he should

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be recontacted and a complete description and more information concerning JEAN LEE should be obtained in order to locate her. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, at which place a MR. and MRS. J. ROSE registered on September 13, 1937 and remained until December 15, 1937, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with MR. and MRS. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street Apartment.

AT SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA: Will interview J. L. DECHERY, Janitor, Marinship Training School, Ferry Garage, concerning his conversation with two men who advised him that the subjects were seen approximately three years ago in "Cushon", Oklahoma.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct additional investigation regarding J. L. BARRY and LEE LACK. In this connection see Bureau Letter, dated December 30, 1937, and page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM CORNETT, El Centro, California, advised they received a letter from Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT, Stroud, Oklahoma in which she stated "R.B. and PAULINE (CORNETT) are in California and I have heard that TED COLE is with them masquerading as a woman. Stay clear of them."

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REFERENCE: Bureau File Number 76-2686.
Report of Special Agent OTTO G. HEINECKE, Los Angeles, California, dated May 20, 1943.

DETAILS: AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. CLEO BROWN, 657 Park Street, advised that she had heard nothing further about the instant case since the previous interview by an Agent of this Bureau.

WILLIAM CORNETT, residence 651 Park Street, was interviewed by the reporting agent and Sheriff ROBERT W. WARE, in the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. CORNETT related that he and his half-brother, R. B. CORNETT, were reared in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma. R.B.'s present wife, who is TED COLE's sister, was previously married in Stroud to a man whose name CORNETT stated he could not recall and subsequent to their separation, R. B. took PAULINE for his common-law wife. About fifteen years ago, during the time R. B. and PAULINE were living together on a farm about ten miles south of Stroud, subject COLE visited them occasionally and CORNETT saw him

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there two or three times. COLE and his sister appeared to be especially fond of each other and CORNETT pointed out that PAULINE COLE CORNETT has always been decidedly antagonistic toward law endorcement and law enforcement officials, although she has never to his knowledge been convicted of a crime. R. B. and PAULINE eventually married and often had quarrels which resulted in an occasional temporary separation and last year PAULINE had him arrested, brought charges of insanity against him and while he was in custody, sold approximately one thousand dollars worth of their personal property and appropriated the money to her own use. She then went to California, name of town unknown to CORNETT, and immediately began writing to R. B. that the children were starving to death and he should join her. R. B. joined her in California where PAULINE again had him arrested within a month. CORNETT continued that about two months ago R. B. came to El Centro to visit him, and to find employment. They had not seen each other for fifteen years.

Being unsuccessful in getting suitable employment, he left El Centro stating that he was going to Indio, California to see his son CHARLES BURT CORNETT who was employed on the Diamond T Ranch. According to WILLIAM CORNETT, he and R. B. did not discuss the instant case or TED COLE or his relatives during R. B.'s visit and he did not ask R. B. about it because he does not like the COLE family, and has never been concerned one way or the other about TED COLE. He expressed doubt that he would recognize COLE if he should see him again, and stated that he had heard nothing with reference to subject COLE masquerading as a woman or living in the vicinity of Woodlake, California with R. B. and PAULINE CORNETT. He recalled that his mother, Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT of Stroud, Oklahoma, had visited in his home during the early part of this year, and had remarked in a casual way that she had heard that subject COLE "had been back to Oklahoma", but she did not say when or where, and he did not ask her because it did not occur to him that it was important information. He advised further that after his mother left El Centro she went to Porterville, California where she visited with Mrs. MELTON (EVELYN) WILSON, his sister, and from there she returned to Oklahoma. She did not visit R. B. and his wife in Woodlake. Since Mrs. CORNETT returned to Stroud, she has written him two or three times, but has not mentioned TED COLE.

CORNETT pointed out that R. B. does not like his mother-in-law, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, and that he is certain he, R. B., would report any information he should receive about subject COLE to this Bureau immediately. He said he believed that Mrs. ESTHER COLE or PAULINE COLE CORNETT would harbor TED and furnish him all possible assistance in evading the law. WILLIAM CORNETT advised that he had no idea as to the present whereabouts of COLE, but if he should receive any information concerning him he would call the FBI immediately. He furnished the following information concerning his relatives:

Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT, Mother, resides Stroud, Oklahoma;
ROBERT CORNETT, Brother, resides Louisville, Ohio, is employed by the Roller Mill Steel Plant;

RUSSELL CORNETT, Brother, presently in the United States Army, address unknown;
Mrs. WILLIAM (ELIZA) BOWERS, Sister, Phoenix, Arizona, exact address unknown; WILLIAM BOWERS, employed by the Arizona Box Company;
JOHN L. CORNETT, Brother, Stroud, Oklahoma;
Mrs. ANNIE WETHERBY, Sister, Mackeltown, Ohio;
Mrs. VIRGIE JOHNSON, Sister, Stroud, Oklahoma;
CRAWFORD CORNETT, Brother, United States Army, address unknown;
THOMAS CORNETT, Brother, Pasadena, California, exact address unknown;
ROSA CORNETT, Sister, Stroud, Oklahoma;
BESSIE CORNETT, Sister, Stroud, Oklahoma;
Mrs. MELVIN (EVELYN) WILSON, Sister, Porterville, California;
R. B. CORNETT, Half-brother, Woodlake, California;
Mrs. JOHN (EASTER) HOWARD, Half-sister, resides in Oklahoma, address unknown;
Mrs. JACKSON (SALLY) WELLS, Half-sister, Stockton, California, resides on Wagner Street;
JAMES CORNETT, Half-Brother, Canton, Ohio, employed at the Brick Plant;
R. B. CORNETT's mother is one Mrs. STONE who now resides in Magoffin County, Kentucky.

WILLIAM CORNETT advised that he knew that there was a family named COLLINS related to the COLE family but that he did not know any of the COLLINS.

Immediately after the above interview, Mrs. WILLIAM CORNETT was contacted at 651 Park Street. It should be noted here that at the outset of the interview she was noticeably frightened, and exhibited undue nervousness. She advised that she knew nothing whatsoever about TED COLE. When asked if she had heard that COLE was in California masquerading as a woman she stated that she would not discuss it further until she had talked with her husband. Under vigorous questioning she then admitted that WILLIAM's mother had written them a letter upon her return to Oklahoma saying that TED COLE was in California masquerading as a woman and they should have nothing to do with R. B. and his wife because TED was with them. Mrs. CORNETT advised that she had burned this letter, and that the information had been a source of great worry to her because she feared a family scandal. She denied that she had heard anything else about COLE, and stated that R. B. did not mention his name to her while he was in El Centro and her husband had not discussed the instant case with her. She said she did not know the COLE family, and had no opinion as to who might shield TED COLE, or information concerning his whereabouts.

WILLIAM CORNETT was again interviewed by the reporting agent and Sheriff ROBERT W. WARE, at the Imperial Valley Box Company, 281 Main Street. He denied any knowledge of his mother's letter in which she informed him of the above and advised that he was not at all certain that it was not true because he usually took only thirty minutes for lunch and customarily read personal mail hurriedly during his lunch period. He stated that his wife answers their correspondence and that if his mother had given them this information he had simply forgotten it or had made no mental note of it when he read it. The harboring statutes were explained to CORNETT and he was again very vigorously questioned in detail with regard to the instant case. He denied that he knew more than he had previously stated and said that he would make a search of his house in an effort to find the letters his mother had written since her return to Stroud. It is noted that CORNETT exhibited no signs of nervousness and appeared cooperative at all times.

CORNETT subsequently advised that his wife had burned the letter and upon discussing this matter with her, his recollection was that his mother had stated as follows: "R.B. and PAULINE are in California and I have heard that TED COLE is with them masquerading as a woman. Stay clear of them."

It is pointed out that WILLIAM CORNETT received this information prior to R. B. CORNETT's visit to El Centro, California. According to WILLIAM CORNETT, he and R. B. have been very fond of each other and in the past have loaned each other money and discussed their problems together. He denied that they had discussed this matter during R. B.'s visit.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Porterville, California, will interview Mrs. MELVIN (EVELYN) BOWERS and obtain any information she may have with reference to subject COLE. Will ascertain whether Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT informed her that COLE was in California masquerading as a woman. It will be noted that Mrs. CORNETT reportedly visited in the BOWERS home during the early spring of 1943.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT and ascertain the source of her information that COLE "had been back to Oklahoma" and that "he was in California masquerading as a woman".

Will consider the advisability of interviewing other members of the CORNETT family living in the vicinity of Stroud.

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June 30, 1943

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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940 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - Fugitive,
I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - Fugitive,
I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letters dated January 5, 1943 and April 5, 1943, which have evidently been afforded no attention in your office, it is now desired that you advise by return mail when the requested report bringing this case up to date can be expected to arrive at the Bureau.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESITGATION

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Lelia B. Hunsinger, dated June 17, 1943, 314 Cherry Mountain Street, Forest City, North Carolina, addressed to the Alcatraz Penitentiary, together with copy of Warden Johnston's reply.

Although her letter is somewhat rambling and disconnected, I believe she may be referring to Cole and Roe who escaped from Alcatraz several years ago and therefore the letter is being forwarded to you for such action as you think is appropriate.

Director

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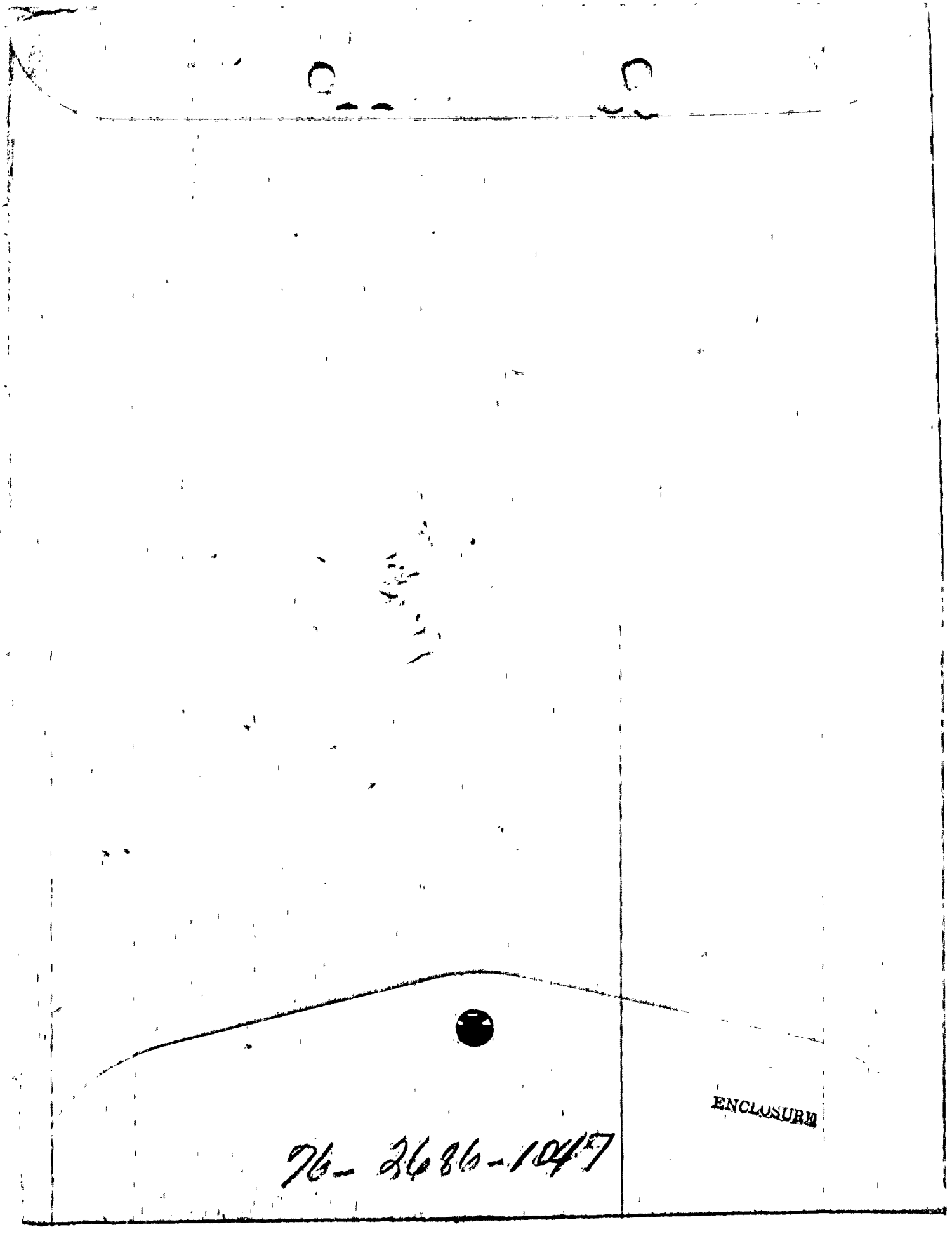

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May 27, 1943

COPY

Mrs. Lelia B. Hunsinger
314 Cherry Mountain Street
Rutherford County
Forest City, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

I have read your long and detailed letter dated May 10, 1943, and the several small notes that seem to have been mailed by you at different times and at different places on or about May 10 or 12.

Notwithstanding the extreme care with which I have read your letter containing all the information given by you, I cannot connect any of the names or the incidents, or any person in prison at Alcatraz, with any incident happening at Alcatraz. In the circumstances, the only suggestion that I can make to you, is, if you have reason to suspect the persons or can give any definite information that would lead skilled investigators to the persons or places in which any conspiracy is being hatched or crime committed, that you send the information to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. A. JOHNSTON, Warden

COPY to Mr. Bennett 6/24/'43

June 17. 1943.

United States Penitentiary
Alcatraz Island
California

U. S. PENITENTIARY
ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIF.
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Gentlemen.

The only subject which I have written of was a prison Break in 1941. Which you are very much mistaken if you think they were drowned I believe you will find same located at Forest city N.C. on cherry mountain St known as a Entertainer, Snake, charmer, Magician also Negro mystic chemical thrower which is thrown some way on Electric wires they have a large gang & supposedly influential people's help use Recorded Records of voices & picture's made of film such as is used in theatres & is to my

belief catched up now at Lawyer R.R. Blantons Home on cherry mtn St they have very small instruments they use in and around places to hear every word which is said also use some kind of magnetic fluid to treat steel & fastenings to loosen them for entry. which leave the job as suiside or an inside job Telephone lines are grounded & messages are taken & sent which keep them up with all hapenings they are equiped with typing material air plane & have plenty of oil gas for their own use come & go by plane before each disaster such as the Oregon asylum poison & the cocoanut grove fire always this plane comes in after each case. this clan includes names on following page bludgeon murders fires & supposed suisides are very frequent but this gang has been here for years working in & out as gentlemen Mrs Lelia B. Hunsinger
314 Cherry Mountain St -
Member of - Civil Service corps;
Forest City NC

Lawyer R R Blanton & wife Nancy Blanton
Mary catherine Blanton, Harris wife of Pete Harris
Russell Blanton Charles Kelly Blanton sons & daughters of
Charles Z. Flack Insurance & real estate of Lawyer
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Sheriff C.C. Moore. of Rutherford Co NC
Sam Moore Road house operator. Creed Moore
Stag Moore.
Robert Blanton merchant George Moore Ins agent
Fred Blanton
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George Blanton some Flacks at Grace mill Rutherford
some in concord at Brown's mill
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way to force peoples property in their hands & have
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& follow the out going mail no way to find the
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	7/17/43	5/26,29/43 6/14/43	THOMAS P. DOWD, JR. (A) WPB

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, WAS, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, WAS, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. L. DECHERY, Sausalito, California, advises FRANK BOWES told him that subjects were in Oklahoma approximately three years ago. BOWES formerly of Dawson, Oklahoma, now residing Sausalito, California relates that three years ago he heard in Oklahoma pool room that one subject was residing in "Cushon", Oklahoma and the other resided in Bristow, Oklahoma. Mrs. MARY VON GLAHN, Livermore, California interviewed negatively. Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, advises that ALLEN TURNER, reported by Denver Field Office as possible escapee, may be identical with ROE.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent THOMAS P. DOWD, JR., (A), dated May 28, 1943 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: AT SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. GARVEY and the writer:

J. L. DECHERY, Janitor, Marinship Training School, Ferry Garage, advised that approximately two months ago he was informed by FRANK BOWES, an employee of the Marinship Shipyard, that he had heard subjects were known to have been in "Cushon", Oklahoma approximately three years ago.

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DECHERY advised that the above information was given to him by BOWES during a time that both had been drinking shortly after the attempted escape of four prisoners at Alcatraz Island, California.

FRANK BOWES, employed as a welder at the Marinship Shipbuilding Company, Badge No. 9973, was interviewed at his place of residence, the Marin City Dormitories, and advised that approximately three years ago during a general conversation in a pool room, or some such gathering place, either in Dawson, Oklahoma or Oklahoma City, someone mentioned that both ROE and COLE had made good their escape from Alcatraz and that one was living in "Cushon", Oklahoma and the other in Bristow, Oklahoma. BOWES who recently came to Sausalito from Dawson, Oklahoma advised that "Cushon" is located 45 miles West of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that Bristol is located 30 miles southeast of "Cushon." He was unable to recall who made the above remark.

From the above description of the location of "Cushon," it is apparent that BOWES was referring to Cushing in Payne County, Oklahoma.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

Mrs. MARY VON GLAHN was interviewed in her place of employment and residence, The Travelers Hotel, Livermore, California, concerning any knowledge of instant escape in her possession. However, Mrs. VON GLAHN, who is the mother of GEORGE VON GLAHN, former Alcatraz inmate #377AZ, was unable to furnish any information of interest to this investigation.

By teletype dated May 29, 1943 the Denver Field Division advised that ALLEN TURNER was arrested by the Denver Police Department May 25, 1943 for drunkenness. Further, that an unidentified woman advised that police department on the same date that TURNER escaped from Alcatraz. The date of the escape however was unknown. This teletype described TURNER as 46 years of age, 6 feet tall, 205 lbs. in weight, brown eyes, brown hair, and further, that he was released May 26, 1943 on $300.00 bond.

The teletype further advised that the police department requested that the above information be verified.

Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California was telephonically advised of the above information. He informed that the only escapees at the U. S. Penitentiary unaccounted for were the subjects of this case. He said that TURNER's description was somewhat similar to that of RALPH ROE and further that his records did not disclose that ROE had ever used the alias ALLEN TURNER.

Accordingly, a teletype was dispatched the same day to the Denver Field Office advising that office that the U. S. Penitentiary at

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Alcatraz Island, California informed that no escapees were unaccounted for except the subjects of this case and that TURNER may possibly be identical with subject ROE inasmuch as the descriptions were similar.

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San Francisco File No. 76-290

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT CUSHING, OKLAHOMA: Will ascertain from the Chief of Police whether or not there is any truth to the story of FRANK BOWES indicating that possibly one of the subjects of this case was residing in that town approximately three years ago.

AT BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA: Will ascertain from the Chief of Police whether or not there is any truth to the story of FRANK BOWES indicating that possibly one of the subjects of this case was residing in that town approximately three years ago.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO: Will ascertain whether or not ALLEN TURNER/was arrested by the Denver Police Department May 25, 1943 for drunkenness is identical with either of the subjects in this case.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

*AT BENICIA, CALIFORNIA: Will ascertain from NORA HART, Benicia Rooms, the whereabouts of ELEANOR DAWSON so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to MRS. G. I. DAWSON

*AT FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA: Will interview GEORGE MILLER, Folsom #22995, alias GEORGE THOMPSON (Alcatraz #249aZ) concerning instant escape.

*AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Through contact with persons in the sporting and boxing circles will endeavor to contact JACK THOMPSON and JOE OAKS. The former is said to be a colored pugilist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOE OAKS is an ex-pugilist who is supposed to be well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JANE ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

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*AT [redacted] Inasmuch as [redacted] was the original informant concerning JEAN LEE, he should be recontacted and a complete description and more information concerning JEAN LEE should be obtained in order to locate her. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, at which place a MR. and MRS. J. ROSE registered on September 13, 1937 and remained until December 15, 1937, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street Apartment.

*AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter, dated December 30, 1937, and page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

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TITLE

RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Attempts to locate JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON made with negative results; record of a JACK and BELDA JOHNSON who left Lompoc, Calif., 1/27/42 leaving forwarding address General Delivery, Oakland, Calif. Subjects' pictures displayed at Mike Lyman's cafe with no identification being made. Mail cover placed on Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE at Exeter, Calif. revealed no investigative leads.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 76-2686
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated April 1, 1940, at Oklahoma City.
Report of Special Agent JAMES D. CASEY dated January 11, 1943, at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent OTTO G. HEINECKE dated May 20, 1943, at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent NEWMAN E. LONG dated June 19, 1943, at San Diego.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES D. CASEY:

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AT LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA:

ALEX MAIN, Postmaster, on examination of the postal files advised that he had no record of a JACK or SEEDAL JOHNSON at Shafter, California. The only

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record he had at all similar to the individual sought was a record of a JACK and VELDA JOHNSON who left Lompoc on January 27, 1942, leaving as a forwarding address General Delivery, Oakland, California.

MARY SILVER, Personnel Clerk, Johns Manville Celite Plant, advised that the records of this corporation fail to reflect that they had ever had in their employ a JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON. The files of the Lompoc Police Department were checked for the names of JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON with negative results.

AT CAMP COOKE, CALIFORNIA:

Informant A advised after checking the records of the passes issued for civilians to enter the military area, that there was no record of the names of JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON. This informant also checked the records of the Camp Post Office and the Office of Civilian Personnel with negative results.

AT SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA:

REID S. SHAMHARD advised that the files of his Post Office failed to reflect the names of JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON as receiving mail in Santa Maria.

JOHN TWITCHELL, Protective Officer of the Area Engineers, Rubel Building, examined the records maintained in his office of all civilians employed on construction work under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Engineers in the area from San Luis Obispo to Oxnard for any record of the names of JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON, but with negative results.

The Santa Maria Police Department had no record in their files of the two individuals mentioned above.

It is noted that the only National Defense projects located in the vicinity of Lompoc, California, are Camp Cooke and the Johns Manville Celite Plant.

The attention of the San Francisco Field Division is directed to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated April 1, 1940, at Oklahoma City, in which it is stated that [redacted] informant and contact of Subjects, had advised that the JOHNSON boys or BILL CRAWFORD might know something about the Subjects. A lead is being set out for the San Francisco Office to attempt to locate LAWRENCE or JACK and SEEDAL JOHNSON through General Delivery, Oakland, California b7D

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

It will be noted that Mrs. EDNA ROSS, 826 South Hope Street, advised the Los Angeles Office on March 17, 1942, that she noticed a man and a woman in

Abe Lyman's cafe and that the man seemed rather familiar. She stated that when she later looked at a photograph of RALPH ROE she had decided that it could have been that the man in the cafe might have been the same as RALPH ROE. It will be noted that there is no Abe Lyman's cafe listed in the telephone directory for Los Angeles and vicinity and it was thought probable that Mrs. ROSS meant Mike Lyman's cafe.

An attempt was made to locate Mrs. EDNA ROSS at 826 South Hope, at which time it was noted that she left this location on March 25, 1942, and that her present whereabouts are unknown.

Contact was made with both the Mike Lyman cafes, at 751 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, and 1623 Vine Street, Hollywood, at which time the pictures of both Subjects were displayed to employees, with negative results.

The results of the 30-day mail cover placed on the home of Mr. and Mrs. FRED W. COLE, Exeter, California, indicated no leads of investigative value. There were several communications from VIOLET DAWSON, 2005 South Union Avenue, the home of G. I. DAWSON referred to in the reference report of Special Agent OTTO G. HEINECKE dated May 20, 1943, at Los Angeles. There was also a communication from G. BERRY, 1422½ North Normandie Avenue, Hollywood, California, addressed to Mrs. ESTHER COLE, 205 West Pine Street, Exeter, California. No leads are being set out in connection with the correspondence of Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Oakland, California: Will make an effort to locate JACK or LAWRENCE JOHNSON and SEEDAL JOHNSON in care of General Delivery, Oakland, California. Will interview both concerning their acquaintance with the Subjects and the possible whereabouts of the Subjects, if and when the JOHNSON boys are located.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

*At Stroud, Oklahoma: Will interview Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT and ascertain the source of her information that COLE "had been back to Oklahoma" and that "he was in California masquerading as a woman."

*Will consider the advisability of interviewing other members of the CORNETT family living in the vicinity of Stroud.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

*At Porterville, California: Will interview Mrs. MELVIN (EVELYN) BOWERS and obtain any information she may have with reference to Subject COLE. Will ascertain whether Mrs. KITSEY CORNETT informed her that COLE was in California masquerading as a woman. It will be noted that Mrs. CORNETT reportedly visited in the BOWERS home during the early spring of 1943.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS	8-7-43	7-30;8-4-43	HAROLD I. HELGESEN

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REFERENCE: (Bureau File 76-2686)
Report of Special Agent JOHN H. MURPHY, Little Rock, 6-2-43.

DETAILS: AT ORANGE, TEXAS

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CHARLOTTE	1-15-45	1-3,5-45	NEXTON A. JOHNSON

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE; I.C. No. 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE; I. C. No. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received 1-2-45 from Chief of Police, Newton, N. C., that one GUY ALLEN of Rutherfordton, N. C., had been staying at hotel in Newton during December 1944 and that WALTER LEMMONDS, Newton, N. C., had reported ALLEN fit description of RALPH ROE; further, that ALLEN checked out of hotel 12-28-44 leaving two bags behind, after LEMMONDS had told him he had a dream that ALLEN was wanted by the police. Photographs of ROE exhibited to acquaintances of ALLEN in Newton, who stated positively that he is not identical with RALPH ROE. Files of Charlotte Office reflect one GUY ALLEN, Rutherfordton, N. C., who fits ROE's general description, was formerly a well known gangster in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C., and was delivered to custody of USM, Atlanta, Ga., 1-11-35 to face NMVTA charge.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon a telephone call received by the Charlotte Office on January 2, 1945, from Chief of Police ARNOLD ARMSTRONG, Newton, North Carolina, who advised that a person fitting the

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He went on to say that he had never known subject COLE personally and that the trouble he had been involved in took place before the time he and his wife were married. He stated that subject COLE had married his wife's sister and was his brother-in-law. According to VAIL, subject COLE has never attempted to see his son, and he was of the opinion, from what he had heard about this matter from near relatives of subject COLE, that they believed COLE had never gotten to land at the time of his escape and probably had drowned. He was very sure that none of COLE'S relatives knew anything about his present whereabouts if he is alive. VAIL stated that this matter had caused him considerable embarrassment and that if he ever should hear anything about COLE'S whereabouts, he would immediately contact this Bureau.

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man of very poor character and morals. On one occasion when she left to go home for a week he got very drunk. He checked out of the room suddenly without giving any notice and leaving it in a very filthy condition. Mrs. HEWETT stated it was her understanding that subject had left Newton and someone had told her he had gone to Baltimore, Maryland.

Chief ARMSTRONG, Mr. BOYTERS, and Mr. and Mrs. HEWETT were subsequently shown two photographs of RALPH ROE, one taken at Alcatraz and the other in Oklahoma City. They all stated positively that ALLEN is not identical with ROE. These people described ALLEN as being from 35 to 38 years of age, about six feet tall, weighing one hundred eighty-five pounds, light brown hair, and tattoo on one arm.

The files of the Charlotte Field Division reflect that one GUY ALLEN of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, on August 31, 1931, admitted the theft and transportation of a Franklin automobile, motor number 35-141225, from Asheville, North Carolina, to Dahlonega, Georgia, in August 1929. He was apprehended and after serving a state prison term was returned to the U. S. Marshal, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 11, 1935, to face prosecution for this offense. (Charlotte file No. 26-973). ALLEN's description is also contained in Charlotte file No. 91-48, which contains descriptions of bank robbers and outstanding gangsters.

The Bureau is being requested to furnish the Charlotte Field Division with the criminal record of GUY ALLEN inasmuch as he may possibly be wanted by some law enforcement agency.

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those of the subjects of this case appearing on Identification Orders 1472 and 1471. The Reporting Agent was advised that there was absolutely no similarity in the fingerprints after close examination and comparison.

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A check of the records of the San Francisco California County Jail by the writer failed to reveal that anyone by the name of PETER CRABLE had been recently or was presently incarcerated there. The records reflected that a PETER CABRAL of 30 Seventh Street, San Francisco, California, had been recently received from the San Francisco City Prison on a burglary charge.

PETER CABRAL, upon interview, advised that in February 1943 he was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company, 20th and Illinois, San Francisco, and during his employment there became quite friendly with a fellow employee, FRANK LITTLEFIELD, a plate hanger. He related that sometime in February 1943 LITTLEFIELD informed him that his home was Oakland and that his father was a sheriff in that state. CABRAL related that during the conversation mention was made by him of the numerous dangerous characters he had read about whose homes were originally in the State of Oklahoma. He said that LITTLEFIELD advised him at that time that someone had received a card from one of the subjects of this case saying they were either in South America or heading that way. CABRAL was unable to recall whether or not LITTLEFIELD indicated who received the card and said that LITTLEFIELD indicated to him that he had been in the State of California for the past four or five years. CABRAL said that he understood LITTLEFIELD was presently employed in the Richmond Shipyards, Richmond, California, and is now residing in Walnut Creek, California.

Inasmuch as this did not conform with the original information received from Associate Warden MILLER, CABRAL was asked if he knew how this office was aware that he was in possession of information concerning subjects ROE and COLE. He advised that just before Agents interviewed him he had been sitting in his cell thinking about ROE and COLE, also that he was released from the Stockton State Hospital, Stockton, California, a State institution, approximately four years ago, and that he had never discussed instant case with anyone since his conversation with FRANK LITTLEFIELD.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LINDIAN J. SWAIM:

AT [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] no longer resided there but can be presently located at [redacted] She further advised that [redacted] also resides at the above address and that her connection with [redacted] is in the capacity of part owner and that probably if at any time in the future agents of this office are unable to locate [redacted] information concerning his whereabouts can be obtained through inquiry at [redacted]

San Francisco 76-290

The following investigation was conducted by EUGENE S. JONES, Special Agent Employee:

Miss HELEN LONGSTRETH, Postmaster's Office, Oakland Post Office, advised that they had no record in the General Delivery Section for JACK or LAWRENCE JOHNSON and SEEDAL JOHNSON.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

*At Benicia, California: will ascertain from NORA HART, Benicia Rooms, the whereabouts of ELEANOR DAWSON so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to Mrs. G. I. DAWSON.

*At Folsom, California: will interview GEORGE MILLER, Folsom #22995, alias GEORGE THOMPSON (Alcatraz #249AZ) concerning instant escape.

*At San Francisco, California: will conduct additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter, dated December 30, 1937, and page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

At Richmond, California: will locate and interview FRANK LITTLEFIELD, a former plate hanger with the Bethlehem Steel Company, San Francisco, California, presently believed to be employed at the Richmond Shipyard, and residing at Walnut Creek, California, concerning the statement made in this report by PETER CABRAL to the effect that someone in his native state of Oklahoma had received a card from one of the subjects in this case indicating they were either enroute to or in South America.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At [redacted] will interview [redacted], who was the original informant, regarding JEAN LEE and obtain a complete description and more information concerning JEAN LEE with a view in mind of ascertaining the whereabouts of her. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address, 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, to place a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, registered on 9/13/37 and remained until 12/15/37, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street apartment. b7D

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	8-28-43	8-4,5,12-43	THEODORE WACHS, JR. JS

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent THOMAS P. DOWD, JR., San Francisco, California, dated 5-28-43.

DETAILS: AT TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

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AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

On August 4, 1943 Special Agent EDWARD C. McCUE received a phone call at the Resident Agency from a man giving his name as JOE SMITH, 110 East Main Street and claiming that he had seen subjects COLE and ROE at 1403 Pine Street, Chattanooga, on the previous day. Informant stated that these individuals, whom he did not describe, had showed him an article about the COLE-ROE escape in a magazine and told him that they were the subjects. He claimed that they stayed with LOULLA SIMMONS, colored, at this address and were driving a gray Ford sedan.

An immediate effort was made to locate JOE SMITH by inquiries at 110 East Main Street and vicinity, with negative results, indicating a likelihood that this was a false identity.

A spot check was maintained on 1403 Pine Street during the balance of the day and that night and nothing unusual was noted. This neighborhood is entirely made up of colored families and no indications were received that white men had been staying at 1403 Pine Street or nearby houses.

Inquiries at the Police Department reflected that LOULLA SIMMONS, 1403 Pine Street, is known to that department as a colored woman operating a small and legitimate honky tonk in her home. Detectives CLINTON and SMITH stated that they had known her for many years and considered her a reliable person.

Accordingly, Agents McCUE, JAMES E. GORDON and the writer, accompanied by Detectives CLINTON and SMITH, visited this address. All occupants of the house were colored and there were no indications that anyone except LOULLA SIMMONS and her family had been staying there. LOULLA SIMMONS was closely questioned on this matter and she denied that any white men had been in her house at any time. The detectives stated that in view of their contacts in this neighborhood they felt confident that the presence of anyone but colored people at this address would be almost immediately relayed to them.

In accordance with instructions of the Special Agent in Charge, no further investigation will be made in this matter.

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THEODORE COLE was, I.O. #1471-FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DORA HART now located 23 Prosper Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent THOMAS P. DOWD Jr., dated 7-17-43 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE F. GILLEM;

AT VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA:

Inspector RALPH JENSEN, Police Department, advised that DORA HART is now located in San Francisco, California and can be reached by telephoning Market 1910. JENSEN advised that DORA HART's house of prostitution was closed by the Police Department in the early part of 1943.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Confidential Informant SF-25 advised that the subscribers name and address to the telephone number Market 1910 is WILLIAM F. FEINBERG, 23 Prosper Avenue. Mrs. WILLIAM M. FEINBERG, daughter-in-law of DORA HART, advised that Mrs. HART was vacationing in the northwest with no fixed address and would return to San Francisco approximately September 15, 1943.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO, FIELD DIVISION:

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*At Oakland,California: Through contact with persons in the sporting and boxing circles will endeavor to contact JACK THOMPSON and JOE OAKS, The former is said to be a colored pugilist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOE OAKS is an ex-pugilist who is supposed to be well known around SanFrancisco and Los Angeles,Calif. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JANE ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street San Francisco.

At San Francisco,California: Will interview Dora Hart care WILLIAM M. FEINBERG, 23 Prosper Avenue,telephone Market 1910 to ascertain from her the whereabouts of ELEANOR DAWSON so she may be interviewed to determine whether she is in any way related to Mrs.G.I.DAWSON.

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RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Investigation at Bristow, Drumright and Cushing, Okla. failed to indicate ROE and COLE, who are known in those vicinities, because of having previously lived there, have ever been seen since their escape from Alcatraz.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent THOMAS P. DOWD, JR. (A), dated 7-17-43 at San Francisco, Calif.

DETAILS: AT BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA

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AT DRUMRIGHT and CUSHING, OKLAHOMA

JACK ARY, Chief of Police, Drumright, and FLOYD STROUP, Chief of Police, Cushing, advised substantially as did Officers FORD and LIVINGSTON.

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

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Sgt. Rene J. Daigle - 34005205
Ward # C-4
Station Hospital
Fort Ord, Calif.
Sept. 19, 1943

F. B. I.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir:

In the Sept. 43 issue of "True Detective," I noticed a picture of someone I thought I knew. The picture is a very immage, the age, hieght and weight, of this person.

If you can tell me when Ralph Doe escaped, I may have your man.?

Sincerely,
Rene J. Daigle

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Op. 7 P.S. I suggest a date be put on these men wanted! R.J.D.

I have known my party since early, 1941.

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RALPH DOE. With aliases. *Escaped Federal Prisoner—Bank Robbery.* Reward: TRUE DETECTIVE, $100. Age, 37; height, 6 feet; weight, 170 pounds; build, medium; complexion, medium; hair, dark brown; eyes, gray. Scars: Above right eyebrow; below left elbow rear. Tattoos: blue stars, left index finger and back left hand. *If located, wire Director J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.*

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Reference: Report of Special Agent THOMAS P. DOWD, JR., dated 9/2/43 at San Francisco California.

Details:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PERRY MOOTHART, at Oakland, California:

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ALLEN WADE, Sports Editor, Oakland Tribune, advised that he had never heard of JOEY OAKS or JACK THOMPSON, both of whom were described as ex-pugalists in the report of Special Agent M. J. CASSIDY dated 6/24/40 at San Francisco, California.

Inquiry made at "The Ringside", 1011 Franklin Street, which is a club for boxers, was negative.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ALFRED BURNS EDDY and the writer:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. WILLIAM F. FEINBERG, alias DORA HART, 23 Prosper Avenue, former operator of a house of prostitution in Vallejo, California, advised that she had never heard of ELEANOR DAWSON. She related that she kept no records of the girls working for her at Vallejo, California, and that it was possible that the DAWSON girl worked under an alias.

Reference report sets out an undeveloped lead to interview GEORGE MILLER, Folsom #22995 at Folsom, California, concerning instant escape. A review of this file reveals that GEORGE MILLER, Folsom Prison #22995, was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent ARTHUR V. HART dated 8/15/40 at San Francisco, California.

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San Francisco 76-290

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

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Mr. Rene J. Daigle, #34005205
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Dear Mr. Daigle:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acers
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

With reference to your letter dated September 19, 1943, I am transmitting herewith a copy of Identification Order No. 1472, dated December 20, 1937, issued by this Bureau on subject Ralph Roe.

Roe is still being sought and if you have any information which you believe would be of assistance in bringing about his apprehension, it is kindly requested that you immediately contact the San Francisco Office of this Bureau, which is located at One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729, San Francisco 4, California.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Report of Special Agent THOMAS F. DOWD, JR. (A), San Francisco, August 9, 1943

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROYSTON JESTER, III:

On August 19, 1943, ABE ALLEN of 516 - 26th Street, Santa Monica, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Embassy Palace, Lick Pier, Ocean Park, California.

According to ALLEN, his recollection of JEAN LEE is rather hazy. He first met her while he was an inmate of San Quentin, serving time, when she visited him on several occasions, and left with him small sums of money, cigarettes, and the like. After the termination of his sentence at the said institution, he looked her up and thanked her personally for the courtesies and kindnesses which she had

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ALLEN described LEE as follows:

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He was unable to shed any light on the address, 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

AT PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

MRS. MILTON (EVELYN) WILSON, 215 B Street, advised that she knew absolutely nothing concerning Subject COLE or his present whereabouts. She stated that she had seen COLE only once in her life and that that was before he was sent to the penitentiary, at which time she was very young. She stated that she does not believe that she could recognize COLE if she were to see him again. She advised that R. B. CORNETT, husband of Subject COLE'S sister, PAULINE CORNETT, visited at Porterville for one day during the latter part of July, 1943. At that time he made reference to Subject COLE in the presence of MRS. WILSON and her husband, MILTON WILSON. He remarked that he believed COLE to be alive, and gave as his reason the fact that Subject COLE'S mother had received more money than she would otherwise have received from the underworld, had he been dead. He explained this remark by stating that, when a person, such as Subject COLE, dies, the underworld sends his mother or relatives a sum of money. It was his opinion that MRS. COLE had more money than the underworld would have sent her, and that, consequently, she must have received it from Subject COLE. MRS. WILSON added that, in her opinion, R. B. CORNETT was very unreliable and mentally unbalanced. She further stated that she placed no credence in R. B. CORNETT'S statement and said that it was her opinion that he made the statement solely because he had nothing better to say.

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OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview JOHN HOWARD, Route 2, with reference to a statement he reportedly made to his sister, reflecting that Subject COLE was at one time masquerading as a woman in Stroud, Oklahoma.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

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OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview JOHN HOWARD, Route 2, with reference to a statement he reportedly made to his sister, reflecting that Subject COLE was at one time masquerading as a woman in Stroud, Oklahoma.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will contact MR. F. H.McFARLAND at 1946 West 42nd Place, and ascertain what, if any, information he has concerning Subject COLE.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
November 22, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: RALPH ROE, w.a.s. I.O. #1472 -FUGITIVE.
THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
Bureau File 76-2686

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, Jr., dated 4/20/43, at San Francisco, on the case entitled "JAMES ARNOLD BOARMAN-Fugitive, et al; Escaped Federal Prisoner, Federal Escape Act, Assault on Federal Officer", wherein it is noted that subject FRED JOHN HUNTER in that case was located immediately following that escape from Alcatraz Island, hiding in a cave on the shoreline of Alcatraz Island, California. It should be further noted in that case subject FLOYD GARLAND HAMILTON upon his apprehension advised that he also hid in this cave from the time of the escape on 4/13/43 until 4/16/43. Associate Warden, J. E. MILLER, the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, advised that this case which is approximately 40 to 50 feet in length, is located directly beneath the Old Mat Shop in the Model Building on the Island. Mr. MILLER advised that the entire floor of the cave is covered with several feet of scrap rubber which was discarded from the window of the Mat Shop and tossed into the San Francisco Bay and subsequently washed into the Cave.

On July 29, 1943, Special Agent THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, Jr. discussed with Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, the possibilities of subjects ROE and COLE hiding in this cave following their escape from the Island as well as the possibility of clearing out the scraps of rubber tires and matting located in this cave in an effort to locate the remains of the subjects of this case. At that time Warden JOHNSTON said he would take the matter under advisement. He was recontacted on August 6, 1943, at which time he advised that he had not had time to think the matter over yet.

On November 11, 1943, Warden JOHNSTON advised Agent DOWD that he would arrange within the very near future to have the entire cave cleared of rubber matting and other debris in an effort to possibly locate the remains of the bodies of subjects ROE and COLE. He said that this would require the work of five men for approximately one week and that it would be arranged by him at such a time when the weather conditions were favorable and when he had sufficient guards to handle the project.

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He explained that he would be unable to use the inmates on this project and would at the opportune time assign guards to this work. He related that following this, it is his intention to completely seal the mouth of this cave with a cement wall.

Upon receipt of the results of this project from Warden JOHNSTON, the Bureau and Oklahoma City will be advised.

Very truly yours,

N.J.L.PIEPER,
SAC

cc- Oklahoma City, Okla.
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TPD:feg

12-4-43
LOOKS LIKE WASTE OF TIME TO SEARCH FOR REMAINS SUBJECTS - THEY WOULDN'T STARVE - WOULD HAVE SURRENDERED FIRST - BUT SOMETHING MAY BE TURNED UP SO NO ACTION BEING TAKEN. RE QUESTIONING DESIRABILITY OF PROJECT -

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SAN FRANCISCO	11/22/43	11-11,12/43	THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, JR. feg

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, w.a.s. I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, w.a.s., I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Whereabouts of AL BARRY, alias BRUCE BARRY, and LEE MACK unknown.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 76-2686
Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, dated 12/20/37, at San Francisco, Calif.
Bureau letter dated 12/30/37.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated 12/2/38 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Report of THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, Jr., dated 11/1/43, at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In an effort to locate AL BARRY, also known as BRUCE BARRY, semi-professional singer as well as his girl friend, LEE MACK, the city and telephone directories for the years 1937 - 1943, as well as the records of the San Francisco Police Department and Retailers Credit Association were searched negatively.

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The records of the Musicians' Union were also checked for both BARRY and MACK without locating a record.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

*Will interview FRED JAMES LITTLEFIELD, alias FRANK LITTLEFIELD, 1308 20th Avenue, concerning the statement made by him to PETER CABRAL to the effect that someone in his native state of Oklahoma had received a card from one of the subjects in this case indicating they were either enroute to or in South America.

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November 25, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

A review of the files in this case reveals that every logical source of probable information has been pursued with negative results, and that all Bureau Field Divisions and Agents are more or less familiar with the ramifications of this case.

Outstanding leads appear to be a revamping of previous leads that have proven negative or sources of the usual unproductive type who talk without fact or foundation.

It appears logical that if Subjects made a successful escape, which investigation thus far does not substantiate, that eventually the Bureau will receive information through some source of their existence, especially in the Oklahoma City Field Division where both Subjects were born, reared and operated and were associated with the local underworld, as well as where they are generally known to law enforcement officers who are interested in their apprehension.

In view of the above outlined facts, it is respectfully suggested that this case be placed in a pending inactive status, subject to being reopened for further investigation at any time a complaint with any foundation whatsoever is received.

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Very truly yours,

KENNETH LOGAN, SAC

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RALPH POE, was., FUGITIVE, IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE, IO #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Oklahoma City File 76-348)

Reference is made to your letter dated November 25, 1943. When the leads presently outstanding have been covered, if no new information of value has been developed, authority is hereby granted to place this case in a pending, inactive status subject to being reopened for further investigation upon receipt of any new information of value.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	1-6-44	12-8-43	PAUL JAMES O'FARRELL emb

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, was, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRANK LITTLEFIELD, Concord, California, contacted, with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686.
Report of Special Agent THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, JR. dated at San Francisco, California, November 22, 1943.

DETAILS:

Reference report of Special Agent THOMAS PATRICK DOWD, JR. advised that a party known as FRED JAMES LITTLEFIELD, with alias FRANK LITTLEFIELD, was thought to reside at 1308 - 20th Avenue, Walnut Creek, California.

Investigation of various sources at Walnut Creek, California, indicated that no such party had in the past resided nor was presently residing in that city. Inquiry at the Office of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company indicated a possibility that such a party might reside in the area surrounding Concord, California, which area was supplied with utilities by that company.

AT CONCORD, CALIFORNIA

Inquiry at the Office of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company indicated that a party known as FRANK LITTLEFIELD resided at Route 1, Box 2693, on the road between Concord and Walnut Creek, California.

FRANK LITTLEFIELD advised that his true and correct name was FRED JAMES LITTLEFIELD, but that he generally went by the name of FRANK LITTLEFIELD. He further advised that he was slightly acquainted with a person known as PETER CABRAL

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and had on one occasion advised CABRAL that he had heard the subjects were in South America. LITTLEFIELD further stated that during the period of August 1941 to July 1942, he had been employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company at San Francisco, California, and while so employed had come in contact with many men and women who had recently come West from the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas. He further advised that during the lunch and rest periods at Bethlehem Steel Company, many of the men and women employed there had learned that others were from their home states and naturally drifted together for "bull sessions."

LITTLEFIELD continued that during the period of employment while engaged in one of these "bull sessions," someone, apparently from Oklahoma, had stated that he had received word from Oklahoma that some unknown person in that state had received a communication indicating that the two subjects were in South America or enroute to South America. He added that at that time he had not been curious enough to ascertain the name of this person or the source of his information, but had thought it a rather interesting statement and had naturally in subsequent "bull sessions" advised on frequent occasions that the subjects were in South America. He stated he could not vouch for the reliability of this information and could not furnish the name of the person who had originally given him this information. He added that he did not at present have the vaguest idea from what source this information had come other than that he had picked it up at a "bull session" in the Bethlehem Steel Company, and further that he could not direct the reporting agent to anyone who might verify the pertinent statement.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.	1-14-44	12-13,17,18, 20,21-43	W. NEIL JOHNSON WNJ:NS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LEWIS ARTHUR MANDERS, Lake Charles, Louisiana, reported as possibly identical with subject RALPH ROE. Fingerprint of MANDERS obtained and indicate he is not identical.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau to Mr. RENE J. DAIGLE, Station Hospital, Fort Ord, California, dated October 5, 1943.

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from Mr. RENE J. DAIGLE enclosing Bureau letter to Mr. DAIGLE dated October 5, 1943. In his letter Mr. DAIGLE advised that he believed that LOU MANDERS is possibly identical with subject RALPH ROE and that MANDERS could be located in care of Provost Marshal at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Special Agents ORVILLE B. OLSON and G. RUSSELL RUBY contacted Provost Marshal GEORGE RUSSELL at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, but were unable to obtain fingerprints of LOU MANDERS. They did, however, obtain a picture of LOU MANDERS, which is being retained in the New Orleans file. It was ascertained that his correct name is LEWIS ARTHUR MANDERS and that he had been employed as a civilian employee of the Post Exchange Service. They obtained the following description of MANDERS from records of the Post Exchange Service:

Date of Birth	July 15, 1901
Place of Birth	Vancouver, British Columbia
Height	5' 11"
Weight	168 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray-black

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The Identification Order of the subject RALPH ROE was shown to the Personnel Director of the Post Exchange Service, Mrs. R. C. WATERBURY, and she advised that MANDERS appeared to be considerably older than the photograph of subject RALPH ROE, but that there was some similarity in their appearances.

AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA:

The writer contacted Captain J. C. TOUPS, Louisiana State Police of the City Service Plant, where LEWIS ARTHUR MANDERS is employed by the M. W. KELLOGG COMPANY. Under pretense Captain TOUPS obtained for the writer two sets of fingerprints of LEWIS ARTHUR MANDERS. A classification of these prints was made and ascertained to be $\frac{24}{6}\ \frac{S}{S}\ \frac{1}{I}\ \frac{R}{U}\ \frac{IOI}{OII}\ \frac{7}{8}$, which classification is not identical with the classification of subject ROE given on Identification Order No. 1472. However, these prints are being forwarded as enclosures with this report to the office of origin for whatever action they deem appropriate.

ENCLOSURES TO OKLAHOMA CITY: Two sets of fingerprints of Suspect LEWIS ARTHUR MANDERS.

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LOS ANGELES	1/19/44	11/22/43 ~~1/1/17/44~~ 12/22/43	PHILIP R. CORRELL KH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

F. H. McFARLAND reports neighbor of Mrs. COLE, subject COLE's mother in Woodlake, California, came to his store jittery after seeing subject; reported COLE left in woman's clothes following morning. Subject's mother came to store later and repeated, while crying, that she knew her boy was dead. McFARLAND unable to recall neighbor who reported information but states that by watching COLE's mother subject COLE will be found. Mrs. COLE now residing Farmersville, California, according to McFARLAND.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Charles C. Shaw, Los Angeles, 11/9/43.

DETAILS:

Mr. F. H. McFARLAND, 1946 West 42d Place, telephone Axminster 25913, Los Angeles, California, who is employed by the Merchant Shippers (Trinity 1164), advised that he was certain that subject COLE visited his mother one night in January 1941. He explained that he ran a general store on Valencia Street in Woodlake, California, and that early one morning the man who lived next door north of Mrs. COLE came in at about 7 o'clock completely beside himself. McFARLAND was unable to recall the name of the neighbor but advised that it was unlike him to lose his composure unless there was a very definite reason for it. Although reluctant, the neighbor finally revealed to McFARLAND that he and his 15-year-old daughter had seen subject COLE the preceding night come

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on the front porch of his mother's house, and upon being admitted saw the lights of the COLE residence extinguished. The neighbor related that during the evening he saw subject COLE go on the front porch for a moment or two, and that early the following morning he saw COLE leave his mother's house dressed in a woman's clothing. McFARLAND related that the neighbor, for fear of his life, did not leave his own home that particular night, but rather waited until COLE had left his mother's house. McFARLAND stated that two days later, Mrs. COLE, subject's mother, came into his store and for some reason brought up the subject of her son, after which she began crying and repeated over and over that she believed her boy was dead, that he drowned in the bay when he tried to escape. McFARLAND said that Mrs. COLE acted like a good Christian woman, that she nearly worships her boy, the subject, and thinks he is not to blame for his misdoings. Because of her attitude, McFARLAND is of the opinion that it is very likely that the subject's mother may shield him, and in fact that the subject may visit her periodically.

By correspondence McFARLAND attempted to learn the name of the neighbor and his present location, but learned only that this man had moved and was no longer living next door to Mrs. COLE in Woodlake. Subsequent correspondence revealed that Mrs. COLE, the subject's mother, had also moved from Woodlake and is now residing in Farmersville, California, a small community about seven or eight miles from Woodlake. McFARLAND advised that he would make further attempts to locate the original source of the above-reported information and that he would advise this office when ascertained.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT FARMERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA:

Will develop informants for coverage of subject COLE's mother's home in order that this office may be advised in the event the subject visits her.

103 Blacker St.
Toronto Feb 9/1943.

Dear Sirs:—

I know the whereabouts of a certain man who in a certain time of danger from death has confessed to being an escaped prisoner from Alcatraz Prison. My information might just possibly be a vivid imagination on the part of the suspect or on the source of my information but I am pretty firmly convinced there is truth in it.

According to my information there is a reward of 2,000. Dollars for the information leading to the arrest of a man who answers this description I am giving you. My description is not very thourough but owing to the fact that very few have ever escaped from Alcatraz it would not be very hard to say yes or no in a reply to me.

This man was sentenced to Alcatraz [illegible] a

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If you have no records of a man answering this poor description just answer me in the negative. Or if I am on the right track of this information let me know and I can describe to you when you can find this man in this city. Incidently this same man has attempted a suicide in the last month and his mind really is unbalanced anyway.

Respectfully Yours

ERIC PILBY

Eric Pilby
103 Bleecker St. Toronto
Can.

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Toronto - Feb. 9, 1943

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LOS ANGELES	3/1/44	2/9,16/44	CHARLES C. SHAW pgb

TITLE
RALPH ROE, with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: R. B. CORNETT, husband of subject COLE's sister, believes COLE's family know his whereabouts. FRED COLE, subject's step-father, leaves home about 3 times a year, ostensibly to secure work, but returns after one or two weeks. CORNETT thinks these trips are made to visit subject COLE. Arrangements made for coverage of home of COLE's parents.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent PHILIP R. CORRELL, dated 1-19-44 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

Mr. R. B. CORNETT, husband of subject COLE's sister, requested that he be contacted by an Agent, and accordingly, was interviewed at the Visalia County Jail where CORNETT was then incarcerated because of threatening his wife. CORNETT was unable to give any specific information concerning COLE's whereabouts, but advised that it was his opinion that COLE's family knew his whereabouts. He stated that FRED COLE, subject's step-father, leaves home two or three times a year and stays for one or two weeks at a time, ostensibly for the purpose of seeking work. It is CORNETT's opinion that these trips are made by FRED COLE for the purpose of visiting with subject COLE. CORNETT advised that he has never heard any of the family make any remarks indicating they knew subject COLE's whereabouts, and that they have all insisted that COLE is dead.

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AT EXETER, CALIFORNIA

Arrangements were made with DAVIE SCOTT, 348 I Street, to report any suspicious circumstances around the home of subject COLE's mother which might indicate that subject is visiting his mother, and also to notify this office in the event he sees anyone fitting subject's picture and description.

Mr. SCOTT was recommended by Chief of Police JOE BOARDMAN at Exeter, who advised that in his opinion SCOTT is highly reliable and trustworthy.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter
San Francisco 4, California
March 15, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: RALPH ROE, was., IO #1472 - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was., IO #1471 - FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

This office has received a communication from J. A. JOHNSTON, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, in which he enclosed a communication from ERIC PILBY, 103 Bleecker Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, that indicates PILBY has information concerning a convict who escaped from Alcatraz some ten years ago. This communication is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"Are you interesed in locating a convict who excaped from your prison, (Alcatraz) about ten years ago?

"The name he went under at that time is unknown to me, however here is some information about the crime he comitted and how he excaped.

"Though jealously of his wife (a nurse) he strangled a man to death. A priest reported the first excape he planned, But the second one was successful. This took place early in December or late November and there were several others in the party.

"This man has been living in Canada, in this city, since then. Right now, he seems to be mentally unbalanced. He has tried to comitt suicide, ect. I have heard that his picture, occasionaly appears in a magazine, and that he is wanted dead or alive with $2000 reward.

"If for some reason this information isnt sufficient to warrent an investigation, would you be kind enough to let me know.

/s/ Eric Pilby
103 Bleecker St.
Toronto Ont. Can.

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It is to be noted that the Department of Justice took control of Alcatraz from the Army June 19, 1934, and Warden JOHNSTON advises that the first prisoners received by transfer from other institutions came August, 1934. Alcatraz has no prisoners who are unaccounted for definitely with the exception of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE who jumped into San Francisco Bay from Alcatraz Island December 16, 1937. It is possible that the person to whom Mr. PILBY refers may be a former Army Discipline Barracks prisoner, or possibly, ROE or COLE.

It is believed that an inquiry should be made of PILBY through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the purpose of securing whatever information he may possess. This office should be advised of the results of same so that Warden JOHNSTON may be given the information.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 26, 1944

AMASD

Director, FBI

Re: RALPH DOE, with aliases
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
BANK ROBBERY

Dear Sir:

On April 26, 1944 MRS. FRED MONTGOMERY, 437 Parklow St., Pittsburgh, Pa., called at the Pittsburgh office with a picture of the above captioned subject which she had clipped from the March or April issue of True Detective Magazine. The clipping set out the description of subject and requested anyone knowing of his whereabouts to wire the FBI at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. MONTGOMERY stated that about two weeks ago she and her husband saw the above subject at the Battery Charging Room of Sears Roebuck and Company, North Side, Pittsburgh. He was dressed in a Sears Roebuck uniform and believed to be employed in the Battery Charging Room of this company.

Inasmuch as there is no information concerning the subject in the Pittsburgh office, it is requested that the Bureau forward any available information concerning him to Pittsburgh. Please advise this office of any process outstanding for this subject.

For the information of the Bureau, the description of subject as set out in the True Detective Magazine is being set forth below:

Age	37 yrs.
Height	6'
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray
Scars	Above right eyebrow; below left elbow rear
Tattoos	Blue stars, left index finger and back left hand
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Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

H. T. O'CONNOR
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April 12, 1944

Mr. Eric Pilby
[redacted] Bleecker Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Pilby:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for the information contained in your recent letter regarding an individual you believe to be an escapee from the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

It has not been possible to connect the information you furnished with any person presently being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. You will, however, be contacted in the near future for any additional information in your possession which would be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Miss Gandy

cc-Buffalo (with copies of incoming) (by cover letter)

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RALPH ROE, with aliases, IO #1472 - Fugitive
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, IO #1471 - Fugitive
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter from the San Francisco Field Division dated March 15, 1944, and also a copy of a letter received at the Bureau from Mr. Eric Pilby, 103 Bleecker Street, Toronto, Canada, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply to this latter individual, all of which letters are self-explanatory.

You should have Mr. Pilby contacted at an early date for any additional information he may have and promptly furnish same to the San Francisco Field Division and the Bureau.

Enclosure
cc-San Francisco

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May 19, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RALPH ROE, was, IO #1472 - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was, IO #1471 - FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to your letter dated April 26, 1944, captioned Ralph Doe, with aliases, Escaped Federal Prisoner, Bank Robbery, a copy of which is being transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City Field Division. It is apparent that the "Ralph Doe" mentioned in your letter is identical with fugitive Ralph Roe, who has been the subject of intensive fugitive investigation since his escape from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California December 16, 1937.

ENCLOSURE

You should afford this matter prompt attention.

CC-Oklahoma City (with enclosure)

Mr. Tolson
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IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1472

December 20, 1937.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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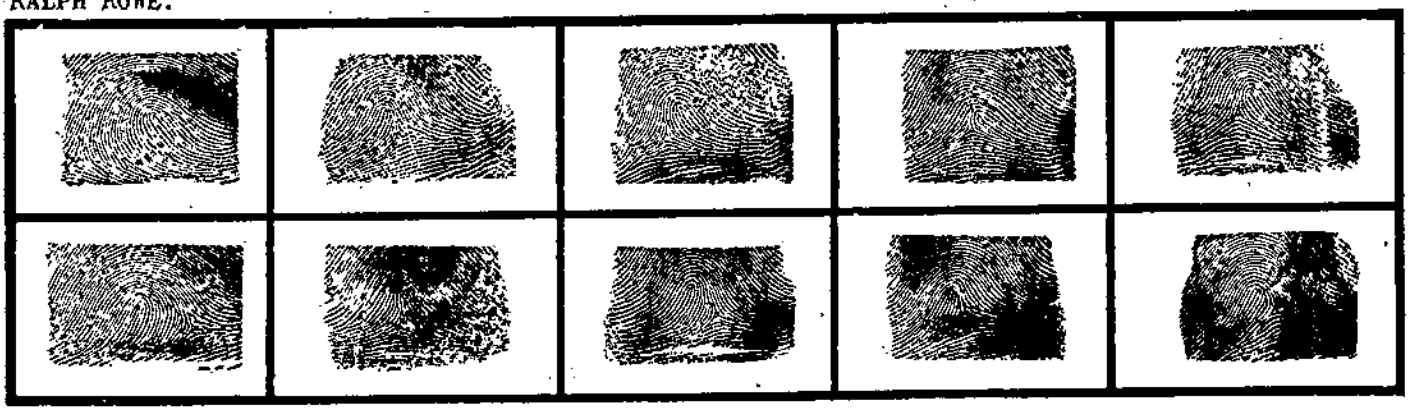
RALPH ROE, with aliases: PAUL SULLIVAN, JACK SULLIVAN, RAYMOND ROE, RAYMOND ROWE, J.H. REYNOLDS, JACK McCARTHY, JACK McCARTY, RALPH ROWE.

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
(BANK ROBBERY)



(Photograph taken October, 1935)

DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 (born February 5, 1906); Height, six feet; Weight, 170 pounds; Eyes, grey; Hair, dark brown; Complexion, medium; Build, [illegible], medium; Scars and marks: blue tattooed small star first joint left index finger rear; blue tattooed two small stars back left hand; faint blue tattoo ¼ inches above left wrist rear; oblique scar 1½ to 2 inches below left elbow rear outside; faint blue tattoo 4 inches below right elbow front; horizontal scar 5 inches below left nipple; cut scar 2½ inches above right eyebrow on forehead.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Paul Sullivan, 958, arrested PD, Pomona, California, April 28, 1929, charge robbery, released to Constable, Pomona, California.

As Jack Sullivan, #21726, received State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 25, 1924, crime grand larceny, sentenced one to five years, released August 18, 1925, expiration short term.

As Jack McCarthy, #--, arrested Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, September 6, 1925, charge theft. No disposition given.

As Jack Sullivan, #6089, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, September 20, 1925, crime grand larceny, sentenced two years, released December 15, 1926, expiration short term.

As Raymond Roe, #17678, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, June 28, 1927, crime robbery with firearms, sentenced twelve years.

As Ralph Roe, #--, arrested PD, Shawnee, Oklahoma, December 30, 1933, charge harboring, no disposition given.

As Ralph Roe, #15589, arrested PD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 30, 1933, charge robbery with firearms, released to Oklahoma County.

As Ralph Roe, 30-504, arrested Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 1, 1934, charge robbery with firearms, disposition not given.

As Ralph Roe, #15589, arrested PD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 7, 1934, charge, vagrancy and investigation, released to Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

As Ralph Roe, #--, arrested Sheriff's Office, Bonham, Texas, July 25, 1934, charge auto theft, disposition not given.

As Ralph Roe, #--, arrested Sheriff's Office, Bonham, Texas, August 1, 1934, charge burglary, disposition not given.

As Ralph Roe, #15589, arrested PD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 5, 1934, charge investigation, released to Muskogee, Oklahoma, County.

As Ralph Rowe, #11900 U.S., arrested PD, Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 6, 1934, charge bank robbery, sentenced 25 years Federal Penitentiary.

As Ralph Roe, #16159, received U.S.Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, January 19, 1935, crime armed robbery National Bank, sentence 25 years; transferred to U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, October 23, 1935.

As Ralph Roe, #266-AZ, received U.S.Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, October 26, 1935, transferred from U.S.Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, crime armed robbery - National Bank, sentence 99 years.

Ralph V Roe

On January 16, 1935, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Ralph Roe was convicted in Federal Court on charges of bank robbery and was sentenced to serve 25 years in a Federal Penitentiary. He was confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and escaped therefrom on December 16, 1937.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

If apprehended please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

ENCLOSURE

76-2686-1067

Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 15 1944

FROM : JOHN B. LITTLE, SAC, Buffalo
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT:

Re: RALPH ROE, was.
I.O. #1472- FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was.
I.O. #1471- FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Bureau File No. 76-2686)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 12, 1944. Please be advised that Mr. ERIC PILBY of 103 Bleecker Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has been contacted, and it has been established that the person to whom he referred in his letter dated February 9, 1943 is not identical with either of the captioned fugitives.

Upon being interviewed Mr. PILBY and his wife stated they knew the suspect mentioned in Mr. PILBY'S letter only as FRANK and his wife as MARGARET. Their information came to them indirectly through conversation between the suspect's wife and one VERA, a mutual friend. The PILBYS refused to divulge the full name of VERA, whose friendship they feared they would lose if an agent of the F.B.I. questioned her regarding the matter.

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PLS CHECK WITH DATA PAGE 4 FOR RECORD FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE

The PILBYS informed that VERA under the influence of liquor had told MRS. PILBY that the suspect FRANK, a man of middle age, was living with a woman named MARGARET who was in her twenties and already had two children by him. In the latter part of 1943 FRANK, MARGARET and MARGARET'S brother met with an accident in an automobile. MARGARET told VERA shortly thereafter in confidence that FRANK, thinking he was going to die, told them that about 15 or 20 years ago he had escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary, to which he had been sent for the jealous murder of his first wife's paramour. FRANK further told them that he had seen his picture in magazines with an offer of reward for information leading to his apprehension. According to VERA, the suspect's first wife had lived in the United States and had a daughter in her early twenties. In the beginning of the present year the suspect attempted to commit suicide and was taken to the Toronto General Hospital. MR. and MRS. PILBY stated that they had never seen this man FRANK.

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Oklahoma City

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19 MAY 18 1944
FUGITIVE

To Director May 15, 1944

Re: Ralph Roe, was.- Fugitive
Theodore Cole, was.- Fugitive
Escaped Federal Prisoners

An examination of the records of the Toronto General Hospital through the cooperation of Acting Superintendent Dr. ALLAN LONGMORE disclosed that FRANK'S full name was FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE, that he was admitted to the Hospital on January 19, 1944 and was discharged on January 25, 1944, that he had attempted to commit suicide by consuming three or four barbiturate pills and turning on the illuminating gas in his home at 78 Grosvenor Street, Toronto. His mental condition was diagnosed as reactive depression. Inquiry revealed that he had been drinking during the Christmas season, that he worried about the condition of his lungs during the last five years and that he suffered arm wounds in the last war and had served as a cook during the present one.

SAMUEL M. SINCLAIR, manager of the apartments at 78 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, stated that FRANK DOUCETTE came to live and work there as janitor in October, 1943, but that after his attempted suicide he was moved by the Toronto Public Welfare Department to 2412 Gerrard Street East, Toronto. He was employed during the latter part of 1943 by the Lo Braico Tire Company at 527 Yonge Street, Toronto, and later by the Nutread Tire Company near the old Fire Hall, Toronto.

Mr. SINCLAIR advised that Mrs. MARGARET DOUCETTE, FRANK DOUCETTE'S wife, had discussed her husband with him after the attempted suicide. She said that he had once operated a successful tire business in the United States but that apart from that she knew almost nothing of his background. Ever since she had known him he reminded her that he wanted to die by word and conduct, and he was "crazy jealous" even of her girlfriends to such an extent that they were afraid to visit her. MRS. DOUCETTE said she married against her family's wishes. She said she came from a large family living in Trenton, Ontario.

Mr. W. B. GILKS, Toronto Welfare Department, 75 Church Street, advised that FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE was a veteran of the First World War and was receiving a small army pension. During the present war DOUCETTE enlisted in the Veterans' Guard.

Mr. J. B. SEEGIE at the Veterans' Guard Headquarters, 11 Queens Park Crescent, Toronto, advised that FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE enlisted in the Veterans' Guard on January 5, 1942 and was discharged on June 18, 1942. His Guard number was B 17900. He served in the last war and had Regimental numbers 44457 and 710088. He receives a

To: Director May 15 1944

Re: Ralph Roe, was.- Fugitive
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pension of $44 per month from the Department of Pensions and National Health. Mr. SEEGIE'S records showed also that FRANK DOUCETTE was married to his present wife at Toronto on August 26, 1943 after two children, PETER and MARGARET, were born as a result of three years of illicit cohabitation.

Dr. JAMES J. FERGUSON at the Department of Pensions and National Health, Christie Hospital, Toronto, upon examination of the Canadian Army records advised that FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE (sometimes spelled DOUCETT) had been born December 10, 1896 in New Brunswick, Canada. As of 1919 he was married to Mrs. MURIEL DOUCETTE, age 20, (maiden name not noted) who resided at 263 York Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick. In 1921 FRANK DOUCETTE lived at 320 North Franklin Street, Fort William, Ontario. At that time he sold out his pension rights, including those to which his wife was entitled, and nothing more was heard from him until 1931, when his pension was restored to him without investigation.

At that time his correspondence was addressed to 1045 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts. He then indicated his wife's name to be Mrs. MARY DOUCETTE, who is probably identical with Mrs. MURIEL DOUCETTE inasmuch as the pension allowance was granted in her favor also. DOUCETTE changed his address frequently. During 1937 he lived at 28 Cumberland, Boston, Massachusetts. He also received mail at 148 West Carleton Street, Boston, Massachusetts and at the Delmont Hotel, West Harwich, Massachusetts. (It is to be noted that it was in December, 1937 that the fugitives RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary.) In 1938 DOUCETTE lived at 35 "A" Warren Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts; in 1940 at 392 Columbia Road, Boston, Massachusetts; and in 1941 at Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada.

On June 3, 1941 the pension allowance allotted to FRANK DOUCETTE'S wife was cancelled, the reason therefor not being indicated in the records. The maiden name of his present wife was noted to be MARGARET MINNIE ROY. Doctor FERGUSON advised the agent that the reason for the discontinuance of the pension allowance to DOUCETTE'S first wife might be noted in the files of the Department of Pensions and National Health located in the Daly Building, Ottawa, Canada.

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It was noted in the records of Doctor FERGUSON that FRANK DOUCETTE was questioned shortly after frustration of his attempt at suicide. He was asked if he had ever been married before meeting his present wife. DOUCETTE broke into tears, saying that he wished to tell the truth and that in fact he had been married once before and had divorced his wife in 1925 and had lost the divorce papers.

The following description of DOUCETTE was obtained from Doctor FERGUSON'S records and through interrogation of SAMUEL M. SINCLAIR:

Name	FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE, sometimes spelled Doucett
Race	White
Birthdate	December 10, 1896
Birthplace	New Brunswick, Canada
Height	5' 10½"
Weight	135 lbs.
Build	Very slim
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Pale
Scars and Marks	Gun shot wound in right arm. Slight deformity of arm. Contracture of 4th and 5th fingers of left hand Tattoo on right wrist.

No criminal record in Ident 6-1-44 JB.

The conclusion that FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE is not identical with fugitives RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE is based on the following:

Exhibition of the photographs of the fugitives to SAMUEL M. SINCLAIR, who stated that neither resembled FRANK EDWARD DOUCETTE.

Difference in dates of birth, COLE having been born on April 6, 1912 and ROE on February 5, 1906, whereas DOUCETTE was born on December 10, 1896. When ROE, the elder of the fugitives, was but thirteen years of age (in 1919), DOUCETTE was already married and a veteran of the first World War.

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Difference in height, COLE being 5' 7½" and ROE 6', whereas DOUCETTE is 5' 10½".

DOUCETTE has a deformity of the arm and a contracture of the fourth and fifth fingers of the left hand. No such characteristics are noted in the descriptions appearing on the identification orders of the fugitives.

DOUCETTE was in receipt of correspondence and a pension allowance in the State of Massachusetts from the Canadian Government during 1935, 1936 and 1937, while the fugitives were confined in Alcatraz Penitentiary.

An attempt was made to obtain the fingerprints of DOUCETTE at the Toronto Police Department, but such were not available. A check of the Department's criminal records was made with negative results. Neither the Canadian Armed Forces nor the Veterans' Guard fingerprint their members under ordinary circumstances, and consequently DOUCETTE'S fingerprints could not be obtained from them. If fingerprints of DOUCETTE are desired for check against the files of the Bureau, such must be obtained by contacting him. In view of his suicidal tendencies and psychic aberrations, it is felt that he should be contacted for the Bureau's purposes only if there be brought to light more specific evidence of his having committed a violation within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. It should be noted that such inquiry as has already been made has not removed the possibility that DOUCETTE escaped from some prison other than Alcatraz or was a convicted murderer.

No further action in this matter will be taken by the Buffalo Field Division unless the Bureau gives contrary instructions.

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FILE NO. 76-362

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sergeant RICHARD A. COLE interviewed and could furnish no information concerning Subject COLE. He advised that Subject COLE might possibly be his uncle, but that his whereabouts were unknown.

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REFERENCE: San Francisco letter dated 4/14/44

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information contained in reference letter, to the effect that one JENNINGS RALEIGH of Tracy, California, reported that his sister is married to Subject COLE and that Subject has a son, RICHARD A. COLE, stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno, California.

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

II

Sergeant RICHARD A. COLE, stationed at Hammer Field with the 450th AAF Base Unit, was interviewed, and advised that he was born at Red Oaks, Oklahoma, on October 15, 1918. He related that, when he was two years of age, his mother died, and his father, JIM COLE, left home. He stated that he has never seen his father and that he obtained this information through his grandparents. He had no idea as to whether or not his father is living.

He further related that, when he was four years of age, he moved to Tracy, California, with his maternal grandparents, MR. and MRS. B. B. BLAKE, who now reside at Red Oaks, Oklahoma. In 1931, he returned to Red Oaks,

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Oklahoma, where he attended high school.

Sergeant COLE related that he does not know any of his relatives on his father's side, but he has heard his maternal grandparents and his mother's relatives mention that his father, JIM COLE, had a brother named THEODORE COLE, and he had further heard it mentioned that this THEODORE COLE might possibly be identical with the Subject of this case.

Sergeant COLE further advised that he had no relatives named JENNINGS RALEIGH, nor did he know anyone by that name living at Tracy, California, or elsewhere. He stated that he has an uncle, GEORGE R. BLAKE, presently living in Tracy, California, but he did not know his exact address. He further related that at one time he had an uncle, EUGENE B. BLAKE, living at Tracy, California, and he advised that this might be the same individual who gave his name as JENNINGS RALEIGH and supplied the information mentioned in reference report. This belief was based upon the fact that, in the past, this uncle has concocted fake stories about other matters.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Red Oaks, Oklahoma, will consider the advisability of interviewing MR. B. B. BLAKE, with respect to any knowledge he might have concerning Subject COLE.

One copy of this report is being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division as requested by that office in reference letter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 21, 1944

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was, IO #1472 - Fugitive;
THEODORE COLE, was, IO #1471 - Fugitive;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

The attention of the Pittsburgh Field Division is directed to Bureau letter of May 19, 1944, in captioned matter which was in reply to the Pittsburgh letter of April 26, 1944, captioned "RALPH DOE, with aliases."

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It is noted that the Bureau instructs you to give this matter prompt attention. Inasmuch as the Oklahoma City Field Division is origin in captioned matter, please furnish this office with the results of this investigation.

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cc - Pittsburgh

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PITTSBURGH, PA.	12-16-44	11-27,28-44	ROBERT M. SMITH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - I.O. #1471- FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. FRED MONTGOMERY, Pittsburgh, advised that she had seen a person resembling Subject, RALPH ROE, working at Sears, Roebuck and Co., N.S. Store, Pgh., and had identified him by a picture appearing in the "True Detective" Magazine. Investigation reflects the individual is not identical with RALPH ROE.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated May 19, 1944.
Letter from Oklahoma City to the Bureau dated November 21, 1944.

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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On April 26, 1944, Mrs. FRED MONTGOMERY, 437 Parklew Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, called at the Pittsburgh Office of the F.B.I. with a clipping from the March or April issue of the "True Detective" Magazine and stated that she saw, or had seen, a person who looked very much like the Subject, RALPH ROE, who was employed at the North Side Store of Sears, Roebuck and Company, Pittsburgh, as a serviceman charging batteries in the Battery Charging Room.

It is noted that the spelling of the Subject's name in the "True Detective" Magazine is "DOE". A check of the indices of the Pittsburgh Office reflected no person had been indexed by that name; therefore the information was forwarded to the Bureau.

Mr. B. W. HAAS, Superintendent of the North Side Store of Sears, Roebuck and Company, checked the personnel records of all service employees

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for the Service Station. Mr. HAAS, Special Agent LOUIS A. HICKS, JR., and the writer examined the complete description of each person who had ever worked in the Service Department, as well as all persons presently working in that department, but the search was unsuccessful. The description of THOMAS JAMES McFARLAND, 4 Utica Way, Pittsburgh, was similar to that of the Subject, but when interviewed, it was definitely ascertained that he was not RALPH ROE.

After viewing the picture, Mr. HAAS stated that it was similar to one JOHN GEORGE BRADLEY, 526 Emablia Street, Pittsburgh, who had been employed in the North Side Store of Sears, Roebuck and Company; however, he is only 5' 6½" tall whereas the Subject is 6'. BRADLEY stated in his application that he had been employed in April, 1936, by Mr. PRENTICE at the U. S. Tire Company on Baum Boulevard and Melwood Street, Pittsburgh.

Mr. PRENTICE was interviewed and verified BRADLEY's employment on that date, thus eliminating him.

Miss AGNES BINDER, Assistant Personnel Manager, North Side Store, Sears, Roebuck and Company, examined the photograph and stated that she recalled no one looking like ROE having been employed by Sears, Roebuck and Company. She checked the records of all employees throughout the store against the name and aliases of the Subject but found no record. Miss BINDER stated she has been with the company in this particular store since it was opened in March of 1942.

Mr. T. L. KALAHAR, Service Station Manager of the North Side Store of Sears, Roebuck and Company, the department in which Subject, RALPH ROE, was alleged to have been employed, stated that he had been head of that department since August, 1943, and has known all employees well, and he does not recall anyone similar to the Subject and is positive that he did not work at that store.

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RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Inspector FLETCHER: A review of this file reflects no pending investigation in the Oklahoma City Field Division, yet it is noted that there is an outstanding lead in the Pittsburgh Field Division forwarded to them by Bureau letter of May 19, 1944, which has not yet received appropriate investigative attention. This office, as office of origin, should take proper steps immediately to see that the undeveloped lead pending at Pittsburgh receives appropriate investigative attention.

SAC LOGAN: A letter will be directed to the Pittsburgh Field Division at once.

Inspection Report
Oklahoma City Office
Inspector H. B. FLETCHER
November 18, 1944

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-329 gl

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CHARLOTTE	1-15-45	1-3,5-45	NEWTON A. JOHNSON

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE; I.O. No. 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE; I. O. No. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received 1-2-45 from Chief of Police, Newton, N. C., that one GUY ALLEN of Rutherfordton, N. C., had been staying at hotel in Newton during December 1944 and that WALTER LEMMONDS, Newton, N. C., had reported ALLEN fit description of RALPH ROE; further, that ALLEN checked out of hotel 12-28-44 leaving two bags behind, after LEMMONDS had told him he had a dream that ALLEN was wanted by the police. Photographs of ROE exhibited to acquaintances of ALLEN in Newton, who stated positively that he is not identical with RALPH ROE. Files of Charlotte Office reflect one GUY ALLEN, Rutherfordton, N. C., who fits ROE's general description, was formerly a well known gangster in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C., and was delivered to custody of USM, Atlanta, Ga., 1-11-35 to face NMVTA charge.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon a telephone call received by the Charlotte Office on January 2, 1945, from Chief of Police ARNOLD ARMSTRONG, Newton, North Carolina, who advised that a person fitting the

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description of RALPH ROE had spent approximately one week at a hotel in Newton, North Carolina. Chief ARMSTRONG stated that an informant of his had been a companion of the suspect while he was in Newton and that this informant had reported to Chief ARMSTRONG that he believed suspect was RALPH ROE, wanted by the FBI. Shortly thereafter, suspect checked out of Newton, leaving two suitcases full of clothes at a local hotel. The individual registered as GUY ALLEN, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, but according to Chief ALLEN, he had been advised by Chief of Police BRIDGES of Rutherfordton that the name was fictitious as no such individual resided there.

AT NEWTON, N. C.

The writer interviewed Chief ARMSTRONG, who stated that the suspect, GUY ALLEN, had been staying around Newton for two or three weeks in a nearly intoxicated condition. On January 1, 1945, WALTER LEMMONDS, Newton, who had been associating with the suspect, came to Chief ARMSTRONG and told him that he had a dream one night that GUY ALLEN was wanted by the police. On December 28, 1944, he told ALLEN about this dream and on that day ALLEN checked out of the Virginia Shipp Hotel, leaving his bags behind him. That same night LEMMONDS became ill with the flu and was in bed for several days. During this time he heard a radio program, probably Gang Busters, which portrayed the story of RALPH ROE and his escape from Alcatraz. LEMMONDS then decided that ALLEN fit the description of ROE and accordingly he reported it to Chief ARMSTRONG.

The writer and Chief ARMSTRONG checked the baggage of ALLEN at the Virginia Shipp Hotel, which contained only some cheap work clothing, a few white shirts, and a pair of white lightweight trousers. A number of these clothes had the laundry mark "GUY A". Chief ARMSTRONG said that during ALLEN's stay in Newton he seemed to have plenty of money and bought whiskey for a number of the men with whom he associated.

Mr. W. A. BOYTERS, Manager, Virginia Shipp Hotel, stated that ALLEN and a woman whom he claimed to be his wife, registered at the hotel on December 18, 1944. They stayed until December 28, 1944, when ALLEN left owing a hotel bill of $18.00 and leaving the two suitcases which were examined. Mr. BOYTERS said that ALLEN and this woman were staying at D. C. HEWETT's boarding house in Newton prior to the time they registered at the hotel. On December 23, 1944, she purchased a bus ticket at the hotel for Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. HEWETT, who operate a boarding house, stated that ALLEN and the aforementioned woman stayed at this boarding house for approximately three weeks prior to December 18, 1944. It was their understanding that ALLEN was working in the Clyde Cotton Mill in Newton. Mr. and Mrs. HEWETT said that ALLEN kept a very close watch on his wife and would not let her associate with other people in the boarding house. They believed him to be a

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA St.P. FILE NO. 76-206

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ST. PAUL, MINN.	1/16/45	1/2,5/45	RICHARD N. PRANKE LMB

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. I.O. #1472, FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, was. I.O. #1471, FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WARRENCE ALBERT ROE reported to be identical with subject RALPH ROE. His fingerprints on file at N.W. Airlines, Incorporated not identical with subject ROE.

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DETAILS: AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

JOSEPH C. LeMARR, Hopkins, Minnesota, telephone KEnwood 9367, telephonically contacted the St. Paul Field Division on the evening of January 2, 1945, and stated that he himself was a Department of Justice Agent in 1919 working out of Madison, Wisconsin; that on the previous Saturday evening (December 30, 1944) he listened to the Gang Busters radio program and heard them give a description of an individual named RALPH ROE who was wanted by the FBI for bank robbery. LeMARR stated that until about one month ago there was a man named ROBERT ROE working at the U.S. Steel Supply Company, 2545 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he, LeMARR, is maintenance man. He further stated that just recently J. K. RITTENHOUSE, District Manager, received an inquiry from the Northwest Airlines, Incorporated, St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning ROBERT ROE which would indicate that ROE must have applied for employment there. At the Northwest Airlines, Incorporated, 1885 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, the writer was advised that they had no employment record for a ROBERT ROE, but had a personnel file for WARRENCE ALBERT ROE, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was employed November 21, 1944, and who was discharged December 28, 1944, for failure to obey doctor's orders. It was noted that his personnel record contained a letter from the U.S. Steel Supply Company, that WARRENCE ALBERT ROE terminated his

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employment there November 16, 19[redacted]. In the file was a fingerprint card of WARRENCE ALBERT ROE taken November 20, 19[redacted], which contained the following description:

Age:	26
Born:	October 22, 1918 at Denver, Colorado
Height:	6'
Weight:	160 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Fair
Scars & Marks:	Scar on ring finger of left hand.

The [redacted] compared the fingerprints of WARRENCE ALBERT ROE with the fingerprints of [redacted]3, Identification Order #1472, and it was noted that these fingerprints are not identical.

JOSEPH C. LeMARR, was exhibited a photograph of RALPH ROE and he stated that that picture was not identical with the ROBERT ROE whom he referred to as having worked at the U.S. Steel Supply Company. LeMARR was of the opinion that that individual's first name was ROBERT ROE, however, LeMARR took agent to the office of the Chief Clerk where Mr. FERELEIN checked their employment records and stated that that individual's full name according to their records was WARRENCE ALBERT ROE and not ROBERT ROE. LeMARR stated that the individual he had in mind was this WARRENCE ALBERT ROE. Mr. FERELEIN, upon being shown a photograph of RALPH ROE, stated that it had a slight resemblance to WARRENCE ALBERT ROE, but in his opinion they were not identical.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 22, 1945

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
Bureau file 76-2686.

Reference is made to my letter dated November 21, 1944, copy of which was designated for the Pittsburgh Field Division, and to the report of Special Agent ROBERT M. SMITH, dated at Pittsburgh, December 16, 1944.

In view of the extensive investigation conducted in this case and in view of the fact that no undeveloped leads are outstanding at the present time, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, subject to being reopened for active investigation upon the receipt of any additional information.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Saint Louis	1-31-45	12-2-44;1-23-45	JOHN THOMAS MURPHY ms

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation indicates individual alleged to be identical with subject ROE is ALBERT BAIRD, who has resided intermittently in Saint Louis for many years.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon telephonic complaint from ALVIN HENLEY, 929a La Baume Street, Saint Louis, Missouri, to the effect that he had heard a Gang Busters program over the radio about a year ago in which a man with a star tattooed between his thumb and forefinger and a tattoo on his left arm was described as being wanted by the FBI. A check of the Identification files reveals that subject ROE has such tattoos.

Mr. ALVIN HENLEY was contacted and said that the individual whom he had in mind worked as a counter man in a restaurant on the South Side of Olive Street, a little west of Grand Avenue in Saint Louis, Missouri. He gave a description of this individual, which corresponded to a limited extent with that of subject ROE as it appears on his Identification Order. However, the tattoos of stars to which HENLEY referred appeared on the right hand of the individual as he recalled, while according to the description of ROE, the stars are on his left hand. The story of ROE's escape from Alcatraz was

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related to HENLEY and he stated that the facts sounded familiar and he believes that that was the story heard by him on the Gang Buster Program.

The interview with HENLEY was conducted on December 2, 1944 and it was ascertained that the restaurant in question had been closed at that time. It was subsequently ascertained that the restaurant which is known as the Continental Grill, which is located at 3624 Olive Street, had been reopened under the management of a man by the name of CAMPBELL, who stated that he completed his arrangements for purchasing the restaurant with HARRY L. LANE of 4942 Kemper Park, Saint Louis, Missouri. It was ascertained that LANE did not answer the description of the subject and he was interviewed on January 23, 1945. He said that he closed the Continental Grill in the latter part of November, 1944 and subsequently sold it to CAMPBELL. He said that all of the time it was in operation ALBERT BAIRD, whose present whereabouts are unknown to him, acted as the counter man. He said that BAIRD, who has lived in Saint Louis intermittently for many years, does not have a good reputation and left because he owed a considerable amount of money. He gave a description of BAIRD which compared to a certain extent with that of the subject, but when a picture of ROE was exhibited, Mr. LANE said that there could be absolutely no doubt in his mind but that ROE is not identical with ALBERT BAIRD. He said that BAIRD has a narrow, gaunt looking face and that ROE could not possibly have changed his appearance to that extent. He said that although he did not remember whether or not BAIRD has tattoos of stars on his left hand, he does have a number of tattoos all over his body.

In view of the indefinite nature of the information supplied by the original informant, since LANE is positive that BAIRD is not identical with ROE, and because of the fact that BAIRD is known by LANE to have resided in Saint Louis intermittently for many years, no further action is being taken.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

DATE 1-24-45

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

It has been determined that

Name: Theodore Cole Fugitive Index Number: 7951

Is Not Identical With: Name:

#FBI: Other identifying number:

Has the additional - aliases // description criminal record

Ray Jackson

on the basis of which an additional check of your files for a possible record is requested.

It is suggested that your records be altered to reflect the above information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date 1-24 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS SECTION

ATTENTION: SEARCHING UNIT-FUGITIVE CLERK

REFERENCE:

Name Theodore Cole

Fugitive Index No.

Bureau File No. 76-3686

ACTION DESIRED:

Cancel Fugitive Stops

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MARCH 9, 1945 ROUTINE

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S SAVANNAH
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RALPH ROE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. CONFIRMING BUREAU CALL TO SAVANNAH TODAY, COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS OF INSTANT FUGITIVES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EXHIBITED TO ALL WITNESSES, VIDALIA, GEORGIA TO DETERMINE IF EITHER FUGITIVE IDENTICAL WITH REEVES OR MORDIS. CURRENTLY ADVISE BUREAU OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

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ATTENTION - MR. AL ROSEN

MART. THEODORE COLE, WAS, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP - KIDNAPPING, RALPH ROE, WAS, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP - BANK ROBBERY. RE TELEGRAM VIA WESTERN UNION FROM JOHN MORDIS TO BUREAU SENT MARCH EIGHTH, FORTYFIVE AT ELEVEN FORTY FOUR AM FROM VIDALIA, GA. SENDER BELIEVED TO BE W. L. REEVES WHO MADE COLLECT CALL TO KING REEVES TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT FIVE FOUR ONE, WINTER HAVEN, FLA. AT EIGHT NAUGHT FOUR AM MARCH EIGHTH, FORTYFIVE FROM NEW VIDALIA HOTEL, VIDALIA, GA. INSTANT TELEGRAM TELEPHONED TO WESTERN UNION OFICE, VIDALIA, GA. FROM TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX NINE TWO, CITY PHARMACY, VIDALIA. SENDER DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY TO FORTY, DARK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM TO DARK COMPLEXION, SMALL SCAR LEFT UPPER LIP, SLIGHTLY DEFORMING LIP, WEARING BROWN OR TAN SUIT WITH LIGHT TAN COWBOY SILK SHIRT HAVING LONG EMBROIDERED LAPELS. SENDER PAID FOR ROON TO ADVANCE AT MIAMI HOTEL. VIDALIA, GA., DDD NOT REGISTER OR CARRY LUGAGE. SENDER ARRANGED TO BE AWAKENED BY COLORED PORTER OF NEW VIDALIA HOTEL NEARBY AT SIX AM, MARCH EIGHTH, FORTY FIVE. PORTER ADVISES SENDER MADE TELEPHONE CALL FROM NEW VIDALIA HOTEL BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT AM, MARCH EIGHTH, FORTY FIVE. PORTER VERIFIED DESCRIPTION OF SENDER FURNISHED AT CITY

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PHARMACY. SENDER VERY TALKATIVE CLAIMING TO BE CATTLEMAN FROM TEXAS PRESENTLY TRANSPORTING PRIZE HORSE, DESTINATION UNKNOWN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE SENDER AT VIDALIA. COMPLETE INFORMATION FURNISHED MIAMI FIELD DIVISION BY TELEPHONE EIGHT FORTY FIVE PM THIS DATE WITH REQUEST TO KEEP THE BUREAU INFORMED OF FURTHER STEPS TAKEN.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, MIAMI

RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO: THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. IMMEDIATELY SUTEL SUMMARY DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE IN YOUR DISTRICT.

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MART. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. KING REEVES, GARAGE PROPRIETOR, WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT ON MARCH EIGHT INSTANT AROUND EIGHT THIRTY AM, HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM W. L. ARMSTRONG, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, ARMSTRONG REQUESTING REEVES TO WIRE HIM TEN DOLLARS IMMEDIATELY FOR BUS FARE TO WINTER HAVEN, STATING THAT HE HAD JUST BURIED HIS WIFE NEAR VIDALIA, REEVES BELIEVING THE NAME OF THE TOWN TO BE ALMA, GEORGIA. ARMSTRONG ALSO STATED THAT THE FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HIM AND THAT HE WOULD TELL REEVES THE REASON AS SOON AS HE GOT TO WINTER HAVEN. REEVES WIRED ARMSTRONG TEN DOLLARS AROUND ELEVEN AM FROM HAINES CITY, FLORIDA, TO VIDALIA, GEORGIA, THIS WIRE DIRECTED TO W. L. ARMSTRONG, WESTERN UNION, VIDALIA, GEORGIA, ON CONDITION THAT HE PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO WINTER HAVEN. IN REFERENCE TO ARMSTRONG, REEVES ADVISED THAT ON FEBRUARY FIFTH, FORTYFIVE, ARMSTRONG BORROWED TEN DOLLARS FROM HIM IN WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, STATING THAT HE INTENDED TO GO TO

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TENNESSEE TO PICK UP HIS TOOLS AND TO RETURN TO WINTER HAVEN TO WORK AS A MECHANIC FOR REEVES. REEVES CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW ARMSTRONG PREVIOUSLY AND HE DESCRIBED HIM AS SIX FEET, DARK HAIR, PERFECT TEETH, LARGE PROMINENT CHEEK BONES, SUNKEN JAWS, VERY PROMINENT NOSE, ABOUT ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, RAWBONED BUILD, AGE ABOUT THIRTYFIVE OR VICINITY, CLAIMED TO BE A CHEROKEE INDIAN, WEARING A TEN GALLON HAT WHICH REEVES BELIEVED WAS DARK GRAY, A LIGHT BROWN SUIT, TALKED QUITE A BIT BUT RATHER SENSIBLY. NO INFORMATION IN WINTER HAVEN AS TO IDENTITY OF MORDIS. ABOVE INFORMATION TELETYPED TO SAVANNAH MARCH NINTH FORTYFIVE WITH SUGGESTION APPROPRIATE INQUIRY BE MADE SAVANNAH RE ARMSTRONG BASED ON ABOVE. KING REEVES ADVISED IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE, ARMSTRONG CAME INTO HIS GARAGE IN WINTER HAVEN AND ASKED REEVES IF HE NEEDED A MECHANIC. AT THAT TIME ARMSTRONG EXHIBITED DRAFT CARDS FROM A DRAFT BOARD SOMEWHERE IN OKLAHOMA AND PAPERS SHOWING THAT HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AS AN ELECTRICIAN FOR A GENERAL MOTORS SHOP IN ST. LOUIS, AND ALSO AS AN AUTO ELECTRICIAN IN AN AUTO ELECTRICAL SHOP IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. HE SAID THAT HE CAME FROM SOMEWHERE AROUND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AT THAT TIME AND THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO FROST-PROOF, FLORIDA, IN REFERENCE TO A WIRE WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED TO COME

DOWN THERE. HE SAID HE HAD WORKED ON A RANCH OUT OF FROSTPROOF, AND HE AND HIS FOREMAN COULD NOT GET ALONG SO HE QUIT. HE TOLD REEVES AT THAT TIME HE WOULD BE BACK IN ABOUT A WEEK TO GO TO WORK AS A MECHANIC. HE DID RETURN IN ABOUT A WEEK AND SAID HE WAS READY TO GO TO WORK AND AT THAT TIME EXHIBITED PAPERS FROM THE OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY INDICATING HE WAS A PAROLEE FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND ADVISED REEVES THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON HIM, ARMSTRONG, EVERY MONTH VERIFYING HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH HIM. THIS WAS ON FEBRUARY FIFTH, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. ON FEBRUARY SIXTH HE BORROWED TEN DOLLARS FROM REEVES STATING HE WANTED TO RETURN TO TENNESSEE TO PICK UP HIS TOOLS AND COLLECT SOME MONEY THAT WAS OWED TO HIM. HE STATED HIS WIFE WAS SOMEWHERE IN TENNESSEE. REEVES HEARD NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL THE ABOVE MENTIONED TELEPHONE CALL WHICH HE STATED HE TOOK OVER AN EXTENSION TELEPHONE IN HIS GARAGE AND HE DID NOT HEAR THE FULL NAME OF THE PERSON SUPPOSED TO BE CALLING HIM, BUT UPON TALKING TO ARMSTRONG ASSUMED THE NAME WAS GIVEN AS W. L. ARMSTRONG. INVESTIGATION SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION TO PRESENT HAS FAILED TO LOCATE SENDER OF TELEGRAM. SAVANNAH REQUESTED TO CHECK TO SEE IF TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM VIDALIA, GEORGIA, TO FROSTPROOF, AVON PARK OR SEBRING, FLORIDA, AS THAT IS AREA IN WHICH RANCH OWNERS WOULD BE LOCATED IF ARMSTRONG HAD ACTUALLY WORKED

ON ONE OF THEIR RANCHES IN EVERGLADES. MIAMI MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALLEGED WIFE OF ARMSTRONG AT OCALA ADDRESS. OKLAHOMA CITY REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECKS TO VERIFY ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMSTRONG AND TO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THE RANCH ON WHICH ARMSTRONG MAY HAVE WORKED IN FLORIDA SO THAT CHECK MAY BE MADE BY MIAMI FIELD DIVISION TO SEE IF ANYONE ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OR RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS OF COLE AND ROE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THAT RANCH. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING W. L. ARMSTRONG AND JOHN MORDIS. FOR INFORMATION OKLAHOMA CITY INSTANT INVESTIGATION STARTED ON RECEIPT OF TELEPHONE CALL BY SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN OF THE BUREAU WHO ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS RECEIVED BY BUREAU MARCH EIGHTH, HAVING BEEN SENT BY JOHN MORDIS FROM VIDALIA, GA. AT ELEVEN FORTYFOUR AM MARCH EIGHTH QUOTE TED COLE, RALPH ROE VERY MUCH ALIVE. THEY WERE WITH BILL ARMSTRONG LAST THURSDAY AT TAMPA. BILL ARMSTRONG HAS BEEN WORKING EVER SINCE HE HAS BEEN OUT BUT HAS SOME KIND OF CONNECTIONS WITH MR. REEVES WHO HAS A GARAGE AT WINTER HAVEN. COLE AND ROE HAVE BEEN STAYING SOUTH OF THE BORDER BUT RECENTLY WORKING ON A RANCH IN THE GLADES OF FLORIDA. LOCATE BILL ARMSTRONG AND THROUGH HIM OTHERS CAN BE LOCATED. BILL ARMSTRONGS WIFE LIVES AT TWO TWO SIX ANTHONY ROAD, OCALA. UNQUOTE.

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cc. Mr. Walker

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

FROM : G. L. WALKER

Call: 9:45 A.M.
DATE: March 9, 1945

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to the teletype from Savannah dated March 8, 1945, in the above-captioned matter in which it was indicated that John Mordis is probably identical with one W. L. Reeves. I talked to Special Agent in Charge Wright at Savannah, at which time he indicated Reeves had not been located as yet and that continued efforts were being made to locate him in order that he might be interviewed. I asked Mr. Wright if copies of the Identification Orders on both fugitives had been exhibited to witnesses in Vidalia, Georgia, to which he replied in the negative, stating that copies thereof had been forwarded to the Agent handling the case in Vidalia and should reach him this morning.

Mr. Wright's attention was directed to the marked similarity in descriptions between Fugitive Cole and W. L. Reeves. His attention was particularly invited to the scar described on Identification Order #1471 as "curved scar ½" out from lower lip left" and the scar which Reeves is alleged to have, described in the referenced teletype as "small scar left upper lip, slightly deforming lip." Mr. Wright indicated that he would have copies of both Identification Orders immediately exhibited to witnesses in Vidalia, Georgia, and that the Bureau would be kept currently advised of all developments in this case.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None, pending the location and interview with Mordis, who may be identical with W. L. Reeves.

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ATTENTION - MR. AL ROSEN

MART. THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. ASCERTAINED SENDER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM TO BUREAU OBTAINED PRESCRIPTION FROM DR. C. W. FINDLEY, VIDALIA, GA., FOR SIX ONE FOURTH GRAIN TABLETS MORPHINE SULPHATE. SENDER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE W. L. REEVES, ADVISED FINDLEY WAS IN CONSIDERABLE PAIN FROM KIDNEY STONE AND SHOWED DOCTOR BLOOD ON UNDERWEAR. TOLD DOCTOR NAME WAS JIMMY THOMPSON, TAMPA, FLA. FILLED PRESCRIPTION DAVID PHARMACY ONE PM ON MARCH EIGHTH AND NOT SEEN IN VIDALIA SINCE THAT TIME. SENDER CONTACTED T. J. MCNATT, JR., VIDALIA STOCKMAN. ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION HANDLING INTERVIEW WITH MCNATT WHO IS PRESENTLY AT MOUNT LAUREL LODGE, WYLEY, [redacted] RABUN COUNTY, GA. PHOTOGRAPHS DISPLAYED TWO WITNESSES [redacted] WHO STATE SENDER DEFINITELY NOT EITHER SUBJECT. FIVE OTHER WITNESSESS STATE SENDER BORE RESEMBLANCE TO ROE AND SOME SAW MARKED RESEMBLANCE, BUT NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATIONS MADE. ALL POSITIVE SENDER WAS NOT COLE. NIGHT POLICEMAN, VIDALIA, STATES SENDER TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING TO ATLANTA EVIDENTLY IN AUTO. SENDER MADE SOME REMARK TO DR. FINDLEY ABOUT GOING TO CHARLOTTE BUT DOCTOR NOT SURE OF THIS. ALL SERVICE STATIONS,

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VIDALIA, CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WITNESS WHO SAW SENDER TALKING TO MCNATT STATES WAS IN A TAXI BUT TAXI DRIVER UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SENDER AS SUBJECTS. SENDER NOTICED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE OF VIDALIA BECAUSE OF DRESS AND TALK. MIAMI FIELD DIVISON ADVISES THAT KING REEVES, GARAGE PROPRIETOR, WINTER HAVEN, FLA., STATES THAT ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY AM ON MARCH EIGHTH LAST HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM W. L. ARMSTRONG AT VIDALIA, GA. REQUESTING TEN DOLLARS FOR BUS FARE. ARMSTRONG TOLD REEVES THAT HE HAD JUST BURRIED [redacted] WIFE NEAR VIDALIA AND THAT FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HIM. KING REEVES STATED HE WIRED TEN DOLLARS TO ARMSTRONG CARE OF WESTERN UNION, VIDALIA ON SAME DATE. KING REEVES STATES THAT ARMSTRONG BORROWED TEN DOLLARS FROM HIM IN WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA., STATING HE WAS GOING TO TENNESSEE TO PICK UP TOOLS AND RETURN TO WINTER HAVEN TO WORK FOR REEVES AS A MECHANIC. KING REEVES STATES HE TALKED QUITE A BIT BUT SENSIBLY. NO INFORMATION AT [redacted] WINTER HAVEN AS TO IDENTITY OF MORDIS. MIAMI SUGGESTED AN ATTEMPT BE MADE AT VIDALIA TO SEE IF ARMSTRONG SENT ANY WIRES OR MADE ANY CALLS TO FROSTPROOF, AVON PARK OR SEBRING, FLA. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE AT

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VIDALIA TO ASCERTAIN IF SENDER MADE ANY OTHER CALLS OR SENT ANY OTHER UIRES. INQUIRIES BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN IF SENDER DEPARTED VIDALIA VIA BUS. MIAMI IS BEING REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW KING REEVES VIGOROUSLY INASMUCH AS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RECORDS AT [redacted] VIDALIA INDICATE CALL MADE TO KING REEVES AT EIGHT NAUGHT ONE ARM, MARCH EIGHTH FORTY FIVE WAS MADE BY W. L. REEVES AND ALSO TO ASCERTAIN WHY REEVES BELIEVES SENDER MAY HAVE MADE LONG DISTANCE CALLS TO FROSTPROOF, AVON PARK, OR SEBRING, FLA. MIAMI AGAIN REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [redacted] WIFE OF BILL ARMSTRONG AT TWO TWO SIX ANTHONY ROAD, OCALA AS GIVEN IN TELEGRAM TO BUREAU TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF SENDER OF TELEGRAM OR TO LOCATE SUBJECTS. BUREAU [redacted] DESIRES TO BE CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director - FBI AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY DATE: March 12, 1945

RGD FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: Re: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners

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Reference is made to teletype dated March 10th, 1945, from Oklahoma City to the Director and SACS at Miami and Savannah concerning WILLIAM LUNDIA ARMSTRONG who was received at Oklahoma State Penitentiary February 9, 1931 to serve a sentence of twenty-five years for robbery with firearms and was paroled October 20, 1943. His Oklahoma State Penitentiary number is 23239.

Current investigation in instant matter originated on receipt of a telegram by the Bureau on March 8, 1945, from an individual who signed himself as JOHN MORDIS which set out that TED COLE and RALPH ROE are alive and that it would be possible to locate their whereabouts by locating BILL ARMSTRONG. Investigation is currently being conducted to locate BILL ARMSTRONG, and in view of the fact that several witnesses have indicated that he resembles the picture of RALPH ROE appearing on the Identification Order, there is enclosed herewith hotel registration card signed by W. L. ARMSTRONG at Avon Park, Florida. It is requested that the signature on this card be compared with available signatures of W. L. ARMSTRONG on fingerprint cards incident to his arrest and incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary if available. It is also requested that this signature be compared with the known writings of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, if specimens are available at the Bureau.

If additional handwriting specimens of W. L. ARMSTRONG are needed, they should be requested of the Oklahoma City Field Division which should be able to obtain them from the Parole Board in Oklahoma.

Please send a teletype setting out the results of this comparison to the offices receiving a copy of this letter and to the Miami Field Division.

In view of the fact that surveillances are presently being conducted in the Atlanta and Birmingham Field Divisions in an effort to locate ARMSTRONG, it is requested that this comparison be handled as expeditiously as possible.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S MIAMI
SAVANNAH
OKLAHOMA CITY

RETEL FROM MIAMI TODAY. UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD IN BUREAU FILES ON ARMSTRONG OR MORDIS. MIAMI ASCERTAIN IF ANY LATENT PRINTS OF ARMSTRONG CAN BE OBTAINED AT GARAGE OPERATED BY REEVES AND FORWARD FOR COMPARISON. ALL OFFICES HANDLE INVESTIGATION VIGOROUSLY AS ARMSTRONG MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH ROE OR COLE.

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RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. REFERENCE IS MADE TO PRIOR TELETYPES FROM THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION DATED MARCH TENTH, AND TO TELEPHONE CALL FROM MIAMI TO SA C. E. LOVRIEN, ATLANTA FD FIVE PM TODAY. INVESTIGATION AT OCALA, FLORIDA, DISCLOSED THAT MRS. W. L. ARMSTRONG WAS NOT IN OCALA. HOWEVER, MRS. B. J. SUNDAY DAUGHTER OF MRS. ARMSTRONG, STATED THAT MRS. ARMSTRONG LEFT OCALA, FLORIDA, FOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BY FLORIDA MOTOR LINES BUS AT TWELVE THIRTYTHREE PM TODAY, MARCH TENTH, ITINERARY ARRIVE VALDOSTA, GA. FIVE TWENTYSIX PM TIFTON, GA. SIX FIFTYSEVEN PM, WHERE BUS MAKES A SUPPER STOP, LEAVING SEVEN TWENTYSEVEN PM, CORDELL, GA. EIGHT FORTYONE PM, ARRIVE MACON, GA. TEN FORTYFIVE PM ON MARCH TENTH, FORTYFIVE, ARRIVE ATLANTA TWO THIRTYEIGHT AM SUNDAY, MARCH ELEVENTH. THIS BUS IS FLORIDA MOTOR LINES ONLY AS FAR AS LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AND THEN BECOMES GREYHOUND BUS. MRS. SUNDAY STATED THAT MRS. W. L. ARMSTRONG MET W. L. - LARRY - ARMSTRONG ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ON A BUS. THEY WERE MARRIED ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO IN

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WAYCROSS, GA. MRS. SUNDAY STATES ARMSTRONG IS A DRUNKARD. TAKES DOPE, PROBABLY MORPHINE, AND THAT MRS. ARMSTRONG IS AFRAID OF HIM. MRS. ARMSTRONG IS PROCEEDING TO ATLANTA IN ANSWER TO TELEPHONE CALLS MADE THIS MORNING FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO HER HOME IN OCALA, FLORIDA, COLLECT TO HER NUMBER SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT RED. THE FIRST CALL, ABOUT THREE AM, WAS FROM ARMSTRONG. HE ASKED MRS. ARMSTRONG TO JOIN HIM IN ATLANTA, SAYING HE NEEDED A SERIOUS [redacted] OPERATION FOR HIS KIDNEYS. MRS. ARMSTRONG REFUSED TO GO UNLESS SHE RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS FROM A DOCTOR. AT SEVEN AM ANOTHER COLLECT CALL CAME TO MRS. ARMSTRONG AT THE SAME NUMBER IN OCALA, ALLEGEDLY FROM A DOCTOR, NAME UNKNOWN. AT FOUR PM TODAY ANOTHER CALL COLLECT TO THE SAME NUMBER IN OCALA WAS MADE FROM ATLANTA, GA. HOWEVER, SINCE MRS. ARMSTRONG HAD LEFT, MRS. SUNDAY ANSWERED THE PHONE. THE OPERATOR TOLD HER THAT A DR. BENNETT WAS CALLING FROM ATLANTA. HOWEVER, MRS. SUNDAY STATES SHE RECOGNIZED THE VOICE OF THE ALLEGED DOCTOR AS BEING THE VOICE OF ARMSTRONG AND SHE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE COLLECT CALL. THIS LAST CALL WAS HANDLED BY OPERATOR NUMBER ELEVEN, ATLANTA. MRS. SUNDAY STATED ARMSTRONG WAS SEEN IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK BY A SISTER OF MRS. ARMSTRONG, MRS. PAULINE MADDOX. AT THAT TIME HE WAS SUPPOSEDLY EN-ROUTE TO ATLANTA. HIS REASON FOR GOING TO ATLANTA, ACCORDING TO HIM,

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WAS TO ENTER A HOSPITAL THERE, NAME UNKNOWN. MRS. SUNDAY STATES SHE DOES NOT [redacted] KNOW WHERE ARMSTRONG IS STAYING IN ATLANTA, NOR DOES SHE KNOW WHERE HER MOTHER PLANS TO STAY, BUT SHE RECALLS HEARING HER MOTHER MENTIONING AN ADDRESS OVER THE TELEPHONE AND SHE BELIEVES HER MOTHER HAS ARMSTRONGS ADDRESS IN ATLANTA WITH HER. MRS. SUNDAY STATES NEITHER SHE NOR HER MOTHER KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF ARMSTRONG EXCEPT THAT HE TOLD MRS. ARMSTRONG AND APPARENTLY EXHIBITED A PAPER SHOWING THAT HE WAS A PAROLED CONVICT FROM OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY. MRS. SUNDAY FURTHER STATES ARMSTRONG CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL INJURIES AS A COW PUNCHER, STATING THAT A HORSE THREW HIM, AND HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN AT ONE TIME THE WORLDS CHAMPION CALF ROPER. WHILE IN OCALA HE OCCASIONALLY WORE HIGH TOP BOOTS, A TEN GALLON HAT, AND COWBOY PANTS. MRS. SUNDAY AND HER HUSBAND, AFTER LOOKING AT PICTURES ON THE IOS AT FIRST SAID THAT THEY DID NOT RESEMBLE ARMSTRONG, BUT WHEN THEY REALIZED THE PICTURES WERE QUITE OLD, THEY STATED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY ARMSTRONG COULD BE RALPH ROE. ARMSTRONG WORKED AS A BARBER TWO DAYS IN OCALA, FLORIDA. ABOUT TWO DAYS BEFORE

ARMSTRONG LEFT OCALA, WHILE DRUNK, HE BROUGHT A SOLDIER TO MRS. ARMSTRONGS HOME. THE NAME OF THIS SOLDIER, WHO STATED HE WAS STATIONED AT CAMP BLANDING, IS NOT KNOWN TO MRS. SUNDAY. HOWEVER, SHE BELIEVES MRS. ARMSTRONG WOULD KNOW HIS NAME AND CERTAINLY THAT MR. ARMSTRONG WOULD. THE SOLDIER STATED THAT HE HAD KNOWN ARMSTRONG ALL HIS LIFE AND KNOWS ARMSTRONGS BACKGROUND. A DESCRIPTION OF MRS. ARMSTRONG FURNISHED BY MRS. SUNDAY IS THIRTY-SIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, WHITE, BUILD SLIGHTLY HEAVY, COMPLEXION VERY DARK, BLACK EYES, BLACK HAIR, WEARS IN LONG BOB, WEARS RIMLESS EYEGLASSES, SQUINTS LITTLE IN ONE EYE, PROBABLY LEFT EYE, LOOKS YOUNGER THAN THIRTYSIX, DRESSED RUST COLORED TWO PIECE [redacted] not a foia redaction SUIT, BLACK HAT, TWO LITTLE BLACK BOWS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF HAT, [redacted] WHICH HAS A STRAW CROWN. ARMSTRONG, AS DESCRIBED BY MRS. SUNDAY, WHITE, SIX FEET, TO SIX FEET ONE INCH, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, DARK HAIR, STRAIGHT, FULL HEAD OF HAIR, EYES BELIEVED DARK, AGE FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, HAS SCAR ON UPPER LIP WHICH PULLS HIS LIP A BIT OUT OF SHAPE, DRINKS A LOT, VERY POOR HEALTH. IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, AGENT LOVRIEN ADVISED T. J. MC NATT, JR., VIDALIA, GA. STOCKMAN, WHO HAD JUST BEEN INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA FD, STATED THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JACK REEVES WHO WANTED EMPLOYMENT. MCNATT REFERRED HIM TO THE STOCKYARDS [illegible] FOR EMPLOYMENT. THIS INDIVIDUAL TOLD MC NATT THAT HE HAD WORKED ON RANCH

RANCHES AS A CALF ROPER AND HAD AT ONE TIME HELD THE WORLDS RECORD FOR ROPING STEERS. IT IS ALSO NOTED ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY TWO GIRLS AT CITY PHARMACY FROM WHERE TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO BUREAU SHOWS THAT PERSON SENDING TELEGRAM UNDER NAME OF JOHN MORDIS HAD VERY NOTICEABLE SMALL SCAR UPPER LEFT LIP, APPEARS TO HAVE SLIGHTLY DEFORMED LIP. PERTINENT DATA FROM ABOVE FURNISHED ATLANTA IN ABOVE MENTIONED TELEPHONE CALL. ATLANTA MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW MRS. ARMSTRONG AT TIFTON, GEORGIA, AND TO COVER MEETING IN ATLANTA. FACT THAT WITNESSES STATE ARMSTRONG AND MAN WHO SENT TELEGRAM AT VIDALIA RESEMBLE IO PICTURE OF ROE EMPHASIZED IN MESSAGE TO ATLANTA AND SA LOVRIEN ADVISED EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN.

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

ATTENTION MR. ROSEN

MART. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. CHECK TO ASCERTAIN HOW MORDIS DEPARTED VIDALIA HAS BEEN MADE AT ALL BUS STATIONS VIDALIA, GA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BUS DRIVERS BEING CONTACTED AS THEY ARRIVE BUT CHECK WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL MARCH ELEVEN, FORTYFIVE. CHECK ALL DRUG [redacted] STORES REVEALS NO ADDITIONAL NARCOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS ISSUED TO SENDER INSTANT TELEGRAM. DR. C. W. FINDLEY, PRESCRIBING DOCTOR, ADVISES PRESCRIPTION OF SIX QUARTER GRAINS MORPHINE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFOUR HOURS SUPPLY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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31 MAR 1945

Director, Bureau of Prisons

May 5, 1950

Director, FBI

THEODORE COLE
ESCAPEE FROM ALCATRAZ

Please refer to your letter of April 19, 1950 in which you advised that a correctional officer from the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, had recently visited the Mexican Federal Prison at Mexico City and while being escorted through the institution by an officer named Jaye DuVau was told that they had a prisoner who was an escapee from Alcatraz. It was thought possible that the person referred to was Theodore Cole.

Inquiries had been made in Mexico City and the fingerprints of subject had been searched through the District, Judicial and Federal Police Division of Identification as well as the prison records with negative results. No officer by the name of Jaye DuVau is at the Mexican Federal Prison. An inquiry is being made by our Dallas Office in an effort to determine the name of the officer from the Federal Correctional Institution. It would be appreciated if you would advise this Bureau of any additional information which might come to you in this matter.

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SHAY RALPH ROE, WAS FUGITIVE, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. THEODORE COLE WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. REFERENCE IS MADE TO ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MARCH ELEVEN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE MARS. B M J. SUNDAY OCALA FLORIDA ADVISES NO PHONE CALLS SINCE FOUR PM YESTERDAY. TELEGRAM RECEIVED FOUR MRS. W. L. [redacted] ARMSTRONG IN HER ABSENCE WHICH WAS SENT FROM JACKSONVILEE AT FOUR PM MARCH ELEVEN BY ONE S. S. MADDOX MRS. [redacted] ARMSTRONGS BROTHER. MRS. SUNDAY STATED TELEGRAM READ AS [redacted] FOLLOWS QUOTE RECEIVED WIRE FROM LARRY. WANTS ME TO SEND MONEY FOR TICKET TO JACKSONVILLE. WANTS YOU TO MEET HIM HERE. WIRE BACK. [redacted] TELL ME WAHT TO DO. UNQUOTE STEELE MADDOX WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED AT JACKSONVILLE AND ADVISED HE RECEIVED WIRE TEN FORTY AM SUNDAY MORNING FROM ROME [redacted] GEORGIA FROM WILLIAM ARMSTRONG TO THE EFFECT QUOTE I AM SICK AND BROKE. WIRE MONEY. HAVE NELL MEET ME AT THE STATION UNQUOTE. MADDOX ADVISES ARMSTRONG CAN BE REACHED THROUGH WESTERN UNION ROME GEORGIA AND AT WESTERN UNION THERE WOULD KNOW WHERABOUTS OF ARMSTRONG. HANDLE.

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MART. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, I O ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS FUG., I O ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. WILLIAM LUNDIA ARMSTRONG RECEIVED OSP FEBRUARY NINE, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, ROBBERY WITH FIREARMS, SENTENCE TWENTY FIVE YEARS. PAROLED OCTOBER TWENTY, FORTYTHREE. PAROLE RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT ARMSTRONG EVER WORKED ON A RANCH. HE IS A BARBER AND TAILOR. PAROLE REPORT FOR MAY, FORTY FOUR STATES HIS WIFE HAS A FARM IN THE MOUNTAINS TWENTY FIVE MILES FROM HARRIMAN, TENNESSEE AND SEVEN MILES FROM WARTBURG, TENN. NO DESCRIPTION OF ARMSTRONG AVAILABLE AT PAROLE [redacted] BOARD EXCEPT HE WAS TWENTY EIGHT YEARS OLD IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO. PAROLE CLERK STATES HE IS VERY UNRELIABLE AND WILL NOT TELL THE TRUTH. JULY, FORTYFOUR HE WAS WORKING MARTINS BARBER SHOP, CLINTON, TENN. AUGUST, FORTYFOUR CLAIMS HE WAS ON A FARM WARTBURG, TENN. OCTOBER, SAME. IN NOVEMBER WORKING YMCA BARBER SHOP, OAKDALE, TENN. DECEMBER WAS IN LEE GENERAL HOSPITAL, PENNINGTON GAP, LEE COUNT, VIRGINIA. [redacted] FEBRUARY, FORTYFIVE CLAIMED HE WAS IN HOSPITAL, LOCATION NOT STATED, BUT STATES HIS [redacted] DOCTOR WAS DOCTOR SWARTY, WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA. ALSO SAID HE WORKED AS BARBER AVON PARK, FLORIDA. LETTER FROM MRS. BILL ARMSTRONG MARCH FIRST, FORTYFIVE, LISTING ADDRESS TWO TWO SIX ANTHONY ROAD, OCALA, FLORIDA ARMSTRONG SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING IN A TAILOR SHOP. FEBRUARY REPORT LISTED ARMSTRONGS ADDRESS AS ONE FOUR NAUGHT NINE FLORIDA AVENUE, TAMPA, FLORIDA. ARMSTRONGS OKLA STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER IS TWO THREE TWO THREE NINE.

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. RE MIAMI TELETYPE, ELEVENTH LASTM. INVESTIGATION ROME, GEORGIA REFLECTS ARMSTRONG LEFT ROME FOUR PM, ELEVENTH, LEAVING FORWARDING ADDRESS CARE WESTERN UNION, GADSDEN, ALABAMA. BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND REQUESTED TO COVER WESTERN UNION, GADSDEN, ALA. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING IN ATLANTA ON MRS. ARMSTRONG, WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF ARMSTRONG AND IS ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE IN ATLANTA.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 3-13-45 7-16 PM CWT WGL

DIRECTOR AND SAC BIRMINGHAM URGENT

SHOW RALPH ROE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. REFERRING TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ASAC, BIRMINGHAM, RECORDS AT OKLA. STATE PENITENTIARY, MC ALESTER, OKLA., FAIL TO REFLECT A JOHN MORDIS OR BLACKIE MORTIS, OR ANY VARIATION OF SPELLING OF LAST NAME. RECORDS SHOW A LAWSON MARTIS AND MARSHALL MARTIS CONFINED FROM NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO JANUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. THEY ARE BROTHERS AND WERE COMMITTED FROM ADA, OKLAHOMA, FOR BURGLARY. NO INDICATION THAT W L ARMSTRONG WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ARMSTRONG PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ON MARCH TENTH LAST.

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TED COALE RALPH ROE VERY MUCH ALIVE THEY WERE WITH BILL ARMSTRONG LAST THURSDAY IN TAMPA. BILL ARMSTONG HAS BEEN WORKING EVER SINCE HE HAS BEEN OUT BUT HAS [redacted] SOME KIND OF CONNECTION WITH MR REEVES WHO HAS GARAGE AT WINTER HAVEN. COALE AND ROE HAVE BEEN [redacted] STAYING SOUTH OF BORDER BUT RECENTLY WORKING ON RANCH IN GLADES OF FLORIDA. LOCATE BILL ARMSTRONG AND THROUGH HIM OTHERS CAN BE LOCATED. BILL ARMSTRONGS WIFE LIVES

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FBI KNOXVILLE 3-15-45 9-46 AM HNW

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE IO NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. RECONFERENCE TEL. DATED MARCH THIRTEEN FORTYFIVE. [redacted] ROADHOUSE OPERATED BY MARICE SHEPPARD ABOUT FOUR MILES FROM LAFOLLETEE, TENN. ON HIGHWAY BETWEEN LAFOLLETE AND LAKE CITY, HAS [redacted] GASOLINE PUMPS AND SERVES MEALS AND SANDWICHES AS DESCRIBED BY ARMSTRONG IN CONF. TEL. ONE FRANCES BOWLES AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS ROADHOUSE WHICH GOES UNDER THE NAME OF COLONIAL COTTAGES ADVISES SHE RECALLS DEFINITELY A GREEN SEDAN OBTAINING GAS AT A LATE HOUR WITH THREE MEN IN THE CAR ABUT THIRTY DAYS AGO. FURTHER - MORE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DRIVING THE CAR INVITED HER TO GO TO MIDDLESBORO, KY. WITH THEM. SARAH LEE BRANDENBURG, ALSO AN EMPLOYEE OF COLONIAL COTTAGES TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED PICTURE OF RALPH ROE ALTHOUGH SHE WAS NOT POSITIVE OF THE IDENTIFICATION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C. March 20, 1945

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 17, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 18, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

YOUR FILE NO. 76-241
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Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-15-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens.

Q39 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, February 7, 1945, bearing the signature "Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong".
Q40 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, February 14, 1945, bearing the signature "W. L. Armstrong".

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the signature "Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong" on specimen Q39 and the "W. L. Armstrong" entry on specimen Q40 were written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780.

The original evidence, specimens Q39 and Q40, will be returned to your office within the next several days.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI. DATE: March 15, 1945

Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Reference is made to letter from the Miami Field Division to the Director under the above caption dated March 12, 1945, which transmitted a hotelregistration card signed by W. L. ARMSTRONG at Avon Park, Florida, with the request that the signature on this card be compared with available signatures of W. L. ARMSTRONG on fingerprint cards incident to his arrest and incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, if available.

It was also requested that this signature be compared with the known writings of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE if specimens were available at the Bureau.

Reference is also made to teletype from the Bureau dated March 15, 1945, in this matter which advised that the requested comparison had been made and that the signature on the hotel card was found to have been made by W. L. ARMSTRONG and not to have been made by RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

There are transmitted herewith two hotel register sheets from the Westmoreland Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida. Sheet One headed Wednesday, February 7, 1945. On this sheet is a registration on the fifth line for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG. It is requested that this writing be compared with the known writing of W.L. ARMSTRONG to determine if it was written by ARMSTRONG.

The second sheet is headed Wednesday, February 14, 1945. Line Twelve has a registration, W. L. ARMSTRONG, Ocala, Florida. It is requested that this registration be compared with the known writing of W. L. ARMSTRONG to determine if this signature was written by ARMSTRONG.

In the event it is determined that either of these signatures was not written by ARMSTRONG, it is requested that it be compared with the known writing of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, to determine if either of them wrote the signature in question.

For the information of the Laboratory, W. L. ARMSTRONG alleges that at one time RALPH ROE stayed at instant hotel and used his, ARMSTRONG's name in registering. These are the only two registrations which could be located under the name of ARMSTRONG in instant hotel.

It is requested that this investigation be conducted as expeditiously as possible and a teletype summary of the findings be sent to the Miami, Birmingham and Oklahoma City Field Divisions.

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Director, FBI March 15, 1945.

It is requested that the enclosed registers be returned to the Miami Field Division upon the completion of this comparison so that they may be returned to LOUISE COHEN, Westmoreland Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.

cc Birmingham
Oklahoma City

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REGISTERED - Return receipt requested.

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE. EFP. REMYTEL THIRTEENTH INSTANT AND MIAMI TEL FOURTEENTH INSTANT. ARMSTRONG REINTERVIEWED YESTERDAY, ADVISES HE AND SUBJECT COLE TOOK TREATMENT FROM DR. SWARTZ, WINTER HAVEN, FLA. AND DOCTOR CAN IDENTIFY COLE. ARMSTONG TOLD DOCTOR THEY WERE GAMBLERS AND NEEDED SHOTS. DESCRIBED COLE THAT TIME AS DRESSED GRAY SUIT, BROWN SNAP BRIM HAT, SUNKEN CHEEKS. CLAIMS THAT KISSIMMEE POLICEMAN STOPPED ARMSTRONG AND COLE ON STREET IN DAY TIME AND AKED FOR SS CARDS. COLE ADVISED POLICEMAN HE HAD LOST BOTH CARDS BUT HAD WRITTEN LB FOR THEM. ARMSTRONG WEARING BOOTS AT THE TIME, ENGAGED OFFICER IN CONVERSATION AND HE RELEASED HIM. IN FEBRUARY FORTY FIVE COLE REGISTERED AT FLORIDA HOTEL, OCALA, FLA. WITH ARMSTRONG AND EITHER SIGNED JUST ABOVE OR BELOW HIM. ARMSGRONG STATED HE REGISTERED AS W. L., BILL, OR LARRY ARMSTRONG OR AS J. C. WIGGINS. THEY STAYED UPSTAIRS IN THIS HOTEL AND WERE REGISTERED BY A WOMAN ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, CLAIMS SHE SHOULD BE ABLE IDENTIFY COLE. COLE STATED HE HAD STAYED AT THIS HOTEL ONCE BEFORE. ARMSTRONG CLAIMS THAT DR. PAUL WILSON, CHIROPRACTOR AND PHYSICIAN, OCALA, FLA. HAS FILLED PRESCRIPTIONS FOR COLE AND SHOULD IDENTIFY HIM. DR. NETTLES, OCALA, HAS REFUSED TO GIVE DOPE TO COLE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM. ARMSTRONG WILL BE HELD BY PD, CADSDEN, ALA., UNTIL TOMORROW PENDING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY MIAMI TO FURTHER CHECK ARMSTRONGS ~~STORY~~ STORY.

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RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO NO. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. KING REEVES, GARAGE PROPRIETOR, WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, ADVISES THAT PHOTOGRAPH OF ROE STRONGLY RESEMBLES MAN WHOM HE KNOWS AS W. L. ARMSTRONG AND WOULD BE EVEN BETTER RESEMBLANCE IF PICTURE WERE LATER, AS APPEARS ABOUT TEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN ARMSTRONG. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MIAMI.

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RE RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE IO ~~ONE~~ FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. RELET MARCH TWELVE. CONCLUDED QUOTE W. L. ARMSTRONG ~~UNDUCER~~ SIGNATURE ON HOTEL REGISTRATION CARD WRITTEN BY BILL ARMSTRONG, NUMBER FBI FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT ZERO. CONCLUDED THAT ARMSTRONG SIGNATURE NOT WRITTEN BY RALPH ROE OR THEODORE COLE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE. EFP. W. L. ARMSTRONG [redacted] SPENT NITE OF FEBRUARY EIGHTH, JACKSON HOTEL, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA REGISTERING TWELVE THIRTY FIVE AM AND GIVING ADDRESS SEBRING, FLA. DR. B. N. SILVER SIX NAUGHT ONE FINANCE BLDG, WAS CALLED BY ARMSTRONG TO THE HOTEL AND PRESCRIBED MORPHINE AND SURGERY FOR KIDNEY AILMENT. W. L. ARMSTRONG ALSO REGISTERED PLAZA HOTEL, AUGUSTA, GA. LATE FEBRUARY [redacted] FOURTEENTH GIVING ADDRESS OCALA, FLA. AGAIN CONTACTING DR. SILVER WHO TOOM HIM TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND ADMINISTERED MORPHINE. RECEIVED NO CALL AND SENT NO TELEGRAMS OR CALLS FROM EITHER HOTEL. NO RECORD OF REGISTRATION OF W. L. ARMSTRONG WARE HOTEL, WAYCROSS, GA. DURING FEBRUARY LAST. BLACKIE MORDIS AND BLONDE PROSTITUTE KNOWN [redacted] AS HELEN UNKNOWN TO WAYCROSS PD AND OTHER SOURCES.

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG IO ONE FOUR [redacted] SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MARCH FIFTEEN LAST TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI. DR. SWARTZ, WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, STATES THAT ARMSTRONG WAS ALONE DURING HIS CONTACTS WITH HIM AND AT NO TIME DID HE SEE ANYONE ELSE WITH ARMSTRONG NOR DOES HE KNOW OF ANYONE ELSE BEING WITH ARMSTRONG OR BEING CONNECTED WITH HIM. CHECK MADE WITH KISSIMMEE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE OFFICERS, NONE OF WHOM RECALL ANY INCIDENT SUCH AS MENTIONED BY ARMSTRONG. HOWEVER, CHIEF OF POLICE LLOYD ROLLS, KISSIMMEE, ADVISES THAT SOMETIME IN DECEMBER HE DID TALK TO TWO INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THEIR DRAFT CARDS AND HE CANNOT RECALL THE IDENTITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THAT HE IS SURE [redacted] NEITHER OF THEM WERE COLE, BASED ON THE IDENTIFICATION ORDER. ALBERT LEE DOUGLAS, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, ALSO TALKED TO THE TWO INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. DOUGLAS ADVISED HE RECALLED THE INCIDENT AND THAT ONE OF THE PERSONS WITH WHOM HE TALKED WAS CARL WILSON.

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WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA. HE SAID [redacted] THAT HE HAD LIVED NEXT TO CARL WILSON IN WINTER HAVEN FOUR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS, THAT WILSON HAD DONE TIME IN RAIFORD, THAT HE HAD LIVED NEXT DOOR TO WILSON PRIOR TO NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME HE, DOUGLAS, LEFT WINTER HAVEN. HE DESCRIBED THE ADDRESS OF WILSON AS [redacted] SECOND STREET OFF MAIN IN WINTER HAVEN. FURTHER DESCRIBED HIM AS SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE POUNDS, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS OLD, THIN BUILD, BLACK HAIR, CROSS EYED. HE SAID IF WILSON COULD NOT BE READILY LOCATED THAT HIS [redacted] BROTHER, WILLIE DOUGLAS, COOPER STREET, WINTER HAVEN, KNOWS CARL WILSON AND COULD PROBABLY AID IN LOCATING HIM. CHECK AT WINTER HAVEN DISCLOSES NO CARL WILSON ANSWERING ABOVE DESCRIPTION AND THERE IS NO MAIN STREET OR COOPER [redacted] STREET IN WINTER HAVEN. ANDREW CARL WILSON. IS KNOWN TO MRS. WILLIE DOUGLAS, WILLIE DOUGLAS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. HE IS SIX FEET TALL, WEIGHS ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS. OTHERWISE ANSWERS THE DESCRIPTION. CAME TO WINTER HAVEN IN NINETEEN FORTY. HE KNOWS ALBERT DOUGLAS IN KISSIMMEE, BUT SAID HE HAS NOT BEEN IN KISSIMMEE FOR OVER A YEAR. ALBERT LEE [redacted] DOUGLAS UPON INTERVIEW IN KISSIMMEE, ADVISED THAT THE PERSON

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WITH WILSON COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN COLE. IT IS NOTED THAT IF THESE ARE THE TWO INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY ARMSTRONG AS INTERVIEWED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THEN THE PERSON WITH WILSON COULD NOT HAVE BEEN COLE BUT WOULD HAVE BEEN ARMSTRONG. CHECK AT FLORIDA HOTEL, OCALA, FLA., DISCLOSES ARMSTRONG CHECKED IN JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT LAST WITH R. L. CARTER. HE ALSO CHECKED IN HERRINGTON HOTEL ON JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST IN OCALA WITH R. L. CARTER. ALL PERSONS WHO SAW R. L. CARTER STATE DEFINITELY HE COULD NOT BE COLE. CARTER ALLEGED TO HAVE WORKED FOR MAXIE IN SEBRING, FLORIDA, AS HIS SECRETARY. CONTACT WITH MAXIE DISCLOSES HE STILL HAS HIS REGULAR SECRETARY NAMED R. L. CARTER, NOR DOES HE KNOW ANYONE BY THIS NAME. FURTHERMORE HE NEVER KNEW OF ARMSTRONG BEING WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL DURING THE TIME HE KNEW ARMSTRONG. CARTER VISITED DR. PAUL WILSON, OCALA, FLORIDA, ON JANUARY TWENTYNINE AND GOT ONE QUARTER GRAIN MORPHINE. ON JANUARY THIRTYONE HE AGAIN WENT TO DR. WILSON AND WAS REFUSED MORE MORPHINE. ARMSTRONG CAME IN LATER AND WAS ALSO REFUSED BY DR. WILSON. DR. NETTLES HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING COLE AND HAD NO CONTACT WITH CARTER. DR. T. H. DAVIS,

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OCALA, GAVE ARMSTRONG A SEDATIVE JUST BEFORE HE LEFT OCALA BUT HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING COLE AND DOES NOT KNOW CARTER. ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED INCLUDING CLERKS IN HOTELS AND DOCTORS, DEFINITELY STATE NEVER SAW ANYONE WITH ARMSTRONG RESEMBLING COLE AND THAT CARTER DEFINITELY WAS NOT COLE. HANDWRITING SPECIMENS FROM HOTEL REGISTER FOR R. L. CARTER BEING OBTAINED AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

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REURLET MARCH FIFTEEN, RALPH ROE, WAS. FUGITIVE I.O. # 1472, THEODORE COLE, WAS. FUGITIVE I.O. # 1471 EFP. CONCLUDED BILL ARMSTRONG FBI NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT NAUGHT WROTE THE QUESTIONED W. E. ARMSTRONG ENTRIES ON THE TWO WESTMORELAND HOTEL REGISTRATION SHEETS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 15, 1945

SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 13, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 14, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners

YOUR FILE NO 76-241
FBI FILE NO. 76-2686 -
LAB. NO. D-33354 BJ

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-12-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Q36 One hotel registration card signed "W. L. Armstrong", No. 4067, at Avon Park, Florida.

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Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the signature "W. L. Armstrong" on the front side of specimen Q36 was written by BILL ARMSTRONG, FBI-44780, whose signature appears on fingerprint cards for this individual. It was also concluded that the "W. L. Armstrong" signature on Q36 was not written by either RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE whose known handwritings appear on specimens K1 and K2, respectively, and signatures on fingerprint cards for these individuals.

The original evidence, Q36, is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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RALPH ROE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE DATED MARCH THIRTEENTH, FORTYFIVE. INVESTIGATION MIDDLESBORO, KY. FAILS TO REVEAL HOTEL IN WHICH ARMSTRONG STAYED. HETTIE BAKER, KNOWN IN MIDDLESBORO AS PROSTITUTE, WHO FREQUENTS EMPIRE HOTEL. EMPIRE HOTEL LOCATED AT PLACE DESCRIBED BY ARSMTRONG BUT RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ARMSTRONG REGISTERED THERE. EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW HETTIE BAKER NEGATIVE TO DATE. INFORMATION DEVELOPED PROSTITUTE NAMED JANIE LEWIS BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH HETTIE BAKER, STAYING CARE OF S. E. BRYANT, OAK RIDGE, TENN. HOUSE ONE ONE NINE, ALONG WITH ANOTHER PROSTITUTE, ONE ATTIE MOORE. JOHN SILBER, PROPRIETOR OF BEEPS CUT RATE PAWN SHOP, MIDDLESBORO, KNOWS ARMSTRONG BY DESCRIPTION. VERIFIES STORY OF ARMSTRONG RE CIGARETTES EXCEPT DENIES HE IS WILLING TO HANDLE SAME. ALSO STATES HE COULD NOT REMEMBER SELLING ARMSTRONG GUNS BUT SAYS POSSIBLY HE DID. STATES ARMSTRONG TRADED HIM

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THIRTY TWO AUTOMATIC FOR WATCH AND RING. ASCERTAINED ARMSTRONG LATER CONTACTED SILBERS WIFE, LENA, WHEN SILBER WAS NOT IN STORE REGARDING CIGARETTES. JOHN HAWKINS, COLORED, WA "HAWK" ADVISES TWO UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND ASKED HIM HOW MANY CIGARETTES HE COULD HANDLE. MEN WERE DRIVING NEW LOOKING CAR BELIEVED BY HAWK TO BE BLUSH IN COLOR, MAKE NOT KNOWN. DEAL REGARDING CIGARETTES NOT CONSUMMATED AS POLICE CAR DROVE BY AND INDIVIDUALS LEFT. HAS NOT SEEN INDIVIDUALS BEFORE OR SINCE CONTACT MENTIONED. STATES ONE OF THE MEN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. FIVE FT. SIX INCHES, ONE FORTY FIVE LBS, HAIR, LIGHT, AGE ABOUT THIRTY, COMPLEXION, FAIR; BUILD, MEDIUM, HAD LARGE DIAMOND ON FINGER LEFT HAND. THE OTHER DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET, ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., HAIR, DARK, COMPLEXION, DARK, BUILD, MEDIUM, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY. HAWK STATED BOTH MEN WELL DRESSED AT TIME OF CONTACT. HAWK OPERATES RESTAURANT TWO TEN ASHBORO ST., MIDDLESBORO AND BUYS AND SELLS GUNS. KNOWS ARMSTRONG BY DESCRIPTION AND STATES ARMSTRONG CONTACTED HIM FIVE WEEKS AGO AND ALSO THREE WEEKS AGO SEEKING DOPE.

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KNOXVILLE REQUESTED TO CONTACT JANIE LEWIS AND IF IDENTICAL WITH HETTIE BAKER INTERVIEW HER IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUEST SET OUT IN TELETYPE FROM BIRMINGHAM DATED MARCH THIRTEENTH, FORTYFIVE.

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SHAY. RALPH ROE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE MARCH SIXTEEN AND BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MARCH THIRTEEN. INVESTIGATION OAK RIDGE REFLECTS JANIE LEWIS AND ANNY MAY BROWN ALIAS ANNY MAY MOORE AND ADDIE MORE NOT IDENTICAL WITH HETTIE BAKER. BROWN ADVISES BAKER RESIDES MIDDLESBORO AT EAST END OF [redacted] TOWN WITH [redacted] MOTHER, NAME UNKNOWN. BAKER ALLEGEDLY KNOWN TO CHIEF OF POLICE MINTON OF MIDDLESBORO AND GEORGIA, A RED HEADED PROSTITUTE AT THE WABASH HOTEL, MIDDLESBORO. BAKER UNKNOWN TO LEWIS. BROWN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PICTURES OF SUBJECTS AS BEING IDENTICAL, ROE WITH ONE BILL LOONY WHO WAS IN MIDDLESBORO FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN AND MARCH NINE, FORTYFIVE. CLAIMS COLE IDENTICAL WITH ONE ROY MASON. CLAIMS MET LOONY FOR FIRST TIME FEBRUARY FOURTEEN OR FIFTEEN WHEN HE CONTACTED JANIE LEWIS. LEWIS THEN STAYING ROOM TWO FOUR NAUGHT CUMBERLAND HOTEL, MIDDLESBORO AND BROWN REGISTERED SAME HOTEL, ROOM TWO ELEVEN. LOONY ATTEMPTED TO TAKE LEWIS WITH HIM WHILE RETURNING A DOCTOR NAME UNKNOWN, TO PINEVILLE KENTUCKY ONE OF THOSE DAYS. LOONY ADVISED WORKING AT OAK RIDGE TENNESSEE AND UP THERE ON TIME OFF. HAS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS IN CASH. LOONY SEEN WHILE IN

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KENTUCKY BY MOTHER OF BROWN, ONE [redacted] SADIE WILLIAMS OF STONY FORK HOLLOW, CONGRESS, KENTUCKY, AND KNOWN TO JIM STEVENSON AND WIFE ETHEL WHO RUN A BEER JOINT [redacted] IN MIDDLESBORO. ALSO KNOWN T O ONE DAVID, A NEGRO BELL HOP AT CUMBERLAND HOTEL. SUBJECT THEODORE COLE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY BROWN AS HAVING BEEN IN MIDDLESBORO FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN AND MARCH NINE LAST, WHERE KNOWN AS ROY MASON. LEWIS ADVISES MASON SPENT NIGHT WITH HER AT HOTEL CUMBERLAND IN FEBRUARY AND ALSO SAW HIM IN MIDDLESBORO ON MARCH [redacted] ELEVEN AND THIRTEEN, FORTYFIVE. MASON ALSO TOLD LEWIS HE WAS EMPLOYED AT OAK RIDGE TENNESSEE. MASON KNOWN TO JIM STEVENSON AND BELL HOP "DAVID/ AT CUMBERLAND HOTEL. LEWIS REFUSES TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY SUBJECTS AS LOONY AND MASON BUT ADMITS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL. MASON AND LOONY FIT DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUALS SEEN BY JOHN HAWKINS MENTIONED LOUISVILLE TELETYPE MARCH SIXTEEN. LOUISVILLE WILL CHECK STORIES OF BROWN AND LEWIS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING HERE AT OAK RIDGE.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AR:WW

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 3/12/45

FROM : A. ROSEN

Call 5:55 PM

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, wa., FUGITIVE IO #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRIOSNERS

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ASAC Snow, Birmingham, called at this time and advised that they picked up John Mordis at Gadsden, Alabama, and they have not questioned him in detail yet. Mordis has indicated he would be interested in talking on the promise of something out of it. Mr. Snow said there is possibility Mordis may be narcotic addict.

I told Mr. Snow to talk to Mordis and find out what he knows and then we would be in a position to make a decision. He was advised not to make any promise to Mordis before calling the Bureau. Mr. Snow said they will talk to Mordis and let the Bureau know what information is obtained.

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REURLET MARCH TWENTY, RALPH ROE, WAS. FUGITIVE I.O. NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS. FUGITIVE I.O. NUMBER ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE EFF. CONCLUDED QUOTE W.L. ARMSTRONG, STARKING FLA. UNQUOTE ITEM THIRTYNINE ON HARRINGTON HOTEL REGISTER SHEET FOR JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE WRITTEN BY W. L. ARMSTRONG. CONCLUDED QUOTE R.L. CARTER UNQUOTE ITEM FORTY THIS SHEET; THE QUOTE R. S. COLE UNQUOTE SIGNATURE ITEM THIRTYNINE HARRINGTON HOTEL SHEET FOR MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AND THE ENTRY ON FLORIDA HOTEL REGISTER CARD NUMBER FOUR NINE SIX FOUR NOT WRITTEN BY W.L. ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, OR THEODORE COLE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

FBI:MF:JORDAN

March 23, 1945

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 21, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 22, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

YOUR FILE NO. 76-241
FBI FILE NO. 76-2076
LAB. NO. D-33907 RJ

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-20-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K4 One envelope and accompanying 1-page handwritten letter dated March 1, 1945 in the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG.

K5 One envelope postmarked Avon Park, Fla. FEB 2 7 30 PM 1945, in the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG.

Q41 One registration sheet for Harrington Hotel, dated Wednesday, March 7th, 1945, bearing handwritten entry "R. S. Cole, Tampa, Fla.".

Q42 One registration sheet for Harrington Hotel, dated Saturday 27th, Jan., 1945, bearing handwritten entries "W. L. Armstrong, Sebring, Fla.", and "R. L. Carter".

Q43 One registration card for the Florida Hotel, No. 4964, which bears the handwritten entry on the face of this card "R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong Sebring Fla."

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Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the entry "W. L. Armstrong, Sebring, Fla." on specimen Q42 was written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780, whose signatures appear on fingerprint cards for this individual and on specimens K4 and K5. It was also concluded that the entry "R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong, Sebring, Fla." on the face of specimen Q43 and the "R. L. Carter" signature on specimen Q42 were not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. It was concluded that the

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entry "R. S. Cole, Tampa, Fla." on specimen Q41 was not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. The signature "R. L. Carter" on specimen Q42 was written by the individual who wrote the "R. L. Carter" entry on specimen Q43.

The original evidence, Q41 through Q43, and K4 will be returned to your office as soon as the photography is completed. Specimen K3 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory DATE: March 20, 1945

RGD

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Reference is made to prior letter from the Miami Field Division under the above caption concerning handwriting identification on W. L. ARMSTRONG and on subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

There are enclosed herewith the following items:

1. One registration card for the Florida Hotel, which bears a pencil notation in the upper right hand corner, 4964. It has on it the two names, R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG on the side of card marked "Registration Card" and dated January 28. It has also the city, Sebring, Florida, shown.

It is requested that these names and the words Sebring and Fla. be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG to determine if he wrote these items. If it is determined he did not write these items, it is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting of ROE and COLE.

2. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Register No. 9101, dated Saturday, January 27, 1945. On the reverse side of this sheet, which is shown as Sheet No. 2, Register No. 9121, also for Saturday, January 27, 1945, lines 39 and 40 show the signatures W. L. ARMSTRONG, Sebring, Florida and R. L. CARTER.

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It is requested that these two names be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG and if either is found not to have been written by ARMSTRONG, it is requested that it be compared with the known handwriting of subjects ROE and COLE.

3. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Registration No. 1157, dated Wednesday, March 7, 1945. Item 39 on this sheet shows the signature, R. S. COLE, Tampa, Florida.

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It is requested that this signature be compared with the known handwriting of subject COLE to determine if he could possibly have written it. It is noted in this connection that the description furnished on the individual who signed this register does not correspond with the description of COLE. However, this comparison is requested for the purpose of climinating any possibility that it might have been written by subject COLE.

All three of the above items should be returned to the Miami Field Division for return to the appropriate hotels.

4. Envelope postmarked Avon Park, Florida, February 2, 1945, addressed to Mr. ROY WILLIAMS, care of Florida Hotel, Ocala, Florida, with the return address shown W. L. ARMSTRONG, care of GREGG MAXCY, Seabring, Fla.

This item may be used as an additional handwriting specimen of W. L. ARMSTRONG and may be destroyed by the Laboratory when it has served its purpose. It is noted this item was obtained from ROY WILLIAMS during the course of investigation in Ocala, Florida.

5. Envelope and letter address to Landlady, 1409 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida, postmarked Ocala, Florida, March 1, 1945.

These items are additional handwriting specimens of W. L. ARMSTRONG. They should be returned to the Miami Field Division when they have served their purpose.

It is requested that a telotype concerning the results of the above examination be furnished to the Miami, Birmingham and Oklahoma City offices.

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CC: Birmingham
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RALPH ROE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WASFUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. REOURTEL MARCH SIXTEEN. JOHN [redacted] HAWKINS MIDDLESBORO FAILS TO IDENTIFY IOS OF SUBJECTS AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTACTED HIM AS STATED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. JIMMY GINSBURG, PROPRIETOR, INDIAN ROCK INN, MIDDLESBORO, CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at OKLAHOMA CITY File No. 76-1 ws

Report made at	Date	Period	Report made by
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	3-26-45	3-8-10,12-14-45	EARL F. SHUFORD

Title	Character of Case
RALPH ROE, with aliases FUGITIVE I. O. NO. 1472	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis of Facts: One JOHN MORDIS sent telegram to the Director at 11:44 A. M., March 8, 1945, from Vidalia, Ga., setting out that THEODORE COLE, I. O. 1471, and RALPH ROE, I. O. 1472, who escaped from U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937, were alive and with one BILL ARMSTRONG at Tampa, Fla., on March 1, 1945. Investigation at Vidalia, Ga. indicated sender of telegram to be W. L. REEVES who made long-distance telephone call to KING REEVES, Winter Haven, Fla., on morning of March 9, 1945. Miami Field Division indicated sender of telegram to be W. L. ARMSTRONG, probably identical with the W. L. REEVES. Background information on ARMSTRONG furnished by Miami and Oklahoma City reflected he was incarcerated Oklahoma State Penitentiary on February 9, 1931, and paroled October 20, 1943. Efforts to locate ARMSTRONG at Vidalia, Ga., negative. ARMSTRONG located Gadsden, Alabama, March 12, 1945. Hotel records, Augusta, Ga., reflected W. L. ARMSTRONG spent the night of February 8, 1945, and February 14, 1945, at Augusta, Ga., and on each night was furnished morphine for kidney ailment by Dr. B. M. SILVER, 601 Southern Finance Building. Efforts to locate registration of ARMSTRONG at Ware Hotel, Waycross, Ga., during February, 1945, negative. "BLACKIE" MORRIS and blond prostitute named HELEN unknown to PD and other sources at Waycross, Ga.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Mr. WALKER of the Bureau to Special Agent in Charge NOEL B. WRIGHT on March 8, 1945.

DETAILS: On March 8, 1945, Mr. WALKER of the Bureau telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge NOEL B. WRIGHT and advised that the following telegram had been received from Vidalia, Georgia, dated March 8, 1945, at 11:44 A. M., from a person who signed his name as JOHN MORRIS:

> "TED COLE, RALPH ROE very much alive. They were with BILL ARMSTRONG last Thursday at Tampa. BILL ARMSTRONG has been working ever since he has been out but has some kind of connection with Mr. REEVES who has garage at Winter Haven. COLE and ROE have been staying south of the border but recently working on ranch in Glades of Florida. Locate BILL ARMSTRONG and through him others can be located. BILL ARMSTRONG's wife lives 226 Anthony Road, Ocala."

Mr. WALKER stated that the Bureau desired investigation at Vidalia in an effort to locate the sender of the telegram in order to determine if he were mentally unbalanced or if he actually had information concerning this matter.

AT VIDALIA, GEORGIA:

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the telegram set out in referenced telephone call was telephonically furnished to the Western Union Office at Vidalia, Georgia, from a local phone. The caller advised that he was using telephone number 629. Inasmuch as he was sending a collect telegram, he was requested to come to the Western Union Office and furnish the message in person, but he declined stating that he was travelling and that he was in a hurry to leave town. His address was requested, but he stated that this was unimportant. He was advised that the telegram could not be sent unless he gave an address, whereupon he stated that it should be Harriman, Tennessee. (It should be noted that he furnished the spelling as Hirrman.) According to Confidential Informant T-1, who overheard this conversation with the Western Union Office, the person talked as if he were not accustomed to dictating. He had to be stopped on several occasions and apparently the person who was taking the message had to help compose his sentences on several occasions. It was also determined that the Western Union Office at Vidalia, Georgia, operates on Eastern Standard Time while the remainder of the town is on Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Mrs. H. H. VANDYKE of the Telephone Exchange at Vidalia advised that there is no telephone number 689 in Vidalia. She stated, however, that the telephone number at the City Pharmacy is 692.

LORRAINE McNEISE, soda clerk at the City Pharmacy, advised that a stranger came into the drug store between 12:30 and 1:00 on March 8, 1945, and used a telephone booth for fifteen or twenty minutes. She stated that she was unable to overhear the conversation, inasmuch as the door was closed. She stated that this person was a stranger to Vidalia and in conversation stated that he was at one time the champion calf roper of the United States. He told her that he was from Texas but gave no indication as to where he might be going or where he had come from. Miss McNEISE described him as being between thirty-five and forty years of age, about six feet tall, and weighing approximately 200 pounds. She remembered specifically that he had a small scar on his left upper lip near the corner of his mouth which became very apparent whenever he smiled. She also recalled that he was wearing a light tan sport shirt with an embroidered collar and along with the shirt he was wearing a very flashy tie. She stated that to the best of her knowledge, this person was wearing a brown hat and brown suit.

NAOMI KRAMER, also a soda clerk in the City Pharmacy, furnished in substance the same information as Miss McNEISE. She stated that the above-described scar on this person's upper lip appeared to be about one-half inch long but was not too noticeable until he smiled, at which time it appeared to cause the corner of his mouth to turn up. She too was unable to furnish any information as to whom this person might be, where he came from, or where he was going.

At the New Vidalia Hotel, CALVIN JACKSON, colored porter, was contacted. Upon being furnished a description of the person as given by LORRAINE McNEISE and NAOMI KRAMER, he advised that a stranger answering this description came into the New Vidalia Hotel about 9:00 P. M. on the night of March 7, 1945. This stranger contacted him and requested that he go across the street to the Miami Hotel and wake him about 6:00 the following morning. He stated to JACKSON that he was a cattleman from Texas, and that he had at one time been a champion calf roper and rodeo entertainer. He also stated that he had travelled from one end of the United States to the other exhibiting a prize horse. JACKSON recalled the scar on the upper lip of this person as previously described and also recalled that he was wearing an embroidered, tan, sport shirt with long lapels. JACKSON stated that on the morning of March 8, 1945, he went to the Miami Hotel and awakened this person at approximately 6:00 A. M. Between 7:30 A. M. and 8:00 A. M., this person appeared at the New Vidalia Hotel and made a long-distance call through a pay station which is located in the lobby. JACKSON was not certain but believed that the stranger paid for this call, inasmuch as it was made through a coin

box. He stated that the stranger did not give him a tip, telling him that he had just put in a call to his employer for some money, and that he would be back at the Vidalia Hotel on the night of March 8, 1945, and at that time, he would give him a sizeable tip.

RUBY CARROLL, Clerk, Miami Hotel, advised that a person answering the description of the stranger as previously set out secured a room in the Miami Hotel at approximately 9:00 P. M. on the night of March 7, 1945. Inasmuch as he paid for this room in advance, he was not required to register nor did he volunteer his name to Miss CARROLL. She stated that he was carrying no luggage. He told Miss CARROLL that he was a cattleman from Texas and that his business in Vidalia was to attempt to sell cattle at a stock market which is located between Vidalia and Lyons, Georgia. He also mentioned to her that he had on many occasions shipped cattle from Texas to Sebring, Florida. She was unable to advise how this stranger was travelling and stated that she did not talk with him a great deal, inasmuch as he was drinking, and she became disgusted with him. She did recall, however, that she heard him walking the floor of his room practically all night. Miss CARROLL stated that on the morning of March 8, 1945, this person left the Hotel about 7:30 A. M. and that she has not seen him since.

It should be noted that no persons interviewed thus far were able to advise how this stranger was travelling. In an attempt to ascertain how this person was travelling, Miss KATHERINE CALBREATH of the Bus Terminal at Vidalia was contacted. She was furnished a description of the person but stated that no person answering the description had bought a bus ticket at Vidalia between 11:00 A. M. of March 8, 1945, and 6:00 P. M. that date.

Mr. A. G. HAYES, Special Agent of the Seaboard Railroad, advised that the only train leaving Vidalia after 1:00 P. M. of March 8, 1945, was the Seaboard train which left at 5:30 P. M. He stated that he was at the railroad station when this train came in and departed and that no person answering the description of the stranger boarded it.

Mrs. H. H. VANDYKE of the Telephone Exchange at Vidalia advised that a collect call was made from the New Vidalia Hotel at 8:04 A. M., March 8, 1945, to KING REEVES, Number 2-8541, Winter Haven, Florida. The person making this call gave his name as W. L. REEVES.

Stops were placed with all hotels in Vidalia in case this person should happen to register on the night of March 8, 1945.

By teletype dated March 8, 1945, the substance of this information was furnished to the Bureau. It was also furnished to the Miami Field Division telephonically by Special Agent MALCOLM E. ERSKINE.

On March 9, 1945, Mr. CARROLL of the Bureau telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge WRIGHT and advised that from a description furnished in the above-mentioned teletype, it appeared that the sender of the telegram might be identical with fugitive THEODORE COLE and directed that copies of the Identification Orders on both COLE and ROE be exhibited to witnesses at Vidalia, Georgia.

On March 9, 1945, THOMAS FINLEY, night policeman at Vidalia, advised that he had talked with a stranger answering the description of W. L. REEVES on the night of March 7, 1945. REEVES told FINLEY that he was a stockman and that he was in Vidalia to contact Mr. T. J. McNATT, JR., who operates a stock yard between Vidalia and Lyons, Georgia. He stated that he had some prize cattle and he hoped to sell these to Mr. McNATT. He further advised FINLEY that when he left Vidalia, he would probably go to Atlanta, Georgia. FINLEY stated that from his conversation with the person who had at this time been tentatively identified as W. L. REEVES, he, FINLEY, assumed that REEVES was driving an automobile, inasmuch as he mentioned that he had driven around the block three or four times that evening looking for a hotel.

Mr. RALPH SHARPE of the McNATT Stock Yard advised that a stranger answering the description of W. L. REEVES had come to the Stock Yard shortly before dark on the evening of March 7, 1945, and talked with Mr. T. J. McNATT, JR. He recalled that this person came to the Stock Yard in a cab, and the cab waited while he held his conversation with Mr. McNATT. According to SHARPE, this conversation lasted about five minutes. Mr. SHARPE advised that Mr. T. J. McNATT was out of town and would not return until Monday, March 12, 1945.

Mrs. OUIDA SUDDATH, Secretary to Mr. T. J. McNATT, JR., advised that Mr. McNATT could presently be contacted at Mount Laurel Lodge, Wyley, Raburn County, Georgia. This information was telephonically furnished by Special Agent in Charge WRIGHT to Assistant Special Agent in Charge AL MEANS of the Atlanta Field Division with a request that McNATT be interviewed and the Bureau advised.

Mr. ELLETT DAVIS, Postmaster and owner of Davis' Cut-Rate Pharmacy, advised that a stranger, who answered the description of W. L. REEVES, had a morphine prescription filled at his drug store at approximately 1:00 P. M. on March 8, 1945, it being a prescription for six, one-fourth grains of morphine sulphate. He exhibited this prescription, and it was noted that it was given by Doctor C. W. FINDLEY, Vidalia, and made out to JIMMY THOMPSON, Tampa, Florida.

Doctor C. W. FINDLEY advised that between 9:00 and 10:00 A. M. on March 8, 1945, a stranger came into his office and told him that he was suffering terribly from a kidney ailment and to support his story

exhibited to him blood on his underwear. The stranger told Doctor FINDLEY that he had been suffering with this ailment for sometime, and he desired morphine to ease the pain. He further stated to Doctor FINDLEY that his name was JIMMY THOMPSON and that his home was in Tampa, Florida. Doctor FINDLEY furnished the requested prescription.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARVEY E. FENSTERMACHER in an effort to determine how the person known as W. L. REEVES or JIMMY THOMPSON travelled from Vidalia. It should be noted that apparently the last time he was seen in Vidalia was when he filled the prescription at Davis' Cut-Rate Pharmacy at approximately 1:00 P. M. on March 8, 1945. The following service stations were contacted to ascertain if a person answering the description of W. L. REEVES or JIMMY THOMPSON purchased gas:

W. D. THOMPSON of Thompson's Service Station
J. A. GAY of the J. A. Gay Service Station
R. J. MILLS of Mill's Service Station
J. H. MEADOWS of the J. H. Meadow's Service Station
LEROY REGISTER of the Threlkeld Motor Company
RALPH SMITH of the A. B. Davis Service Station
J. M. FOUNTAIN of the Fountain Service Service Station
HENRY G. WELSH of the Vidalia Gasoline Station

This comprises all of the service stations in Vidalia, and none of thepersons contacted could recall having seen W. L. REEVES or JIMMY THOMPSON.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

Copies of Identification Orders 1471 and 1472 were exhibited to the following persons:

JAMES BARWICK, Davis' Cut-Rate Drug Store.

Mr. BARWICK stated that there was some resemblance between JIMMY THOMPSON and RALPH ROE. He pointed out, however, that he was unable to make any positive identification.

LORRAINE McNEISE.

Miss McNEISE stated that the stranger whom she had previously described was absolutely not identical with either RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

NAOMI KRAMER, City Pharmacy.

Miss KRAMER advised that the stranger whom she had previously described was not identical with either COLE or ROE.

RUBY CARROLL, Miami Hotel.

Miss CARROLL stated that she could note some resemblance between the picture of RALPH ROE and the stranger, about whom she previously furnished information. She was unable, however, to make any positive identification.

CALVIN JACKSON, Porter, New Vidalia Hotel.

JACKSON stated that there was some resemblance between the stranger, whom he had previously described, and ROE. He too was unable to make any positive identification.

THOMAS FINLEY, Night policeman.

FINLEY also noted some resemblance between ROE and the stranger, but he was unable to make any positive identification.

Mr. JOHN L. MORRIS, who operates a cab company in Vidalia, was unable to furnish any information concerning REEVES or THOMPSON, but, through his cooperation, his drivers were interviewed, and BENNY JERNIGAN recalled having taken a person answering the description of REEVES or THOMPSON to the McHatt Stock Yard. He stated this person went to the Stock Yard shortly before dark on the evening of March 7, 1945, and that he, JERNIGAN, waited between five and ten minutes for him while he carried on a conversation with Mr. T. J. McNATT, JR. JERNIGAN could not furnish any information concerning this person stating that he carried on no conversation with him to and from the stock yard. I. O. 1471 and I. O. 1472 were exhibited to him, but he was unable to say if either resembled the person whom he took to the stock yard.

By teletype dated March 9, 1945, the substance of this information was furnished to the Director and to the Miami Field Division.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that W. L. ARMSTRONG received $15 by Western Union from KING REEVES, Winter Haven, Florida, on the morning of March 8, 1945.

By teletype from the Miami Field Division to the Director, Oklahoma City, and Savannah Field Divisions, the Savannah office was requested to ascertain at Vidalia, Georgia, if the person whom they had

tentatively identified as W. L. ARMSTRONG , but believed to be identical with W. L. REEVES and JIMMY THOMPSON, had made any other long-distance calls from Vidalia to Frostproof, Avon Park, or Sebring, Florida.

At Vidalia, Georgia, the writer and Special Agent HARVEY E. FENSTERMACHER contacted the three drug stores in Vidalia and ascertained that W. L. ARMSTRONG, W. L. REEVES, and JIMMY THOMPSON had not secured any other morphine by prescription except that which has previously been set out. Through the cooperation of Miss ELSIE SUDDRETH of the Bus Terminal, several bus drivers were interviewed in an effort to ascertain how this person left Vidalia with negative results.

This information concerning the checks with the drug stores and bus drivers was furnished to the Bureau by teletype dated March 10, 1945.

Mrs. H. H. VANDYKE of the Telephone Exchange at Vidalia advised that all long-distance toll slips for March 8, 1945, had been forwarded to the central office at Atlanta and by teletype dated March 10, 1945, the Atlanta Field Division was requested to check these toll slips to ascertain if any other long-distance calls had been made from Vidalia by W. L. ARMSTRONG, W. L. REEVES, JIMMY THOMPSON, or JOHN MORRIS.

By teletype dated March 10, 1945, the Oklahoma City Field Division advised that WILLIAM LUNDIA ARMSTRONG had been received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on February 9, 1931, to serve a sentence of twenty-five years for robbery with firearms. The teletype further indicated that he was paroled on October 20, 1943.

On March 12, 1945, the Birmingham Field Division advised by teletype that W. L. ARMSTRONG, with alias Bill Armstrong had been located at the Western Union office, Gadsden, Alabama, on that date. Special Agent in Charge WRIGHT telephonically furnished pertinent information to the Birmingham Field Division in order that ARMSTRONG might be interviewed. On March 13, 1945, a teletype was received from the Birmingham Field Division reflecting that on interview W. L. ARMSTRONG had denied sending a telegram to the Bureau from Vidalia on March 8, 1945. However, he did advise that on or about February 5, 1945, he met both ROE and COLE outside a bar in Ocala, Florida. He stated that they were driving a green, 1941 or 1942 tudor Plymouth sedan with Florida tags, and that they left Florida that day and proceeded through Georgia to Middleboro, Kentucky, where ROE and COLE contacted a fence and attempted to sell him a load of hot cigarettes. He also advised that he separated from ROE and COLE at Middleboro, Kentucky, and proceeded by bus to Ocala, Florida. He claimed that about.

a week or ten days later, he met the subjects again at the same bar in Ocala and was again in their company for some time. The Birmingham Field Division reqested that the Savannah Office ascertain if ARMSTRONG had in fact registered at the Ware Hotel in Waycross, Georgia, about February 5, 1945. It also requested that it be determined at Augusta, Georgia, whether or not he registered at the Jackson Hotel and whether or not he received treatment for a kidney ailment from a Doctor SILVER. Also at Waycross, Georgia, the Savannah Field Division was to ascertain if "BLACKIE" MORDIS or a blond prostitute, known as HELEN, are known to sources of information.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN C. GARTNER:

The records of the Jackson Hotel at Augusta reflected that an individual using the name of W. L. ARMSTRONG and fitting the description of ARMSTRONG stayed at the Jackson Hotel during the night of February 8, 1945. He registered for a single room at 12:35 A. M. and gave his address as Sebring, Florida. He received no telephone calls nor did he make any calls or send any telegrams.

Doctor B. N. SILVER, 601 Southern Finance Building, recalled that at about midnight on approximately February 8, 1945, he received a telephone call from a Mr. ARMSTRONG at the Jackson Hotel. Upon contacting this person at the hotel, he ascertained that he was suffering from a kidney ailment and recommended morphine and surgery for him. Doctor SILVER recalled that about one week later he was again called by ARMSTRONG, who was then at the Plaza Hotel in Augusta. Since it was too late to have a prescription filled in the city, Doctor SILVER took him to the University Hospital where morphine was administered. The records of the Plaza Hotel reflected that W. L. ARMSTRONG registered late in the day of February 14, 1945, for a single room, giving his address as Ocala, Florida. He made no phone calls and sent no telegrams from the hotel nor did he receive any telephone calls there.

AT WAYCROSS, GEORGIA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. JOHNSON MOORE:

Mrs. HELEN TATUM, Ware Hotel, advised from a check of her records that W. L. ARMSTRONG did not register under that name at the Ware Hotel during the month of February, 1945.

The Augusta Police Department, the Ware County Sheriff's Office, and the Ware County Police were contacted in an effort to secu-

information regarding "BLACKIE" MORRIS and a blond prostitute named HELEN with negative results.

Doctor G. E. ATWOOD of the Ware County Health Department was unable to recall a blond prostitute in Waycross known as HELEN.

The results of this investigation at Augusta and Waycross were furnished to the Bureau, Birmingham, and Oklahoma City Field Divisions by teletype dated March 14, 1945.

On March 13, 1945, copies of all teletypes emanating from the Savannah Field Division in this matter were furnished by letter to the office of origin, Oklahoma City.

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ON THURSDAY, MARCH ONE, ARMSTRONG OBTAINED A POSITION AT HOOPERS BARBER SHOP, OCALA, WHERE HE WORKED FOR TWO DAYS, MARCH TWO AND MARCH THREE. ON SUNDAY, MARCH FOUR, ARMSTRONG MADE AN EXCUSE TO GO TO TOWN AND RETURNED IN THE LATE AFTERNOON DRUNK AND ACCOMPANIED BY A DRUNKEN SOLDIER, CONCERNING WHOSE IDENTITY NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED SINCE NONE OF THE PERSONS WHO SAW THE SOLDIER HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION AS TO HIS NAME. THE SOLDIER TOLD MRS. ARMSTRONG THAT HE HAD BROUGHT ARMSTRONG HOME BECAUSE ARMSTRONG WAS DRUNK AND THE POLICE WOULD HAVE LOCKED HIM UP. ON TUESDAY, MARCH SIX ARMSTRONG LEFT OCALA AND WAS SEEN BY MRS. ARMSTRONG TO BOARD A BUS AT OCALA FOR WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, BY WAY OF JACKSONVILLE. MRS. ARMSTRONG ADVISED THAT ARMSTRONG HAD VISITED HER BROTHER, MR. S. S. MADDOX, JACKSONVILLE, ON THAT TRIP. MRS. ARMSTRONG HAD A LETTER DATED MARCH SEVEN, FORTYFIVE, FROM DR. W. C. HAFFORD, WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, WHICH SETS OUT THAT ARMSTRONG HAD BEEN IN HIS OFFICE THAT DAY. MRS. ARMSTRONG FURTHER STATED THAT FOR THE THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF THEIR MARRIED LIFE, ARMSTRONG WAS CONTINUALLY

SICK BUT THAT SHE COULD EXPLAIN ALMOST EVERY MOVEMENT OF HIS UP TO MARCH SIX, FORTYFIVE. THE AGENT WHO CONDUCTED THIS INTERVIEW AT OCALA ADVISED THAT MRS. ARMSTRONG, HER DAUGHTER MRS. SUNDAY, AND ANOTHER DAUGHTER, MRS. ORIS HARRELL, ALL HAVE BEEN FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER AND AGENT ADVISES THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF RALPH ROE BY MRS. SUNDAY AS RESEMBLING W. [redacted] ARMSTRONG WAS PROBABLY MADE ONLY TO CAUSE MRS. ARMSTRONG TROUBLE AND POSSIBLY TO GET HER TO LEAVE HOME. IT IS NOTED THAT MRS. SUNDAY ALSO SAID SHE BELIEVED THE DRUNKEN SOLDIER RESEMBLED THE ID PICTURE OF THEODORE COLE AND AGENT ADVISED IT APPEARED THIS MAY HAVE BEEN SAID FOR THE SAME REASON. ALSO, MRS. SUNDAY AND MRS. HARRELL HAVE UNSAVORY CHARACTER REPUTATIONS AT OCALA. MRS. ARMSTRONG WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH THE NAMES OF ANY FRIENDS OF HER HUSBAND IN OCALA, FLORIDA, WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR ARMSTRONGS PRESENCE IN OCALA ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN. INVESTIGATION, TAMPA, SHOWS ARMSTRONG CHECKED IN A ROOMING HOUSE AT TAMPA FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX AND STAYED UNTIL FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT OR MARCH ONE, FORTYFIVE. ON JANUARY THIRTY, FORTYFIVE,

ARMSTRONG WAS TREATED BY DR. SWARTZ, IN WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA. INVESTIGATION AT JACKSONVILLE, INDICATES NEGRO MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS OLIVER KITTS, WHO IS DESCRIBED BY JACKSONVILLE RESIDENT AGENT AS AN INTELLIGENT NEGRO WHO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO RESIDENT AGENTS OFFICE IN JACKSONVILLE IN PAST. HE HAS WORKED FOUR YEARS AT THE MILNER HOTEL, JACKSONVILLE. HE ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE UNKNOWN NEGRO IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. ON INTERVIEW, HE ADVISED THAT HE VERY DEFINITELY RECALLS ARMSTRONGS STORY BUT THAT IT HAPPENED ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. ARMSTRONG WAS DRESSED, AS HE RECALLS, IN A LIGHT GREY HAT, WEARING BLUE COAT AND BROWN PANTS. HE CAME INTO THE HOTEL, HAVING OBVIOUSLY BEEN DRINKING, AND SAT IN THE PORTERS CHAIR BY THE ELEVATOR. THIS WAS A LITTLE BEFORE EIGHT OCLOCK WHEN THE PACKAGE STORES IN JACKSONVILLE CLOSE. HE ASKED THE PORTER TO BUY HIM A PINT OF LIQUOR, GAVE HIM FIVE DOLLARS. WHEN THE PORTER RETURNED, HE WAS VERY BUSY AND IT WAS SOME DELAY BEFORE HE COULD AGAIN TALK TO ARMSTRONG. WHEN HE DID TALK WITH HIM HE WAS HESITANT ABOUT FURNISHING ARMSTRONG THE WHISKEY BECAUSE OF HIS ALCOHOLIC CONDITION, AT WHICH

TIME ARMSTRONG ARGUED WITH HIM AND TOLD HIM HE WANTED THE FIVE DOLLARS OR THE WHISKEY OR HE WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE, AT WHICH TIME AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY KITTS AS A LITTLE FELLOW ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YEARS OLD, WEARING A SHIPYARD BADGE AND A BROWN SHIRT, BROWN PANTS, NO COAT AND DRESSED IN SHIRT SLEEVES, WHO HAD BEEN TALKING TO ARMSTRONG JUST BEFORE THAT, JOINED IN THE ARGUMENT AND SAID TO KITTS QUOTE IF YOU GOT THE WHISKEY, GIVE IT TO HIM.UNQUOTE. KITTS IS POSITIVE IN HIS OPINION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WITH ARMSTRONG WAS A VERY SMALL MAN AND THAT THIS OCCURRED DURING THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. LOUISE COHAN, WEST MORELAND HOTEL, WHICH ANSWERS DESCRIPTION OF HOTEL IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, EXHIBITED REGISTER SHEETS FOR THE HOTEL WHICH REFLECTED THAT ON FEBRUARY SEVEN, FORTYFIVE, MR. AND MRS. W. L. ARMSTRONG OCCUPIED ROOM EIGHTEEN, ARRIVING AT ONE THIRTY AM AND STAYING ONLY THE ONE NIGHT. ON FEBRUARY FIFTEEN, FORTYFIVE, W. L. ARMSTRONG, GIVING HIS ADDRESS AS OCALA, FLORIDA, OCCUPIED ROOM EIGHT, ENTERING AT ELEVEN PM AND STAYING ONE NIGHT. NO ONE IN HOTEL RECALLS ARMSTRONG. NO OTHER RECORD IN THIS HOTEL OF ANYONE USING NAME OF ARMSTRONG REGISTERING BETWEEN FEBRUARY

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HE WAS RELEASED FROM MC ALLISTER PEN OCTOBER TWENTY THREE FORTY THREE, THEIR NUMBER TWO THREE TWO THREE NINE, AFTER SERVING PORTION OF ONE TWENTY FIVE YEAR ARMED ROBBERY SENTENCE AND BEING PAROLED ON A SIMILAR SENTENCE. AFTER RELEASE FROM MC ALISTER HE TRAVELED AROUND THE SOUTH AND WORKED A WHILE FOR GREGG MACXY AT MACXYS RANCH, SEBRING, FLA. HAS ALSO MARRIED MARY NELL MADDOX AND COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED TO HER AS MRS. LARRY ARMSTRONG, THEIR RESIDENCE AS TWO TWO SIX ANTHONY ROAD OCALA, FLA. THIS WOMAN UNDER SURVEILLANCE YESTERDAY BY ATLANTA OFFICE AT ATLANTA SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA [redacted] AGENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY BASIS FOR AR MSTRONGS STORY THAT SUBJEDTS STILL ALIVE. HE CLAIMS ABOUT FEBRUARY FIVE FORTYFIVE AROUND FOUR PM WHILE SITTING IN BRASS RAIL BAR ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE AT OCALA HE SAW BOTH SUBJECTS SITTING IN BOOTH DRINKING BEER AND THAT THEY FOLLOWED HIM OUT OF THE BAR REQUESTING THAT HE GO WITH THEM IN EFFORT TO [redacted] OBTAIN SOME GUNS AND AMMUNITION. THEY DID NOT SPEAK TO HIM WHILE IN BAR. CLAIMS SUBJECTS IH POSSESSION GREEN NINETEEN FORTY ONE OR FORTY TWO , TWO DOOR PLYMOUTH SEDAN WITH FLORIDA TAGS, AND THAT HE WENT WITH THEM TO WAYCROSS, GA. WHERE HE REGISTERED AT WARE HOTEL AS W. L. OR LARRY ARMSTRONG. THEY DID NOT REGISTER AND PICKED HIM [redacted] UP ON STREET CORNER FOLLOWING MORNING. THRE THREE THEN WENT TO AUGUSTA, GA. WHERE HE REGISTERED ALONE AT HOTEL BELIEVED NAMED JACKSON HOTEL, WHICH

SHEET THREE

IS AN OLD ONE, BUT SUBJECTS LIKEWISE DID NOT REGISTER. WHILE AT AUGUSTA HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR KIDNEY AILMENT FROM DR. SILVEY AND WENT TO HOSPITAL. AFTER DEPARTING AUGUSTA THEY WERE ENROUTE TO MIDDLESBORO, KY AND HE ONLY RECALLS STOPPING AT A ROAD HOUSE WHICH STAYS OPEN ALL NIGHT, A FEW MILES FROM LA FOLLETTE, TENN. ON THE ROAD FROM LAKE CITY, TENN. CLAIMS HE WENT IN AND ATE STEAK DINNER BUT THE TWO SUBJECTS REMAINED IN THE CAR AND HE BROUGHT FOOD OUT TO THEM. POSSIBILITY TWO GIRL EMPLOYEES AT THE GASOLINE PUMPS IN FRONT OF THIS ROAD HOUSE MAY RECALL HIM AS THEY HAD DIFFICULTY UNLOCKING GAS TANK CAP. CLAIMS SUBJECTS DID NOT ENTER PLACE BECAUSE CAB DRIVER INSIDE EATING LOOKED LIKE AN OFFICER. AT MIDDLESBORO, KY. HE GOT OUT OF CAR AT BUS STATION AND WALKED UP TO A HOTEL IN SECOND BLOCK ON RIGHT SIDE OF STREET STRAIGHT PAST THE BUS STATION, REGISTERING AS W. L. ARMSTRONT. ALSO HAD CONTACTED WOMAN, HETTIE BAKER, AT MIDDLESBORO, WHO STAYED WITH HIM IN HOTEL. REMAINED THERE ABOUT THREE DAYS AND CONTACTED JEWISH PROPRIETOR OF THE CUT RATE PAWN SHOP AT DIRECTION OF SUBJECTS, THEY CLAIMING HAD TRUCK LOAD OF HOT CIGARETTES AND DESIRED TO DISPOSE OF THEM. THE PROPRIETOR , WHO IS KNOWN TO ARMSTRONG AS BEING A FENCE, OFFERED HIM ONE DOLLAR PER CARTON FOR ALL THEY [redacted]WOULD SUPPLY. WHILE IN SHOP CLAIMS HE BOUGHT A THIRTY EIGHT SUPER [redacted] AUTOMATIC PISTOL AND

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FORTY FIVE CALIBRE DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER, TOGETHER WITH FIX BOXES AMMUNITION FOR THE FORTY FIVE. THESE GUNS HE CLAIMS WERE FOR USE OF SUBJECTS, ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THEY HAVE A THOMPSON SUB MACHINE GUN AND SHOT GUN IN THE PLYMOUTH. DURING THESE ARRANGEMENTS HE CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW WHERE SUBJECTS STAYED, BUT ON ONE OCCASION THEY PHONED HIM AT THE HOTEL TO MEET THEM AT A BEER JOINT OUT FROM MIDDLESBORO, NAMED INDIAN ROCK INN, AND THAT HE CAUGHT A CAB AT BUS STATION TO GET TO THE INN. WHEN ARMSTRONG AGAIN VISITED AT CUT RATE PAWN SHOP RELATIVE TO DISPOSAL OF [redacted] CIGARETTES, THE PROPRIETOR WAS OUT AND ONLY A WOMAN IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, AND UPON BEING SO INFORMED SUBJECTS DECLINED TO HAVE ANY FURTHER DEALINGS THERE, BUT TOLD ARMSTRONG WOULD DISPOSE OF SAME THROUGH A NEGRO KNOWN ONLY AS "HAWK", A FENCE, WHO OPERATES BEER JOINT FIVE OR SIX BLOCKS FROM BUS STATION. CLAIMS LEFT SUBJECTS AT MIDDLESBORO AND AFTER TRAVELING AROUND SOME BY BUS RETURNED TO OCALA WHERE AGAIN MET SUBJECTS AT THE BRASS RAIL INN ABOUT WEEK OR TEN DAYS AGO. THEY [redacted] PERSUADED HIM TO GO WITH THEM TO JACKSONVILE ABOUT THE FIRST OF MARCH WHERE ROE PICKED UP A SMALL BLACK HEADED PROSTITUTE ON THE STREET AND SPENT ABOUT THREE HOURS WITH HER AT A SMALL HOTEL, THE NAME BEING RECALLED POSSIBLY AS WATERLOO, WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE MAYFLOWER AND ANOTHER LARGE HOTEL. IN REGISTERING CLAIMS ROE USED ONE OF HIS TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES WHICH ARE MADE OUT TO HIM AS W. L. AND LARRY ARMSTRONG. ON NEXT NIGHT RECALLS THAT SHORTLY AFTER SALOON HAD CLOSED ABOUT EIGHT

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SHEET FIVE

PM ROE REMAINED OUTSIDE WHILE HE, ARMSTRONG, WENT INTO A SMALL HOTEL BETWEEN THE BUS STATION AND MAYFLOWER HOTEL ON RIGHT SIDE OF STREET PROCEEDING FROM BUS STATION, AND CONTACTED NEGRO ELEVATOR OPERATOR FOR [redacted] PURPOSE OF BUYING PINT OF LIQUOR. ARMSTRONG CLAIMS HE GAVE THIS NEGRO FIVE DOLLARS AND SAT ON PORTERS BENCH THERE UNTIL NEGRO RETURNED AND CLAIMED DID NOT HAVE ANY, ABOUT WHICH TIME ROE CAME IN AND ENTERED DISCUSSION [redacted] WITH NEGRO. ARMSTRONG CLAIMS HE, ROE AND THE NEGRO ALL STEPPED INTO THE SMALL ELEVATOR WHICH HASIRON GRILL FOR SIDES, AT WHICH TIME HE TOLD THE NEGRO HE WANTED HIS WHISKEY, MONEY, OR HIS HEART, AND THE NEGRO THEN PRODUCED A PINT. THIS NEGRO IS ABOUT SIX FEET, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR AND MAY REDALL THE INCIDENT. AT THAT IME ROE WAS WEARING GRAY HAT, TAN OR BROWN PANTS, BUT NOT KHAKI, A LEATHER JACKET OR SPORT COAT. CLAIMS DOES NOT KNOW WHERE EITHER SUBJECT WAS RESIDING WHILE AT JACKSONVILLE AND HE ONLY ME T THEM ON STREET THERE. FROM JACKSONVILLE THEY PROCEEDED TO WAYCROSS, GA. WHERE HE LEFT THEM AT BUS STATION. CLAIMS WHILE AT WAYCROSS HE ACCIDENTLY RAN INTO BLACKIE MORDIS MENTIONED ABOVE, WHO WAS WITH A BLONDE PROSTITUE KNOWN AS HELEN AND MORDIS WANTED HIM TO PULL A JEWELRY STORE BURLGARY BUT HE DECLINED. HELEN, THE GIRL, TOLD HIM THE FBI WANTED HER FOR HARBORING A BANK ROBBER. CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW WHERE BLACKIE OR HELEN WERE STAYING AT WAYCROSS. THERE COULD BE POSSIBILITY OF CONNECTION WITH THEM AND IN CASE ENTITLE UNSUB, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR

SHEET SIX

JEWELRY BURGLARY, SCHNEIDER AND SON, ATLANTA, GA. FROM WAYCROSS ARMSTRONG WENT TO ATLANTA WHERE HE WIRED HIS WIFE AT OCALA TO MEET HIM IN ATLANTA BUT THEN CLAIMS WIRED HER DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND WENT TO GADSDEN VIA ROME, GA. WHERE ONLY STAYED THREE HOURS BETWEEN BUS STOPS. CLAIMS SUBJECTS HAD GIVEN HIM ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AS EXPENSE MONEY IN HIS TRAVELS WITH THEM, ALTHOUGH WHEN LOCATED YESTERDAY ARMSTRONG WAS BROKE. ADVISES ALSO PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH SUBJECTS HE HAD PAWNED HIS LARGE WESTERN HAT AND BOOTS AT THE FARM STOCK EXHANGE, A LOAN COMPANY AT OCALA, FOR SIXTEEN DOLLATS, WITH THE PROPRIETOR, A LARGE FAT MAN. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBED SIX FEET, ONE NINETY SEVEN POUNDS, FORTY TWO YEARS RUDDY COMPLEXION, LARGE LANKY WESTERN BUILD, LARGE FEATURES, BLUE EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR, WEARING DARK BLUE DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT, BLACK SHOES, TANNISH GRAY HAT#, BROWN DRESS SHIRT, BUT NOT THE WESTERN EMBROIDERED STYLE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY SAVANNAH. SCAR LEFT CORNER UPPER LIP, HAIR RECEIDING EACH SIDE. ALTHOUGH ARMSTRONG CLAIMS HE IS WILLING RETURN MC ALLISTER PE N IF HE IS UNSUCCESSUL IN LOCATING SUBJECTS IN THREE WEEKS, NO ARRANGEMENTS PRESENTLY BEING EFFECTED WITH HIM PENDING SOME CHECK OF HIS STORE BY AUXILIARY OFFICES. HE HAD SECURED JOB AT A LOCAL MOTOR COMPANY, GADSDEN, ON ARRIVAL HERE BUT WILL BE HELD TEMPRARILY BY PD

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SHEET SEVEN

ON INVESTIGATION AND REGISTRATION OF EX- CON UNTIL RESULTS OBTAINED FROM AUXILIARY OFFICES MIAMI REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY CHECK SUBJECTS STORY AT OCALA, SEBRING AND JACKSONVILLE. SAVANNAH OFFICE AT AUGUSTA AND WAYCROSS - LOUISVILLE OFFICE AT MIDDLESBORO AND KNOXVILLE OFFICE NEAR LA FOLLETTE CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATIONS. SUGGEST ATLANTA INTERVIEW SUBJECTS WIFE [redacted] IF STILL ATATLANTA OR IF SHE HAS RETURNED TO OCALA ADVISE MIAMI. OC OFFICE PER PHONE CONVERSATION WILL SUPPLY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ARMSTRONG AND BLACKIE MORDIS OR MORTIS FROM MC ALLISTER PEN RECORDS SINCE IT IS NOTED ARMSTRONG NEVER DEFINITELY PLACES SUBJECTS IN HIS COMPANY IN VIEW OF ANY WITNESSES AND LIKEWISE FAILS TO SUPPLY ANY DEFINITE IHFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE VERIFIED IT IS CONTEMPLATED HE WILL BE RELEASED IN [redacted] TWO DAYS BY GADSDEN PD SHOULD INVESTIGATION BY AUXILITY OFFICES [redacted] AUXILIARY OFFICES DEVELOP NEGATIVELY.

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March 24, 1945

76-2686

SAC, Miami

RE: RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #D-33668 BJ dated March 20, 1945, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimens Q39 and Q40.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

REGISTERED MAIL

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28 APR 1945

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HJF:DDM

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: March 14, 1945

FROM : H. J. FLEMING

Mr. Tolson
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SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with alias, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

With reference to your telephone conversation with Assistant Special Agent in Charge Snow at Birmingham on March 12, 1945, in which you were advised that John Mordis would be interviewed and the Bureau would be furnished the information submitted, the Birmingham Field Division has now advised by teletype the results of the interview.

It was learned that Mordis is actually one W. L., alias Bill, alias Larry Armstrong and on the basis of a comparison of his fingerprints is definitely not either of the two subjects. He claims to have had rather close contact with the two subjects for the past several weeks but Birmingham states his story "indicates a possibility of being fabricated due to past excessive use of alcoholics and dope supplied for a kidney ailment." Briefly his story is as follows:

About February 5, 1945, he saw subjects in a bar at Ocala, Florida. The followed him out of the bar and requested that he go with them to help obtain guns and ammunition. In a car bearing Florida tags they proceeded to Waycross, Georgia. The following morning they went to Augusta, Georgia. The next day they proceeded to Middlesboro, Kentucky, stopping enroute at a roadhouse at La Follette, Tennessee. They remained in Middlesboro for about three days and he attempted to arrange for the sale of a truck load of "hot cigarettes" which subjects stated they had for sale. However, a sale was not consumated as on a subsequent contact the actual proprietor of the shop with whom he had previously dealt was not in. He did buy a .38 calibre pistol and a .45 calibre revolver and some ammunition for the latter which were for the use of the subjects. He left the subjects at Middlesboro and after traveling around by bus he returned to Ocala where he again met the subjects about a week or ten days ago. They persuaded him to go to Jacksonville with them about the first of March. From Jacksonville they proceeded to Waycross, Georgia, thence to Atlanta. Armstrong then proceeded to Gadsden, Georgia, where he was located for interview. Although he claims the subjects gave him $180 as expense money, when he was located March 12, 1945, he was broke.

Although Armstrong stated that he was in the company of these two subjects, in his interview he never placed the subjects in his company in view of any witnesses. At the various places they allegedly remained overnight, Armstrong stayed alone in hotels and met the other two on the streets in the daytime.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

The Gadsden Police Department will hold Armstrong for two days pending possible verification of his story by the Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, and Oklahoma City Field Divisions.

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RECOMMENDATION

None - this is for your information. If there are any subsequent pertinent developments in this matter you will be advised.

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TIME OF CALL: 4:30 p.m.

TO : A. ROSEN

DATE: MARCH 8, 1945

FROM : G. L. WALKER

GLW:mcc

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE - I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE - I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Reference is made to the attached Western Union wire dated March 8, 1945 received by the Bureau from one John Mordis in the above captioned case.

In compliance with your request I called SAC Wright at Savannah and furnished him with the text of the attached telegram advising him that the individuals mentioned therein appear to be identical with the subjects of I.O.'s 1471 and 1472, with which Mr. Wright indicated he was familiar. He was requested to make immediate efforts to locate John Mordis and thereafter thoroughly interview him for any information in his possession not set forth in his telegram.

Mr. Wright was advised that, thereafter, if it did not appear that Mordis was a psychopathic case, to immediately furnish all information which he had obtained from this informant to the Miami Field Office in order that that office might attempt to locate Armstrong.

He indicated that in view of the fact that Vadalia, Georgia was a small town, he did not anticipate any difficulty in locating Mordis and he was requested to furnish to the Bureau a teletype summary of the information received from Mordis.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

None pending the results of the interview with Mordis at Vadalia, Georgia.

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March 29, 1945

SAC, Miami

Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #D-33907 BJ dated March 23, 1945, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimens Q41 through Q43 and K4.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATT: FBI LABORATORY DATE: April 4, 1945

FROM : SAC, Birmingham

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
Bureau File 76-2686; Lab. File D-33907 BJ and D-33668 BJ

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent CARL CLYDE PERIMAN dated March 31, 1945 at Birmingham, Alabama, which reports an interview had with WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG, alias BILL ARMSTRONG, FBI #44780. At the time ARMSTRONG was interviewed at Gadsden, Alabama, as set forth in the above mentioned report, samples of his handwriting were obtained, consisting of writing upon four Western Union blanks and two legal size yellow sheets of paper.

These six items are being forwarded with this letter.

The Savannah Field Division has been requested to obtain, if possible, the handwriting upon the telegram forwarded to the Bureau recently from Vidalia, Georgia signed JOHN MORDIS. It is requested that the Laboratory compare the known handwriting of ARMSTRONG with the handwriting upon the telegram and submit the results of that comparison to the Oklahoma Field Division with copies to Savannah and Birmingham.

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CCP:am
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cc: Savannah Field Division

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE No. 76-539 am

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Birmingham, Alabama	3-31-45	3-12,13,14,15,17,19-45	CARL CLYDE PERIMAN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 3-12-45, WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG, with aliases, BILL ARMSTRONG, LARRY ARMSTRONG, apprehended Gadsden, Alabama and held by police department on charge of investigation. He was released 3-17-45. ARMSTRONG claimed to have met subjects about 2-5-45 in Brass Rail Bar, Ocala, Florida and went to Waycross and Augusta, Georgia and Middlesboro, Kentucky with subjects in a green Plymouth sedan. At Middlesboro, Kentucky, he said contact was made with the Jew proprietor of Cut-Rate Pawn Shop where he bought guns and ammunition. He attempted to dispose of cigarettes to this proprietor and also to Negro, known as "Hawk", operator of beer joint. ARMSTRONG further claimed he separated from subjects in Middlesboro, Kentucky and again contacted them in Ocala, Florida going to Jacksonville, Florida and returning to Waycross, Georgia where he claimed he last saw subjects. ARMSTRONG denied sending telegram signed JOHN MORDIS from Vidalia, Georgia to Bureau advising subjects alive. ARMSTRONG believed to be drug addict and suffering from use of dope.

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REFERENCES: Bureau File #76-2686.

Birmingham Conference teletype dated March 13, 1945 to Bureau and SACS Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, Louisville, Oklahoma City.

Teletype from the Birmingham Field Division to the Bureau and Miami dated March 15, 1945.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. J. Abbaticchio Jr.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call from the Atlanta Field Division to the Birmingham Field Division on March 12, 1945, advising that the Bureau had recently received a telegram sent from Vidalia, Georgia which stated in substance that subjects were very much alive and that BILL ARMSTRONG of Tampa, Florida had information about subjects staying in the Everglades of Florida. This telegram was signed by JOHN MORDIS or MORTIS. The Atlanta Office stated that BILL ARMSTRONG had been in Atlanta, Georgia where he sent a telegram to his wife at Ocala, Florida. The Atlanta Office had determined that ARMSTRONG had proceeded to Gadsden, Alabama, c/o Western Union. Atlanta further stated that ARMSTRONG's wife had gone from Ocala, Florida to Atlanta, Georgia in response to the telegram she had received from ARMSTRONG and that she was attempting to locate him in Atlanta. A surveillance was being maintained on her. Atlanta further advised that ARMSTRONG had served a number of years in the penitentiary in Oklahoma with subjects and was well-acquainted with them. Atlanta furnished a detailed description of ARMSTRONG.

AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA

A surveillance was placed upon the Western Union office by the writer and members of the detective department of the Gadsden, Alabama police department. ARMSTRONG was observed on the streets in the vicinity of the Western Union office and was taken into custody and placed in the city jail at Gadsden by the police on a charge of investigation. ARMSTRONG readily admitted that his name was WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG, alias BILL ARMSTRONG and LARRY ARMSTRONG and stated that he was on parole from the state penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma for a term of twenty-five years for armed robbery. He stated that he had served thirteen years of another twenty-five year armed robbery sentence in that prison. After considerable interview, ARMSTRONG was shown the photographs of subjects which he readily identified and stated that he was well-acquainted with subjects and had served about twelve or fifteen years with them in Oklahoma. ARMSTRONG denied that he had ever used an alias of JOHN MORDIS or JOHN MORTIS.

ARMSTRONG stated that about February 5, 1945 he entered the Brass Rail Bar at Ocala, Florida and recognized subjects sitting in a booth drinking beer. ARMSTRONG claimed that he left the tavern and was followed by subjects who inquired as to how he got out of the Oklahoma penitentiary. ARMSTRONG stated that this meeting was about 4:00 p.m.

He said that both subjects were well dressed and RALPH wore a dark business suit and TED sport clothes. He stated that they got into a light green 1941 or 1942 Plymouth tudor sedan with Florida tags and drove to Waycross, Georgia where he, ARMSTRONG, registered at the Ware Hotel as W. L. ARMSTRONG or LARRY ARMSTRONG, alone. ARMSTRONG claimed that the next morning by pre-arrangement at 9:00 a.m. subjects picked him up about two blocks from the hotel and they drove to Augusta, Georgia where he stayed the next night. There he registered alone at a hotel, the name of which he could not recall. While at this hotel ARMSTRONG said that he became violently ill from a kidney ailment and was treated by Dr. SILVEY.

The following day, according to ARMSTRONG, he and subjects proceeded to Middlesboro, Kentucky, stopping enroute near LaFollette, Tennessee on the road from Lake City, Tennessee at a roadhouse where they purchased food and gasoline. ARMSTRONG claimed that the girls operating this place could possibly identify the subjects.

At Middlesboro, Kentucky, ARMSTRONG claims subject left him near the bus station and he contacted a Jew Proprietor of the Cut-Rate Pawn Shop where ARMSTRONG claimed he purchased a .38 super automatic pistol and a .45 caliber double action revolver together with five boxes of ammunition for the .45 revolver. He purchased these guns for subjects, although he claimed subjects already had in their possession in the car a Thompson sub-machine gun and a shot gun. ARMSTRONG claims he did not know where subjects stayed.

Subjects also requested ARMSTRONG to attempt to sell a truck load of hot cigaretts to the Jew at $1.00 per carton. ARMSTRONG claimed that he had contacted the Jew on previous occasions before he was sent to the penitentiary.

While at Middlesboro, Kentucky, ARMSTRONG said he contacted a prostitute known as HETTIE BAKER and stayed at a hotel with her.

He said that the Jew mentioned above had always been known to him as a "fence" for stolen and hot merchandise. ARMSTRONG also said that he stayed in Middlesboro about three days. He said that subjects contacted a Negro known as "Hawk" who operated a beer joint and cafe about five or six blocks straight in front of the bus station. He indicated that subjects slept at this Negro's place but would not

make a positive statement to that effect. ARMSTRONG stated that the Jew had agreed to buy all of the cigarettes that they could deliver but on the third day he was re-contacted by subjects who told him that they were ready to deliver the cigarettes and the Jew's wife was the only one in the store. ARMSTRONG said that subjects refused to deal with the woman. ARMSTRONG was of the opinion that subjects may have sold the cigarettes to the Negro known as "Hawk". ARMSTRONG said that he actually never did see the cigarettes.

ARMSTRONG said that he was contacted by subjects while in Middlesboro when they telephoned him at his hotel advising him to meet them at a beer joint out from Middlesboro known as Indian Rock Inn. ARMSTRONG said that he rode a cab from the bus station to the Inn where he met subjects. ARMSTRONG stated that he left the subjects after this meeting and went to Knoxville, Tennessee and then to Ocala, Florida. ARMSTRONG claimed that RALPH gave him $180.00 in cash as expense money before they left Ocala, Florida on the above mentioned trip.

ARMSTRONG said that about a week or ten days later he again met subjects at the Brass Rail Bar in Ocala and they persuaded him to go with them to Jacksonville, Florida. He was sure that this was about the first of March, 1945.

At Jacksonville, Florida he stated that subject ROE picked up a small black headed prostitute on the street and spent several hours with her in a small hotel, the name of which he thought was Waterloo which he stated was located near the Mayflower Hotel. ARMSTRONG claimed that subject ROE used one of his, ARMSTRONG's, two marriage licenses. ARMSTRONG was very emphatic in his claims that ROE could be identified by a Negro porter who operated the elevator in a small hotel between the bus station and the Mayflower Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. ARMSTRONG pointed out that he had given the Negro a $5.00 bill to buy a pint of whiskey shortly after 8:00 when the saloons had closed. He said the porter did not immediately deliver the whiskey and that he and subject ROE told the Negro that they wanted either the whiskey, the money or the Negro's heart. The Negro then delivered the pint of whiskey. ARMSTRONG described ROE on that occasion as wearing a gray hat, tan or brown pants, a leather jacket or sport coat. He continued that he did not know where subjects stayed while they were in Jacksonville, Florida.

After staying a short time at Jacksonville, Florida they then proceeded to Waycross, Georgia where ARMSTRONG claims that subjects left him at the bus station and he has not seen them since.

At Waycross, Georgia, ARMSTRONG claimed that he accidentally came in contact with a BLACKIE MORDIE who had served time in the Oklahoma Penitentiary with him and subjects. He said that they were all well-acquainted. He said that MORDIS was accompanied by a blond prostitute known as HELEN. This prostitute told ARMSTRONG that the FBI wanted her for harboring a bank robber. ARMSTRONG claimed that he had no further information about BLACKIE and HELEN.

ARMSTRONG vigorously denied that he had sent the telegram from Vidalia, Georgia to the Bureau mentioned at the beginning of this report. He admitted that he had been in Vidalia about the 7th or 8th of March, 1945 and was in the Western Union office at that time.

ARMSTRONG had in his possession an identification check issued by the Atlantic Greyhound Lines on March 7, 1945 at Waycross, Georgia with final destination Vidalia, Georgia. ARMSTRONG also had in his possession a needle which he stated he had used in taking morphine hypodermics.

Specimens of ARMSTRONG's handwriting were obtained and are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the handwriting upon the telegram written at Vidalia, Georgia and the results are to be submitted to the office of origin.

ARMSTRONG insisted that upon his release he could locate subjects in the vicinity of Tampa, Florida or at Middlesboro, Kentucky.

On March 15, 1945 while ARMSTRONG was again being interviewed he stated that he and subject COLE took treatments from Dr. SWARTZ, Winterhaven, Florida and that the doctor could identify COLE. ARMSTRONG claimed that he told the doctor that he and subject COLE were gamblers and needed shots. He described COLE as being dressed on that occasion in a gray suit, brown snap brim hat and sunken cheeks.

He stated that at Kissimmee, Florida police had on the same date questioned them about their Selective Service cards but they managed to engage the officer in other conversation and were released.

ARMSTRONG claims that in February, 1945 subject COLE registered at the Florida,Hotel, Ocala, Florida with him and that COLE signed the registration book either just above or below ARMSTRONG's signature. ARMSTRONG stated that he believed that he registered as W. L., BILL or LARRY ARMSTRONG. He said he could have possibly registered as J. C. HIGGINS. He said that they were registered at this hotel by a woman about fifty years of age whom ARMSTRONG claims ought to be able to identify COLE. ARMSTRONG said that Doctor PAUL WILSON, chiropractor and physician and Dr. NEITLES, both of Ocala, Florida should be able to identify subject COLE. The information obtained on this date was forwarded by teletype to the Bureau and Miami and copies were mailed to other interested offices.

At the time ARMSTRONG was released he stated he had already obtained employment at the Ford Motor Company, Gadsden, Alabama. It was later determined through Captain JACK FISHER of the Gadsden Police Department that ARMSTRONG had returned to this garage, borrowed $15.00 and had left town. No information has been received about him since he left town and it is not expected that he will return to Gadsden as he did not fulfull the promise he made to the garage.

The results of investigation conducted by other offices will not be set out in this report but it is suggested that reports be written and the information furnished to the office of origin.

ARMSTRONG's fingerprings were compared with the fingerprints on the Identification Order of subjects in instant case and it was positively shown that he was not identical with either of the subjects.

Photographs of ARMSTRONG were made by the Gadsden Police Department and additional copies are being forwarded as enclosures with this report to the Bureau and all offices with the exception of Oklahoma City.

The following is a description of ARMSTRONG as taken from observation and interview.

Name — WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG, was BILL ARMSTRONG, LARRY ARMSTRONG and J. C. HIGGINS.

Address	Ocala, Florida
Race	White
Height	5' 11½"
Weight	196
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars	Cut scar at corner of left upper lip.
Social Security	422-30-2928
Selective Service	Registered 5/10/43, Sp[illegible] Panel Pittsburg #1, McAl[illegible]r, Oklahoma and papers transf[illegible]rred to LB ---, Bartlettsville, Okla.
Order Number	1036A
Classification	4A, 11/15/44.
Age	42
Born	May 30, 1902
Parents	FLORA D. and BENJAMIN F. ARMSTRONG (ARMSTRONG claims his mother is a member of the Cherokee Nation Tribe of Indians, registered at Muskogee, Okla.)
Criminal Record	Two 25 year terms in state penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma for armed robbery. Prison Number at McAlester, Okla. 23239. He also served one 5 year term in that prison for car theft.
Wife	MARY NELL (MADDOX) ARMSTRONG
Address	Ocala, Florida Married 2-19-45 at Waycross, Georgia.

At the time ARMSTRONG was arrested he had in his possession the following items:

(1) Western Union telegram blank with the number 28541, Winter Haven, Florida, written on it.

(2) Medicine bottle labeled by the Jacaranda Drug Company, Avon Park, Florida, #D284 682, Dr. G. S. McKNIGHT, dated 2-1-45, issued to W. L. ARMSTRONG.

(3) Medicine bottle #97411, written by Dr. BROCK, labeled Bigloy Drug Company, London, Kentucky.

(4) A letter from MATT KINES, #171821, McAlester State Penitentiary, addressed to BILL ARMSTRONG, Ochelala, Oklahoma.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU and KNOXVILLE, LOUISVILLE, SAVANNAH, MIAMI and ATLANTA.

One photograph of WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA FIELD DIVISION

AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Will report the background information of ARMSTRONG and BLACKIE MORDIS or MORTIN from the McAlester Penitentiary records, and determine if there is any connection between ARMSTRONG and MORDIS with subjects.

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT LA FOLLETTE, TENNESSEE

Will attempt to locate the tavern where ARMSTRONG claims he and subjects bought food and gasoline. This tavern is located on the road coming from Lake City, Tennessee to La Follette.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY

Will locate and interview the Jew proprietor and his wife of the Cut-Rate Pawn Shop and the Negro known as "Hawk" who operates a cafe and tavern and question each of them concerning ARMSTRONG and subjects being at their places in February and March, 1945.

THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION

AT VIDALIA, GEORGIA

Will obtain the original telegram if possible and forward same to the Bureau for comparison with ARMSTRONG's known handwriting and will display the photograph of ARMSTRONG at the Western Union office to determine if he is the person who sent the telegram.

AT WAYCROSS and AUGUST, GEORGIA

Will check ARMSTRONG's activities at the hotels in an effort to identify subjects.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

AT OCALA, FLORIDA

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Brass Rail Bar and at the Florida Hotel and at the offices of Dr. WILSON and Dr. NETTLES in an effort to identify the subjects.

AT WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

Will conduct the same investigation by contacting Dr. SWARTZ.

AT KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Will contact the Police Department and check ARMSTRONG's story mentioned in this report.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will at the hotels mentioned in this report conduct appropriate investigation to check ARMSTRONG's story, and attempt to identify the persons associating with ARMSTRONG.

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will report the results of the surveillance upon ARMSTRONG's wife.

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ENCLOSURES Photo of WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG

TO BUREAU

FROM BIRMINGHAM

FILE No. 76-539

GADSDEN POLICE DEPT.
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3-13-45.

William Louis Armstrong,
aka Bill + Lucy Armstrong
FBI #44780

REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

April 19, 1945.

To:

SAC, Birmingham

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on April 10, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 76-539
LAB. NO. RECORDED 76-2686-1114
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Examination requested by:

Reference: Birmingham

Examination requested:

Specimens: Letter 4-4-45
Document

K6 Six specimens of known handwriting of WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG, consisting of four Western Union blanks and two legal size yellow sheets of paper.

Results of Examination:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 4, 1945 in which you requested that the Laboratory compare the known handwriting of Armstrong with the handwriting on the telegram signed "John Nordis."

The requested examination will be made upon receipt of the telegram [illegible] to be submitted by the Savannah Field Division. A report will be furnished to your office upon the completion of this examination.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	4-5-45	3/17-22/45	WILLIAM K. BOCK AT

TITLE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROE tentatively identified as having been seen in vicinity of LaFollette and Oneida, Tenn. JANIE LEWIS, Oak Ridge, not identical with HETTIE BAKER. LEWIS and ATTIE BROWN, aka ATTIE MOORE, located Oak Ridge 3-17-45. Do not remember ARMSTRONG. BROWN identified subjects as having been seen in Middlesboro, Ky. about 2-15-45. LEWIS refused to verify this and disappeared immediately after being interviewed. Identification by BROWN of COLE later disproved. RAY JACKSON unknown Oneida, Tenn.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 76-2686;
Teletype from Birmingham to the Bureau and Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, Louisville and Oklahoma City, dated 3-13-45;
Teletype from Knoxville to the Bureau, Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Louisville and Oklahoma City, dated 3-15-45;
Teletype from Louisville to the Bureau, Birmingham and Knoxville, dated 3-16-45;
Teletype from Louisville to the Bureau, Birmingham and Knoxville, dated 3-17-45;
Teletype from Knoxville to the Bureau, Birmingham and Louisville, dated 3-17-45;
Teletype from Louisville to Knoxville dated 3-21-45;
Teletype from Knoxville to Louisville dated 3-21-45.

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DETAILS: Reference teletype dated March 13, 1945 from Birmingham to the Director and SACS listed above advised that one BILL ARMSTRONG had seen the subjects recently at Tampa, Florida and had traveled with them through the Knoxville Field Division to Middlesboro, Kentucky; that enroute they purchased gasoline at a filling station near LaFollette, Tennessee.

Investigation conducted by Special Agent FRANK REAMS revealed that the filling station and roadhouse referred to in that teletype was operated by one MARICE SHEPPARD about four miles from LaFollette, Tennessee between LaFollette and Lake City, Tennessee. This station has gasoline pumps and serves meals and sandwiches as described in the conference teletype. One FRANCES BOWLES, an employee of this roadhouse which goes under the name of the Colonial Cottages, advised she recalls definitely a green Sedan obtaining gasoline at a late hour about February 15, 1945. This car had three men in it at the time. The individual driving the car invited her to go to Middlesboro, Kentucky with them.

SARAH LEE BRADENBURG, also an employee of the Colonial Cottages, tentatively identified a picture of subject ROE as being one of the men, although she was not positive of the identification.

Under date of March 16, 1945, Louisville by teletype to the Director and SACS, Birmingham and Knoxville advised that investigation at Middlesboro had failed to reveal the hotel in which ARMSTRONG stayed, and that efforts to interview HETTIE BAKER mentioned in the conference teletype of March 13, 1945 had been negative, but information had been developed that a prostitute named JANIE LEWIS, believed identical with BAKER, was presently residing at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, care of S. E. BRYANT with another prostitute, one ATTIE MOORE.

JANIE LEWIS and ATTIE BROWN, alias Attie Moore, were located and interviewed by the reporting Agent March 17, 1945. They both denied ever having seen ARMSTRONG. LEWIS denied being identical with HETTIE BAKER and BROWN claimed that HETTIE BAKER was residing in Middlesboro, Kentucky recently with her mother at the East end of Middlesboro and that BAKER was known to Chief of Police MINTON in Middlesboro, and one GEORGIA, a red-headed prostitute at the Wabash Hotel, Middlesboro.

In the course of the interview, BROWN stated that LEWIS had stayed one night with an individual known to her as ROY MASON

at the Cumberland Hotel, Middlesboro, about February 15, 1945, and that one BILL LOONEY had been in Middlesboro at about the same time. These were the only individuals she could recall having had anything to do with herself or JANIE LEWIS. Upon being shown pictures of the subjects, she immediately identified MASON as being identical with subject COLE and LOONEY as being identical with subject ROE. Both of these men had told the girls they were working at Oak Ridge, Tennessee on the Clinton Engineer Works project there.

While in Middlesboro, LOONEY was seen by SADIE WILLIAMS of Stony Fork Hollow, Congress, Kentucky, the mother of BROWN, and by JIM STEPHENSON and his wife, ETHEL, who run a beer joint at Middlesboro. He was also known to one DAVID, a negro bellhop at the Cumberland Hotel.

According to BROWN, ROE, alias LOONEY, was in Middlesboro on February 14, 15 and 16, 1945, and March 9, 1945. She stated further that LOONEY spent one night with JANIE LEWIS in Room 240, Cumberland Hotel, Middlesboro; that LOONEY attempted to take LEWIS with him while returning a doctor, name unknown, to Pineville, Kentucky about that time.

Relative to subject COLE, alias MASON, BROWN advised that MASON also spent a night with LEWIS in the Cumberland Hotel, Middlesboro, and was in Middlesboro February 17 and March 9, 1945.

JANIE LEWIS was interviewed and denied knowing either COLE or ROE, refusing to identify LOONEY and MASON as the subjects. She admitted spending a night in the Cumberland Hotel with MASON, but denied staying in the hotel with LOONEY, claiming that he wanted to stay with her, but she refused him. This information was furnished Louisville by teletype March 17, 1945 with the request that they check the stories of BROWN and LEWIS.

On March 18, 1945, Detective CHARLES FISHER of the Oak Ridge Police Department advised that immediately after the interview, JANIE LEWIS had disappeared and had not returned to the home where she was working as a domestic in Oak Ridge. She had taken with her the dress of her employer, Mrs. LEONARD STYLES and a coat belonging to ATTIE BROWN. At this time no further information has been received concerning the present whereabouts of LEWIS.

By teletype dated March 21, 1945, Louisville advised that HETTIE BAKER, the prostitute who lived at the East end of Middlesboro with her mother, had died about two years ago and GEORGIA, the red-headed prostitute mentioned above, had gone to North Carolina to marry a soldier. They advised that one ROY A. LEONARD, possibly identical with MASON, registered at the Cumberland Hotel in Room 240 on March 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1945, where he stayed with JANIE LEWIS, and one RAY JACKSON, an alias of COLE, was registered in Room 211, Cumberland Hotel, March 10, 1945. This JACKSON gave his address as Oneida, Tennessee. It was thought possible he might be identical with BILL LOONEY.

Information was developed that ROY A. LEONARD is presently working at the Clinton Engineer Works project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. On the same date, ROY A. LEONARD was located by the reporting Agent and advised that he resided at 522 Birch Road, Trailer Camp 6, Oak Ridge. He admitted he was the individual who had stayed with JANIE LEWIS in the Cumberland Hotel in March. He denied being there in February. He was confronted by BROWN and she at that time changed her story to reflect that LEWIS and LEONARD, alias MASON, had stayed together in March and not February as she previously advised. It is to be noted that LEONARD bears a very slight resemblance to subject COLE.

LEONARD was fingerprinted by Detective J. D. BOWMAN of the Oak Ridge Detective Bureau during the interview and his fingerprints compared by Detective BOWMAN with those of subject COLE as appeared on Identification Order 1471. BOWMAN advised the fingerprints of COLE and LEONARD are not identical. A set of these prints is being forwarded to the Bureau, however, for a check.

Because of the difference in appearance between COLE and LEONARD, it is believed by the reporting Agent that ATTIE BROWN might have been mistaken in her identification of LOONEY as subject ROE.

Extensive investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and all available records were checked against the name and aliases of subjects ROE and COLE without effecting an identification. In those instances where descriptions of individuals working out there were similar to those of the subjects, pictures were checked or the indivuals were interviewed. In connection with the report that subjects are working at Oak Ridge, it is noted that every individual employed at Oak Ridge is fingerprinted prior to his employment and these fingerprints are forwarded to the Bureau and criminal records are returned to the authorities at Oak Ridge on any of the individuals fingerprinted. Under the circumstances, it is believed extremely doubtful that the subjects are employed there at this time.

In connection with the information furnished by Louisville to the effect that one RAY JACKSON, possibly identical with subject ROE, had registered at the Hotel Cumberland as being from Oneida, Tennessee, Special Agent FRANK REAMS conducted the following investigation at Oneida:

FRANK BUTLER and AUDNEY NEWPORT of the Oneida Police Department and A. R. CHAPMAN, Chief Deputy Sheriff at Oneida, all stated that they had seen an individual in that vicinity who resembled subject RALPH ROE; however, neither of these officers was able to give an accurate description of subject. Mr. FRANK BUTLER was of the opinion he had seen him riding one of the Montgomery buses.

Mr. ROSCOE MONTGOMERY and R. UPCHURCH of Montgomery Bus Line could not identify the picture of either subject, although both identified subject ROE's picture as being similar to someone in that vicinity. Mr. UPCHURCH was of the opinion he may have seen subject ROE at the Glass House on #27 highway.

Miss GERTRUDE CHILDRESS and Miss ALTA JEFFERS of the Glass House stated subject ROE's picture was familiar and Miss CHILDRESS stated she was of the opinion he came in the Glass House at late hours of the night. Miss CHILDRESS stated she would endeavor to observe the individual and obtain his address whom she thought might be identical with subject ROE and advise the writer.

Mr. PETE BOUTWELL, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sunbright, Tennessee, was contacted with negative results as to any information he might have in his possession.

Mrs. M. MARCUM, Postmaster, Oneida, advised there was no RAY JACKSON living in Oneida nor had there ever been a RAY JACKSON who received his mail there. Both subjects' photographs were exhibited to postal employees with negative results.

It was determined from A. R. CHAPMAN, Chief Deputy Sheriff, that the only JACKSONS residing in Oneida was a Mrs. EDNA JACKSON who operated a tourist home and has two boys, both of whom are in the Army.

Mr. N. D. BOOKER, agent for Western Union and Standard Oil Company, eliminated these two boys as being identical with subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Middlesboro, Kentucky, will contact SADIE WILLIAMS, the mother of ATTIE or ANNY MAE BROWN, and question her relative to the report that LOONEY is identical with subject ROE.

Will endeavor to locate the doctor allegedly taken by LOONEY from Middlesboro to Pineville, Kentucky about February 15, 1945 and interview him along the same lines.

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Oneida, Tennessee, will recontact Miss GERTRUDE CHILDRESS at the Glass House on #27 highway and determine if she has again seen the individual who she thought was identical with subject ROE.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Knoxville 02, Tennessee

April 5, 1945

Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are fingerprints of one ROY ARTHUR LEONARD, presently employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who was identified by one ATTIE BROWN, a prostitute presently working at Oak Ridge, as being identical with subject COLE.

Detective J. D. BOWMAN of the Oak Ridge Detective Bureau has advised that these prints are not identical with those of COLE; however, it is requested that the prints be compared for a positive identification or rejection of LEONARD as being identical with COLE. It is noted that LEONARD is the subject of FBI number 1756957.

Knoxville, Birmingham and Oklahoma City should be advised of the results of the comparison.

Very truly yours,

J. R. RUGGLES, SAC

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	4-26-45	3-10,13-45	CLARENCE O. HURT HM

TITLE (1)
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN MORDIS, Vidalia, Georgia, sent a telegram to the Director, March 18, 1945, advising Subjects COLE and ROE were with BILL ARMSTRONG at Tampa, Florida. Telegram to the Director probably sent by WILLIAM L. (BILL) ARMSTRONG, a narcotic addict and parole convict from Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Investigation conducted by Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, and Louisville Field Divisions negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 76-2686
Report of Special Agent EARL F. SHUFORD, 3-26-45, Savannah
Teletype to the Director and Birmingham Field Division, 3-13-45, from Oklahoma City.
Teletype to the Director and Miami and Savannah Field Divisions dated 3-10-45.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

MRS. RUTH PAGE, Clerk of the State Pardon and Parole Board, Oklahoma City, advised WILLIAM L. (BILL) ARMSTRONG was serving a twenty-five year sentence for armed robbery in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester and was paroled in October, 1943. She stated ARMSTRONG is very unreliable and very untruthful, and he has the reputation of wanting to appear to know something about major crimes.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: D. A. Boyce SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The files of the Oklahoma City Field Division do not indicate ARMSTRONG ever knew or had any connection with Subjects ROE and COLE, and extensive investigation conducted by the Miami, Savannah, Knoxville and Louisville Field Divisions reveal ARMSTRONG had no connection with COLE and ROE and that ARMSTRONG probably sent the telegram to the Director which was signed "JOHN MORDIS."

This case is being carried in a pending inactive status.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE No. 76-96 EBG

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA	4-30-45	3-8/13-45	G. DEWEY HALL

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information furnished by SAC WRIGHT, Savannah, Georgia Field Division advising Bureau received telegram 3-8-45 stating RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE very much alive, signed "JOHN MORDIS. Sender believed to be W. L. ARMSTRONG. Surveillance kept on Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG in Atlanta, Georgia March 11, 12, 1945. No contacts made. Mrs. ARMSTRONG interviewed Atlanta, Georgia March 12, 1945 but could furnish no information as to W. L. ARMSTRONG'S whereabouts. All hotel contacts proved negative.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated on information furnished by Special Agent in Charge N. B. WRIGHT of the Savannah Field Division, Savannah, Georgia in a telephone call to Mr. A. I. MEANS, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Atlanta Field Division, Atlanta, Georgia on March 9, 1945, advising that he had information from the Bureau to the effect that the Bureau had received a telegram from an individual giving his name as JOHN MORDIS, Vidalia, Georgia, advising that THEODORE COLE, I.O. #1471, and RALPH ROE, I. O. 1472, were very much alive and were with BILL ARMSTRONG, in Tampa, Florida during the week of March 1. Mr. WRIGHT further advised that this individual, believed to be BILL ARMSTRONG himself, had contacted Mr. J. J. McNATT, Jr., a live stock dealer at Vidalia, Georgia, seeking to obtain work, and that the Savannah Field Division had received information that Mr. McNATT was at the present time at Mt. Laurel Lodge at Wyley, Georgia, which was within the Atlanta Field Division and requested that Mr. McNATT be interviewed regarding any information he might have as to the conversation he had with ARMSTRONG. Mr. WRIGHT stated in his conversation that from the information his office could get, ARMSTRONG gave his name as REEVES at the time he contacted Mr. McNATT, but it was possible that REEVES and ARMSTRONG were identical.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Roswell C. Smith SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Atlanta, 76-96

On March 10, 1945, the Atlanta Field Division received information from Special Agent in Charge R. G. DANNER, Miami Field Division, which is being set out as follows:

"For the background regarding ARMSTRONG, REEVES, garage proprietor, Winter Haven, Florida, advised that on March 8, 1945, at around 8:30 A.M. he received a telegram from W. L. ARMSTRONG, Vidalia, Georgia. ARMSTRONG requested REEVES to wire him $10.00 immediately for bus fare to Winter Haven, stating that he had just buried his wife near Vidalia. REEVES believes the name of the town to be Alma, Georgia. ARMSTRONG also stated that the F.B.I. was looking for him and that he would tell REEVES about it as soon as he got to Winter Haven. REEVES did wire the money. He said in addition ARMSTRONG borrowed $10.00 from him in Winter Haven on February 5, 1945, so that he could go to Tennessee to pick up his tools to return to Winter Haven to work as a mechanic for REEVES. In addition, ARMSTRONG told REEVES that he was a paroled convict from Oklahoma State Penitentiary and exhibited papers showing that he had to report to the Parole Board monthly. This call came from Vidalia, Georgia, from which the referenced telegram in this case was sent to the Bureau.

"This investigation started with Assistant Director ROSEN calling Savannah and advising that a telegram signed by JOHN MORDIS, was sent from Vidalia, Georgia, at 11:44 A.M. on March 8, 1945, which is quoted as follows:

"'TED COLE, RALPH ROE, very much alive. They were with BILL ARMSTRONG last Thursday at Tampa. BILL ARMSTRONG has been working ever since he has been out but has some kind of connection with Mr. REEVES who has a garage at Winter Haven, Florida. COLE and ROE having been staying south of the border but presently working on a ranch in the glades of Florida. Contact BILL ARMSTRONG and through him others can be located. BILL ARMSTRONG'S wife lives at 226 Anthony Road, Ocala.'

"Investigation at Ocala shows that Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG who married W. L. ARMSTRONG about three weeks ago at Waycross, Georgia, left by bus at 12:33 P.M. today. The bus is a Florida Motor Lines Bus only as far as Lake City, Florida, and then it becomes a Greyhound Lines Bus the rest of the way to Atlanta, Georgia. It arrives at Valdosta at 5:26 P.M., leaves there at 5:36 PM. It arrives Tifton at 6:57 PM where it makes a supper stop until 7:27 P.M. It then proceeds to Cordele, arriving at 8:41 PM, Macon, Georgia at 10:45 P.M., and arrives at Atlanta, Georgia at 2:38 PM, on March 11, 1945, tomorrow.

"Mrs. A. J. SUNDAY, daughter of Mrs. ARMSTRONG, states that Mrs. ARMSTRONG met A. L. ARMSTRONG, who is known as Larry, about one year ago at Jacksonville on a bus. They have been married about three weeks. The daughter advised that ARMSTRONG is a drinker, takes dope, probably morphine.

"This morning about 3:00 A.M., a telephone call came from Atlanta, Georgia, to Mrs. ARMSTRONG in Ocala, Florida, at her telephone #740, red. She received a second call from Atlanta, Georgia about 7:00 A.M. this morning. Both of these calls came collect. The daughter, Mrs. SUNDAY, advised that ARMSTRONG told Mrs. ARMSTRONG he needed an operation for his kidney in the first call at 3:00 A.M. She refused to go to Atlanta unless a doctor called her. At 7:00 A.M. she received a telephone call, purportedly from some doctor, name unknown. At 4:00 PM today another call came from Atlanta, Georgia, collect, purportedly from a Dr. BENNETT. Mrs. SUNDAY, the daughter, talked on this call and refused to accept it. She said she heard the party in Atlanta talking with the operator and that she recognized the voice of the purported doctor as being the voice of ARMSTRONG. The operator on that call was Atlanta operator #11.

"A description of Mrs. ARMSTRONG is as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	36
Height:	5' 3"
Weight:	125-130 lbs
Build:	Slightly heavy
Complexion:	Very dark
Eyes:	Black
Hair:	Black, worn in a long bob
Peculiarities:	Wears rimless glasses. Looks younger than 36.

"She is dressed in a rust colored two-piece suit, black hat, which has two little black bows on each side. This hat has a straw crown. She squints a little in one eye, probably the left eye.

"ARMSTRONG is described as follows:

Race:	White
Height:	6'
Weight:	200
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Dark, straight. Full head of hair
Eyes:	Dark
Age:	About 40-45
Scars:	Has a scar on upper lip which pulls his lip a bit out of shape.

"While in Ocala he occasionally wore high top boots, a ten gallon hat, and a cowboy belt.

"For your additional background information, two of the witnesses in Vidalia looked at the IO picture of ROE and said that the individual in Vidalia who sent the telegram did not correspond with the photograph; however, five other witnesses said that it was a poor likeness of ROE, and one of them said that it bore a marked resemblance to ROE.

"In addition, REEVES, the garage man in Winter Haven, advised that the picture of ROE is a good resemblance of ARMSTRONG and would be particularly good if the picture were about ten years later.

"Mrs. SUNDAY, the daughter of Mrs. ARMSTRONG, advised that the picture of ROE at first did not resemble ARMSTRONG but when she knew the picture was old, said that it could resemble him.

"ARMSTRONG was seen in Jacksonville on Monday or Tuesday of this week enroute to Atlanta, Georgia. The reason for going to Atlanta he said was to enter a hospital there, name unknown. The daughter does not know where ARMSTRONG is staying in Atlanta or where her mother is going to stay but she did recall hearing her mother repeat an address over the telephone while talking to ARMSTRONG, so Mrs. ARMSTRONG apparently has the address in her purse."

AT WYLEY, GEORGIA:

The following investigation was conducted at Wyley, Georgia by Special Agent GEORGE P. TIDWELL and is set forth as follows:

"The writer contacted and interviewed Mr. J. M. McNATT, Jr. at Mt. Laurel Lodge, Wiley, Georgia, this date. He recalled that a person by the name of J. CK REEVES called at his place of business in Vidalia, Georgia, Wednesday night about 9:00 P.M. He stated that this person had previously telephoned him and stated he wanted to see him on a personal matter. When Mr. REEVES arrived at McNATT'S place of business he stated that he wanted a job. He stated he wanted to work on a ranch; that he was a calf roper by profession and held the world's record for roping steers. McNATT told REEVES that he had nothing in this line of employment for him but advised him to go to Ragsdale Livestock and Auction Company Stockyards at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. McNATT recalled that REEVES came to his place of business in a taxicab which was owned by ALLEN'S TAXICAB COMPANY, Vidalia, Georgia. He mentioned that the driver of this taxi would recall REEVES, inasmuch as he had to wait while he conducted his business with McNATT. REEVES told McNATT that he had just come from Kissimmee, Florida, which is near Orlando.

"Mr. McNATT recalled that REEVES asked him the names of two lawyers, stating that he had a little shady deal which he wished to pull and needed some legal advice. McNATT recommended an attorney by the name of McCORKLE in Vidalia and an attorney by the name of SHARP in Lyons, Georgia. REEVES told Mr. McNATT that he was going to Atlanta and intended to get a job there.

"The writer exhibited glossy photographs of subjects THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE to Mr. McNATT. Mr. McNATT could not make an absolutely positive identification of either individual; however, he stated REEVES was very similar in appearance and general description to RALPH ROE.

"Mr. McNATT recalled that subject was wearing a brown suit and a cowboy tan silk shirt with very long and highly embroidered collar lapels. Mr. McNATT recalled that REEVES did have tattoo marks on his left hand and fingers. Mr. McNATT was able to supply no further information about him."

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

Investigation was conducted in Atlanta, Georgia upon receipt of information furnished by Special Agent in Charge N. B. WRIGHT, at which time all hotels in the vicinity of the bus terminal were contacted, and are listed as follows:

Hampton Hotel
New Wilmot Hotel
Francis Hotel
Imperial Hotel
Moore Hotel
Park Hotel
Nu Felton Hotel
Worth Hotel
Auburn Hotel
Kimball House
Oxford Hotel
Starr Hotel
Gordon Hotel
Tremont Hotel
Sylvan Hotel
Gate City Hotel
Plaza Hotel
Bentley Hotel
Jefferson Hotel.

These contacts met with negative results.

Information was furnished to the effect that ARMSTRONG had contacted Mr. C. M. RAGSDALE, National Stock Yards, Atlanta, Georgia regarding work as a ranch manager in the vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia. Agent contacted Mr. RAGSDALE regarding any information he might have as to the whereabouts of W. L. ARMSTRONG, at which time Mr. RAGSDALE advised that ARMSTRONG called at the stock yards about March 9, 1945 and stated that he would like to have a job with him as manager of a ranch inasmuch as he was a ranch man and at one time had held the world's champion calf roping title and was formerly a stock man at Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. RAGSDALE advised that during the conversation he had with this individual, he soon came to the conclusion that this party did not have any background, especially regarding the handling of livestock and he immediately told him that he would not be interested in employing him or anyone else, inasmuch as there are no ranches in the vicinity of Atlanta, Georgia and that he personally did not have any use for any such man. Mr. RAGSDALE stated that this individual told him that his name was ARMSTRONG and that he had been employed on a ranch in Florida for some time.

Mr. GEORGE COLLINS, auctioneer at the National Stock Yards and at the barn owned by C. M. RAGSDALE, was contacted regarding any information he might have as to this individual, at which time Mr. COLLINS advised that he talked to ARMSTRONG about the time that Mr. RAGSDALE talked to him and that ARMSTRONG stated that he was a professional calf roper and wanted a job with that company. Mr. COLLINS stated that during the time he was with ARMSTRONG, at no time did ARMSTRONG make any statement regarding any other individuals being with him. Photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were shown to Mr. COLLINS, at which time COLLINS stated that the photographs of these individuals did not correspond with that of ARMSTRONG, and that he did not think that ARMSTRONG was identical with these two photographs.

Information was furnished from the Miami Field Division to the effect that Mrs. ARMSTRONG was coming to Atlanta, Georgia by bus in order to contact her husband, W. L. ARMSTRONG. Constant surveillance was maintained on Mrs. ARMSTRONG from the time she entered the Atlanta Field Division by Special Agent R. E. LEE, who rode the bus from Macon, Georgia to Atlanta, Georgia, at which time the surveillance was taken over by the reporting agent and Special Agents S. DONALD DURFEE, CHARLES H. EDWARDS and MORTIMER C. WATSON, and at no time during the period from 1:38 A.M., March 11, 1945 until 4:30 P.M., March 12, 1945 did any person contact Mrs. ARMSTRONG in Atlanta, Georgia. During this time Mrs. ARMSTRONG was contacting places endeavoring to locate her husband whom she believed to be confined in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

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About 4:30 PM, March 12, 1945, surveillance was discontinued in Atlanta, Georgia inasmuch as Mrs. ARMSTRONG was making arrangements to return to her home in Florida, at which time Mrs. ARMSTRONG was contacted and interviewed regarding the whereabouts of her husband, W. L. ARMSTRONG. Mrs. ARMSTRONG stated that she married W. L. ARMSTRONG in Waycross, Georgia about February 19, 1945; that she had known him only a very short time and he had told her very little about his background, although she stated ARMSTRONG told her he was on parole from the Oklahoma State Prison and further, that he was a professional stock man, having operated in several states as a champion calf roper. He had further told her at one time he held the world's record in this capacity.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG stated that her husband was a dope fiend and a habitual drunkard. She stated that since the time of their marriage, up until about the sixth or seventh of March, when he left home, he had been drunk or under the influence of dope all the time. She stated that she had received a telephone call from him and also from a Doctor whose name she was unable to recall in Atlanta, Georgia, stating that he was very sick and in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and that this was the motive for coming to Atlanta, Georgia in order to see about him. She stated that upon arrival in Atlanta, Georgia, every hospital was contacted which was listed in the telephone directory, in order to obtain information as to where her husband was located. She stated that she was unable to locate him in any hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and that she then began to contact the local hotels, inasmuch as she believed he was possibly drunk or doped up and was in some hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. She stated that she had been unable to locate him in Atlanta, Georgia, and that she had decided to return to her home. Mrs. ARMSTRONG was unable to furnish any information regarding ARMSTRONG'S associates and stated that he had not had any to her knowledge since the time she married him on February 19. She was shown photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, together with other individuals, but stated that none of them had ever contacted him in her presence nor had he made any statement in her presence regarding THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE.

On March 13, 1945, the Atlanta Field Division received a teletype from Birmingham Field Division, stating that W. L. ARMSTRONG had been located at Gadsden, Alabama, and was being detained at the Police Department for questioning regarding his activities and regarding any information he might have as to the whereabouts of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: May 1, 1945

FROM : SAC, Savannah ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE
IO #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
Bureau file #76-2686
Laboratory file #D-33907 BJ and D-33668BJ

Reference is made to the communication from the Birmingham Field Division to the Bureau dated April 4, 1945, requesting that the Savannah Field Division obtain the handwriting upon the telegram forwarded to the Bureau recently from Vidalia, Georgia, signed JOHN MORDIS.

Please be advised that this telegram was telephonically communicated to the Western Union Office and therefore no handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG is available. The Birmingham and Oklahoma City Field Divisions are being advised by separate communication.

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SAC, Knoxville

June 1, 1945

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(76-42)

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated May 4, 1945, regarding ALBERT SIDNEY BLACKWELL and HENRY JEFFERSON BERRY. In reply thereto, please be advised that applicant fingerprint cards for the above individuals have been compared with the fingerprints of Ralph Roe, subject of I. O. 1472 and the fingerprints of Theodore Cole, subject of I. O. 1471 and found to be not identical.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
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United States Department of Justice

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May 4, 1945

Director, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Re: RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent WILLIAM K. BOCK dated at Knoxville, Tennessee, April 5, 1945, in which it is set out that an individual who was at the Colonial Cottages near LaFollette, Tennessee, on or about February 15, 1945, was tentatively identified as resembling a picture of subject ROE.

Subsequent investigation reveals that this individual, who was identified as resembling picture of subject ROE, is possibly one ALBERT SIDNEY BLACKWELL. BLACKWELL was present at the Colonial Cottages with one HENRY JEFFERSON BERRY on the night of April 13, 1945, and both of these individuals have been interviewed by an agent of this office. It is not believed that either of these individuals are identical with either of the subjects in this case or that they have any information concerning the subjects.

Both of the above-named individuals have been fingerprinted in connection with their present employment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and it is requested that their prints be compared with the prints of the subjects in this case.

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	HENRY JEFFERSON BERRY
Born	Nashville, Tennessee October 20, 1906
Height	5'10½"
Weight	165
Hair	Auburn
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Peculiarities	High forehead

Fingerprints taken on or about October 3, 1944, and forwarded by J. A. Jones Construction Company, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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Name	ALBERT SIDNEY BLACKWELL
Born	Athens, Alabama September 15, 1913
Height	5'7½"
Weight	150
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Upper teeth slightly protrude

Fingerprints taken on or about November 20, 1944, and forwarded to the Bureau by Carbon and Carbide Company, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

J. R. RUGGLES, SAC

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TITLE
RALPH ROE, With Aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, With Aliases - FUG., I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

KING REEVES, Winter Haven, Florida, confirmed receipt of long distance telephone call from W. L. ARMSTRONG at Vidalia, Georgia on 3/8/45. REEVES advised ARMSTRONG only a chance acquaintance, having previously visited his garage briefly for the purpose of obtaining employment. Associates of ARMSTRONG not known by REEVES, as ARMSTRONG was travelling alone. ARMSTRONG also administered narcotics by Dr. C. H. SWARTZ at Winter Haven, Florida, and SWARTZ also advised ARMSTRONG was travelling alone and made no mention of any associates. ARMSTRONG employed as a ranch hand by GREGG MAXCY, Sebring, Florida from 1/19/45 to 1/25/45, and from 2/1 to 2/4/45. While at Sebring, ARMSTRONG had no contacts with outside individuals and photographs of COLE and ROE exhibited negatively. ARMSTRONG, accompanied by one R. L. CARTER, stopped in Ocala, Florida and made several contacts with local doctors for purpose of obtaining narcotics and also discussed possibility of employment with several local businessmen. All persons contacted by ARMSTRONG advise that CARTER, who was accompanying him, was not identical with subjects COLE or ROE. MARY NELL MADDOX, a resident of Ocala, married ARMSTRONG at Waycross, Georgia 2/19/45, and travelled with him to Jacksonville, Ocala, and Tampa, Florida. MADDOX advised ARMSTRONG

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SYNOPSIS (continued): had no contact with other individuals and photographs of subjects COLE and ROE not identified by her as familiar. Investigation at Jacksonville, Florida definitely established that individual who accompanied ARMSTRONG to Milner Hotel was S. S. MATTOX, a brother of Armstrong's wife. Bureau laboratory has reported that handwriting specimens forwarded were not identical with those of either COLE or ROE.

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REFERENCES: Bureau file 76-2686.
Report of Special Agent CARL CLYDE PERIMAN, dated 3/31/45 at Birmingham, Alabama.
Report of Special Agent EARL H. SHUFORD, dated 3/26/45 at Savannah, Georgia.
Teletype from Oklahoma City to the Bureau and Miami and Savannah, dated 3/10/45.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents RALPH J. HUIRAS, WALLACE B. FOARD, NOEL D. CASON, THOMAS C. ALLEN, RUDOLPH ALT, and the writer, at Winter Haven, Florida.

A review of the city and telephone directories at Winter Haven, Florida reflected that there was a resident in this town by the name of W. L. REEVES. On the assumption that he was the individual who originally put through the longdistance call from Vidalia, Georgia, to KING REEVES at Winter Haven, Florida on 3/8/45, a discreet investigation was conducted to determine this individual's local reputation and connection with KING REEVES.

The results of this investigation failed to show any tie-up or relationship between this individual and KING REEVES and he was subsequently interviewed, at which time it was determined that he was a reputable businessman, being the general manager of the Florida Citrus Oil Company, and in no way related to KING REEVES, having nothing to do with him either socially or in a business way.

Accordingly, KING REEVES was interviewed by Special Agents RALPH HUIRAS and the writer, at which time he advised as follows:

In the middle or latter part of January, 1945, W. L. (BILL) ARMSTRONG came into his garage in Winter Haven and asked REEVES if he needed a mechanic. At that time ARMSTRONG exhibited draft cards from a draft board somewhere in Oklahoma and papers showing that he had been employed as an electrician for a General Motors Shop in St. Louis and also as an auto electrician in an auto electrical shop in Nashville, Tennessee. He said that he came from somewhere around Memphis, Tennessee, at that time, and that he was on his way to Frostproof in reference to a wire which he had received to come down there. He said that he had worked on a ranch out of Frostproof and that he and his foreman could not get along, so he quit. He told REEVES at that time that he would be back in about a week, and that he would like to go to work as a mechanic.

In a week or so he returned and said he was ready to go to work and at that time he exhibited papers from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary indicating that he was a parolee for Armed Robbery and he advised REEVES that REEVES would have to submit a report on him every month verifying his employment with REEVES. He stopped in Winter Haven overnight on this second visit, registering at the Lake Region Hotel. This registration has been verified and the date is February 5, 1945. He registered by himself.

On his second visit, he did not work and on February 6 he borrowed $10.00 from REEVES, stating that he wanted to return to Tennessee to pick up his tools and to collect some money that was owed to him. He stated that his wife was somewhere in Tennessee.

REEVES heard nothing further until he received a telephone call on the morning of March 8, between 8:00 and 8:30 A.M., from Vidalia, Georgia. REEVES stated that he picked up the extension phone in the workshop and that he did not get the full name of the person putting through the call, but he thought the call came through in the name of W. L. ARMSTRONG. ARMSTRONG stated that he was in Vidalia, Georgia and that he had buried his wife somewhere in the vicinity of Vidalia, which REEVES thought was Alma, Georgia. ARMSTRONG stated that he needed $10.00 for bus fare back to Winter Haven, that the F.B.I. was looking for him, but he could not tell REEVES over the telephone why the F.B.I. was looking for him. He said that he would come down immediately. About 10:30 A.M. on March 8, 1945, REEVES wired $10.00, in care of Western Union, Vidalia, Georgia, to W. L. ARMSTRONG.

ARMSTRONG, according to REEVES, would be described as follows:

Height	6 feet
Hair	Dark

Teeth	Perfect
Features	Large prominent cheek bones, sunken jaws, very prominent nose
Weight	About 175
Build	Rawboned
Age	About 35
Race	Claimed to be Cherokee Indian
Clothing	Wearing ten gallon hat, believed by REEVES to be dark gray
Peculiarities	Talked quite a bit, but rather sensibly.

It was also determined at Winter Haven, Florida that ARMSTRONG registered by himself at the Lake Region Hotel on the evening of 2/5/45, stopping over one night. This registration card was signed W. L. ARMSTRONG and was forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory where it was concluded that this registration card was signed by BILL ARMSTRONG, FBI No. 444780, and not by either subject ROE or COLE.

Dr. C. H. SWARTZ, of Winter Haven, Florida was also interviewed and he advised that around the latter part of January, 1945, he recalled administering a shot of morphine to W. L. ARMSTRONG, who called at his office and stated he was suffering from severe kidney pains. Dr. SWARTZ advised that it was apparent to him that ARMSTRONG was a narcotic addict and he treated him only on the basis that ARMSTRONG would not remain in Winter Haven. He also advised that ARMSTRONG gave him quite a long story about being part Indian and about to inherit some oil fields in Oklahoma. Dr. SWARTZ advised that ARMSTRONG was travelling by himself and during the occasion of his visit to his office, was not accompanied by any other individuals.

In connection with the interview with KING REEVES, photographs of COLE and ROE were exhibited and REEVES advised that the photographs of ROE strikingly resembled W. L. ARMSTRONG, and that he would judge the picture exhibited to him to be that of ARMSTRONG ten years ago. The photograph of COLE was not at all familiar to REEVES, and the photographs of COLE and ROE were not identified by Dr. SWARTZ.

Inasmuch as ARMSTRONG had advised REEVES that he would proceed immediately to Winter Haven from Vidalia, Georgia, and since there appeared to be a strong possibility that he was identical with subject ROE,

all busses arriving in Winter Haven from Jacksonville, Florida on the night of 3/9/45 were covered, with negative results.

AT AVON PARK, FLORIDA:

Mr. E. W. HARTT was contacted and he advised that ARMSTRONG had written several letters to him from Tennessee, name of the town unrecalled, stating that he was a barber and had been referred to HARTT for a job as a cattle hand. HARTT advised he corresponded with ARMSTRONG and that in the early part of January ARMSTRONG called to see him, told him he had been raised in Oklahoma, and had worked most of his life handling cattle. HARTT suggested that he contact Mr. GREGG MAXCY, a large ranch owner, at Sebring, Florida.

An attempt was made to locate the letters written to HARTT by ARMSTRONG, by HARTT, but he advised, after a search, that they had evidently been destroyed. He stated he knew of no acquaintances who were travelling with ARMSTRONG at the time he was in Avon Park, and the photographs of COLE and ROE were exhibited to HARTT with negative results.

Dr. GEORGE S. McKNIGHT, of Avon Park, Florida, advised that during the month of January he recalled administering a shot of morphine to ARMSTRONG, who came into his office and claimed to be suffering from kidney pains. Dr. McKNIGHT stated it was apparent to him that ARMSTRONG had been a drug addict for some time. ARMSTRONG also told Dr. McKNIGHT a story similar to that told Dr. SWARTZ in Winter Haven, Florida. Dr. McKNIGHT advised that the pictures of subject ROE bore a striking resemblance to that of ARMSTRONG, but he could not make a positive identification. The picture of subject COLE was also exhibited and it was not familiar to Dr. McKNIGHT. He advised that ARMSTRONG, as far as he knew, was travelling alone, and he had claimed to have a position with the Avon Park Bombing Range.

AT SEBRING, FLORIDA:

Mr. GREGG MAXCY advised that subject ARMSTRONG was employed by him on his range as a cowhand from 1/19 to 1/25/45, and that he left for four or five days, claiming he was going to Tennessee to get his wife, whom he intended to bring back to Sebring, Florida with him. MAXCY advanced him approximately $150. to make this trip and about three days after he left, MAXCY received an urgent telephone call from ARMSTRONG, who was in Ocala, Florida, claiming that his wife was with him and in need of an emergency appendectomy, and that he needed more money. MAXCY had a friend of his named LYLE in Ocala get in touch with ARMSTRONG and ARMSTRONG borrowed $15. from this individual.

On 2/1/45, ARMSTRONG returned to MAXCY's ranch and worked for four days, but was fired on 2/4/45 when he was found in a drunken condition. There was taken from his possession a bottle of medicine containing a large percentage of dope.

MAXCY advised that during the period ARMSTRONG was employed by him he knew of no acquaintances that ARMSTRONG had among any of the ranch hands in the vicinity of SEBRING. MASCY also advised that he had no secretary named R. L. CARTER and that he knew of no individual by this name. He stated that his regular secretary was a reputable individual who had been in his employ for some time and was not in any way associated with ARMSTRONG.

MAXCY's ranch foreman, GRADY TOMLINSON, advised that he knew of no acquaintances that ARMSTRONG had among any of the local ranch hands and pictures of subjects COLE and ROE were exhibited to TOMLINSON and he advised he did not recall seeing any individuals in the cattle industry in the section around SEBRING, FLORIDA who resembled these individuals.

Mr. GREGG MAXCY was also exhibited the pictures of subjects, and he too advised that he did not know of any individuals in that vicinity who bore a likeness to these pictures.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Mrs. SUSAN STEPHENS, 1409 Florida Avenue, advised that a Mr. and Mrs. LARRY ARMSTRONG, from Ocala, Florida, checked into her rooming house on 2/6/45 and left on either 2/28/45 or 2/29/45. They had paid one week's rent in advance according to Mrs. STEPHENS, and had stayed for only two days. She described ARMSTRONG and the woman accompanying him, who was later established to be his legal wife, MANY NELL ARMSTRONG. ARMSTRONG advised her he was a barber and had an uncle in town for whom he was going to work. He stated he only wanted a room for one day, as he intended to contact his uncle, but Mrs. STEPHENS insisted that a week's rent be paid in advance. It was apparent that ARMSTRONG had been drinking rather heavily, and his wife advised Mrs. STEPHENS that they had been married only two weeks, and she wanted to get him back home. Mrs. STEPHENS related that ARMSTRONG and his wife only left their room to eat and that they appeared to be carrying expensive luggage. She exhibited a letter dated 3/1/45, addressed as follows:

"To Landlady
1409 Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida"

This letter bore the return address of 226 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida, and was a request for Mrs. STEPHENS to forward any mail that might come to Mr. or Mrs. ARMSTRONG to the address of 226 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida. This letter was forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory and definitely ascertained to be the handwriting of BILL ARMSTRONG, FBI No. 444780. It is being placed in the 1-A serial of this file.

AT OCALA, FLORIDA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WALLACE B. FOARD:

Mrs. MARY NELL ARMSTRONG, wife of W. L. ARMSTRONG, 228 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida, on being interviewed, furnished the following information with regard to her husband.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG advised that she has been married three times and her maiden name was MARY NELL MADDOX, her first husband's name was HOLTON, and her second husband's name was WALLACE. She advised that she met W. L. ARMSTRONG on February 18, 1945 (a Sunday) at Ocala, Florida, at which time she boarded a bus enroute to Jacksonville, Florida, to return to the position which she held there at the Dianne Dress Shop. She stated that ARMSTRONG occupied the seat next to her on the bus, and shortly after leaving Ocala he inquired whether she remembered him. She stated that she advised ARMSTRONG that she did not know him, and he stated to her that he had met her about a year ago.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG stated that the bus arrived in Jacksonville, Florida at about 2:20 P.M. and that on the way to Jacksonville ARMSTRONG had asked her to marry him. She stated that they were both extremely intoxicated and that she decided to marry him and left Jacksonville on a bus that evening for Waycross, Georgia and that she was married to ARMSTRONG the following morning, February 19, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. ARMSTRONG returned to Jacksonville on the late afternoon of February 19, 1945 and went to Mrs. ARMSTRONG's rooming house at 417 Newnan Street. At this address Mr. ARMSTRONG became ill and informed his wife that he had a kidney ailment. A doctor was called and some medication was afforded ARMSTRONG and they remained at this room until Wednesday, February 21, 1945.

On the evening of February 21, ARMSTRONG and his wife left Jacksonville for Ocala, Florida, arriving there in the early morning of February 22. They stayed the remainder of the week with Mrs. MARY NELL SUNDAY, a daughter of Mrs. ARMSTRONG, at her home, 228 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida.

During the week that ARMSTRONG and his wife stayed at the above address, ARMSTRONG slipped out on a number of occasions and obtained narcotics of some kind and caused considerable trouble at the home. He wanted Mrs. ARMSTRONG to go with him to Oklahoma to visit his father, but the ARMSTRONGS were without funds to make this trip. Mrs. ARMSTRONG wanted her husband to go with her to Tampa, Florida to visit her father, but ARMSTRONG refused to do this; however, they did go to Tampa, Florida, and occupied an apartment at 414 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida. While there, ARMSTRONG endeavored to gain employment through the employment office, but he could not get a job because certain papers that he had were not in order. He was referred to a tailor shop at 1542 Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida, but did not go to work there and returned to Ocala with his wife on February 27 or February 28, at which time they moved in with Mrs. SUNDAY, at 228 Anthony Road, paying $5.00 a week rent.

On Thursday, March 1, 1945, ARMSTRONG endeavored to obtain a position at Ocala, Florida, and finally obtained a position at Hoopers Barber Shop where he worked for two days, Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 2, 1945, but he was too nervous to continue this employment.

On Sunday, March 4, 1945, ARMSTRONG made an excuse to go into town and when he returned in the late afternoon he was accompanied by a soldier and both he and the soldier were drunk. He stated that he had seen his father in town and did not want his new wife to meet his father until he, ARMSTRONG, had sobered up. The soldier, who is unidentified, told Mrs. ARMSTRONG that he had brought ARMSTRONG home because ARMSTRONG was drunk and the police would have locked him up.

On Monday, March 5, 1945, ARMSTRONG made an excuse to go by a local bank, stating that he expected money from his father in Oklahoma.

ARMSTRONG left Ocala on Tuesday after a Doctor WILSON had administered some sort of narcotic to quiet his nerves. ARMSTRONG was seen by Mrs. ARMSTRONG to board a bus at Ocala for Waycross, Georgia by way of Jacksonville, and Mrs. ARMSTRONG later ascertained that ARMSTRONG had visited Mr. and Mrs. S. S. MADDOX (MADDOX being a brother of Mrs. ARMSTRONG), at 15 East Duval Street, Apartment 10, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG exhibited a letter dated March 7, 1945, from Dr. W. C. HAFFORD, Waycross, Georgia, which letter stated in substance that ARMSTRONG had been in his office that day and that his condition was unimproved and that he had referred ARMSTRONG to a Dr. HUGH YOUNG, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and that ARMSTRONG had advised him that he would go there immediately.

The next thing heard from ARMSTRONG by Mrs. ARMSTRONG was a telephone call from Atlanta, Georgia advising that he, ARMSTRONG, was going into a hospital there for an operation and that he wanted his wife to come there immediately. Mrs. ARMSTRONG informed her husband that she would only go to Atlanta if her husband would have a doctor there call her daying that ARMSTRONG was in fact in the hospital and that they were ready to operate on him.

On Saturday, March 10, 1945, a call came through from Atlanta, Georgia from a person stating that he was a doctor and saying that they were ready to operate on ARMSTRONG and that if Mrs. ARMSTRONG would come to Atlanta they would meet her at the bus station. Mrs. ARMSTRONG did go to Atlanta on March 10, and failing to find her husband at all, returned to Ocala, Florida between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M., March 13, 1945.

From the above, it will be noted that ARMSTRONG's activities from the date he met Mrs. ARMSTRONG on February 18, 1945, up to March 13, 1945, are very well covered, with the exception of the trip made to Waycross, Georgia to see the doctor on March 6, until his apprehension at Gadsden, Alabama on the early morning of March 13, 1945.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG knew nothing of her husband's background, nor the addresses or names of any of his relatives and she has not met any of his friends. She stated that she was married while drunk and that for the three or four weeks of their married life he was continually sick, but that she could explain almost every movement of his up to March 6, 1945, when he left to go to Waycross, Georgia.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG is at the present time living with her daughter, Mrs. SUNDAY, at 228 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida; however, on the morning of March 14, 1945, a fight occurred between Mrs. ARMSTRONG and another daughter who also resides at 228 Anthony Road, this daughter's name being Mrs. ORIS HARRELL. This fight was later participated in by Mrs. SUNDAY and as a result thereof, Mrs. ARMSTRONG is leaving Ocala to go to Jacksonville, Florida, where she will temporarily reside with her brother, S. S. MADDOX, 15 East Duval Street. Mrs. ARMSTRONG at the present time does not intend to return to her husband or have anything further to do with him and indicated that she will seek a divorce in Waycross, Georgia in the near future.

It is the belief of Agent FOARD that the identification of RALPH ROE, Identification Order Number 1472, by Mrs. SUNDAY as being identical with W. L. ARMSTRONG was made only to cause Mrs. ARMSTRONG trouble and possibly to get her to leave her home. It is further believed that the possible identification of THEODORE COLE, Identification Order Number 1471, with the soldier who accompanied ARMSTRONG to the SUNDAY Home on March 4, 1945, was

made for the same reason. There is a definite rift between Mrs. BENJAMIN A. SUNDAY and her mother, as well as between Mrs. ORIS HARRELL, another daughter, and Mrs. ARMSTRONG. It may be further of interest to note that both Mrs. SUNDAY and Mrs. HARRELL bear unsavory character reputations at Ocala, Florida.

Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG offered complete cooperation with this Bureau, and can always be located through her brother, Mr. MADDOX, at Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. ARMSTRONG was unable to furnish the names of any friends of her husband at Ocala, Florida who might be able to account for ARMSTRONG's presence at Ocala on February 18, 1945.

In addition to the above set out interview with ARMSTRONG's wife, she was re-interviewed again at which time the following additional information was obtained:

Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG, 228 Anthony Road, Ocala, Florida was again interviewed by Agent FOARD, and advised that she received, on March 16, a letter from one HETTYE BAKER at Knoxville, Tennessee. Mrs. ARMSTRONG stated that her husband, W. L. ARMSTRONG, had informed her on one occasion that he used to run around with HETTYE BAKER and that she believed that HETTYE BAKER was perhaps at one time married to W. L. ARMSTRONG. For this reason, she wrote to HETTYE BAKER as Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG, General Delivery, Knoxville, Tennessee. The letter from HETTYE BAKER advised that she had never been married to ARMSTRONG and had no idea as to his present whereabouts.

Mrs. ARMSTRONG, upon inquiry, advised that her husband did not have any close friends to her knowledge in and about Ocala, Florida, with the exception of a man by the name of BAILEY, whom he appeared to know quite well and who, ARMSTRONG had told her, resided at Oxford, Florida. This BAILEY was supposed to be a big rancher and had loaned ARMSTRONG money on one occasion and had also offered him a job on his farm.

The photograph of subject THEODORE COLE, I. O. #1471, was exhibited to Mrs. ARMSTRONG, who stated she could not identify this photograph as resembling anyone that she had ever met and stated definitely that the photograph was not a picture of the drunken soldier that came to her daughter's home with W. L. ARMSTRONG on or about March 4, 1945.

AT OXFORD, FLORIDA:

It was determined that the BAILEY whom Mrs. ARMSTRONG had mentioned

that one CLYDE BAILEY, a well-to-do rancher in that area. CLYDE BAILEY could not be located but his father, advised that ARMSTRONG had been brought to the BAILEY ranch by a R. L. RANEY of Ocala and that although ARMSTRONG was apparently offered a job at that time, he did not accept the job and that was the only contact the BAILEYS had with ARMSTRONG.

Mr. T. L. RANEY, a rancher residing on the Fort McCoy Road, near Ocala, advised that on an unremembered date he was contacted by telephone by ARMSTRONG, who stated that he was looking for a job as a cow hand. RANEY stated he did not have a job to offer ARMSTRONG at that time and that he did take ARMSTRONG out to the BAILEY ranch in an effort to get him a job but understood that ARMSTRONG had never accepted the job. RANEY advised that ARMSTRONG had also had some dealings with one BOB HERMAN, the manager for a wealthy rancher in the Ocala, Florida district, by the name of NORRIS.

BOB HERMAN, ranch manager for NORRIS Enterprises, stated that he first saw W. L. ARMSTRONG about 1/15/45, at which time he appeared at his office in Ocala and HERMAN offered him a job which was to start the next day at $100. a month. ARMSTRONG told HERMAN that he was going to Sebring, Florida to pick up his gear but he did not appear again at Ocala to the best of HERMAN's knowledge until about February 1, 1945.

At that time HERMAN was quite busy staging a horse and livestock show and did not get to talk to ARMSTRONG until about the second or third of February when ARMSTRONG demanded an interview with HERMAN, at which time ARMSTRONG stated that he had served eleven years and eleven months in the penitentiary for a diamond robbery. He told HERMAN that he, ARMSTRONG, was employed as one of ten salesmen for a large diamond wholesaler and that he worked in league with one of his bosses. He stated that it was the procedure of the diamond salesmen to put their diamonds which they were endeavoring to sell in the safe of various retail diamond establishments throughout the country and that this information was all a matter of record with the wholesaler. ARMSTRONG stated that he would know in advance where the other salesmen were to place their diamonds on a certain night and that he would rob that place thereafter, the wholesale diamond company would later obtain the insurance on the diamonds and he, ARMSTRONG, would then dispose of the diamonds through a fence, usually in Cincinnati, and split the proceeds with the member of the firm with whom he was in league.

ARMSTRONG indicated that he had been jailed for this in Oklahoma, and that it was only because of a deathbed plea on the part of his mother to the Governor of the State that he was paroled after he had served eleven years and eleven months. ARMSTRONG indicated to HERMAN that the last batch

of diamonds which he had stolen had never been worked through the fence and that he had them hidden and he had seen them on a number of occasions recently. He wanted to borrow enough money from HERMAN to finance a trip to obtain the diamonds and later take them to his fence in Cincinnati and then some arrangements would be worked out where HERMAN would share in this venture. ARMSTRONG indicated that the diamonds available to him now are worth approximately $125,000. of sold to a fence and ARMSTRONG wanted HERMAN to hold the money for a while until the deal cooled off a bit and then be instrumental in purchasing ARMSTRONG a ranch in the Ocala neighborhood on which ARMSTRONG would be set up as the manager but would in fact be the owner. HERMAN stated that he practically ran ARMSTRONG out of the office at this time and refused to have any further dealings with him.

HERMAN stated that ARMSTRONG was accompanied by a person who meets the general physical description of subject THEODORE COLE as to height, weight, and color of hair and that he did notice that he had a few scars about his fact. However, this person, who was introduced to HERMAN as R. L. CARTER, is not identical with THEODORE COLE, according to HERMAN after he viewed the photograph of THEODORE COLE. R. L. CARTER was introduced as a "bronc buster."

In checking ARMSTRONG's story that he had registered at the Florida Hotel, Ocala, Florida, with a person who in fact was THEODORE COLE, Mrs. ETHEL PRICE, desk clerk, produced a registration card for R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG, apparently written in the handwriting of CARTER, for the night of 1/28/45, at which time both men were registered in room 119, registration card No. 4964. Both stated they were short on funds and would sleep in the same bed.

Mrs. PRICE remembered the two men fairly well, stating they were both dressed in cowboy style and that they caused no commotion in the hotel, being there only one night. She stated that the only person she saw talking to them was one ROY WILLIAMS, a mule buyer who operates between Ocala and Sebring, Florida at mule auctions who she believed loaned ARMSTRONG some money. Mrs. PRICE viewed numerous photographs but was unable to identify the photograph of THEODORE COLE as being identical with the R. L. CARTER registered with ARMSTRONG. Mrs. PRICE made available the registration card No. 4964, bearing the names of R. L. CARTER, and W. L. ARMSTRONG, with the date January 28, 1945, so that handwriting comparisons can be made. This card is to be returned when it has served its purpose.

Under the theory that CARTER and ARMSTRONG might have stopped at other hotels in the Ocala area, a check was made for both names at the

Ocala House and Mrs. JESSIE OHLINGER, wife of the manager, located a registration for W. L. ARMSTRONG and wife on the night of February 28, 1945 at which time ARMSTRONG and his wife in the early morning hours occupied room 54 and he was sick during the evening, Dr. W. H. DAVIS of Ocala being called to attend ARMSTRONG. Mrs. OHLINGER was acquainted with the fact that Dr. DAVIS had administered some type of opiate to ARMSTRONG at that time.

At the Harrington Hotel, Mrs. L. B. THOMPSON, day clerk, located a registration for W. L. ARMSTRONG and R. L. CARTER, in Room 242 on January 27, 1945. It may be noted that this is the night prior to the stopping of these two individuals at the Florida Hotel. No identification of the photograph of THEODORE COLE was effected and the physical description of R. L. CARTER was not remembered by Mrs. THOMPSON, who in fact registered them on that date.

Another registration for W. L. ARMSTRONG was located for February 18, 1945 at which time ARMSTRONG occupied Room 346 alone and registered from Knoxville, Tennessee. Mrs. THOMPSON made available the ledger page containing the signatures of R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG showing registration at the Harrington Hotel for the night of January 27, 1945. These ledger pages are to be returned to the Harrington Hotel when they have served their purpose for handwriting comparisons.

ROY WILLIAMS, mule buyer, was located at the mule auction on the Inverness Road out of Ocala and advised that he talked with ARMSTRONG and CARTER at the time they stopped at the Florida Hotel on 1/28/45, at which time ARMSTRONG indicated his desire to buy a horse. WILLIAMS said that ARMSTRONG and CARTER both accompanied him to the mule auction stables to see the horse and that ARMSTRONG rode the horse which was an exceptionally fine saddle horse but that ARMSTRONG backed down when it came to buying the horse. WILLIAMS stated that ARMSTRONG is apparently an exceptionally good rider, but that it was apparent from talking to him that he had no money inasmuch as he, WILLIAMS, loaned ARMSTRONG a dollar so that he could buy a meal.

Numerous photographs were exhibited to WILLIAMS which photographs included the one of THEODORE COLE and no identification was effected. When the photograph of COLE was specifically pointed out to WILLIAMS, he stated he thought it impossible that COLE could be identical with R. L. CARTER. WILLIAMS stated that ARMSTRONG had told him that R. L. CARTER was a secretary to MAXCY, who operates the Maxcy Ranch at Sebring, Florida, and that he and ARMSTRONG had worked for MAXCY together prior to coming to Ocala, Florida.

Dr. THEODORE H. DAVIS advised on interview that he was called to the Ocala House on the evening of 2/28/45 and thereafter found in Room 54 Mr. and Mrs. ARMSTRONG, who stated that they were on their honeymoon and that ARMSTRONG had become ill and identified his illness as a kidney ailment. Dr. DAVIS stated that he believed ARMSTRONG to have a kidney stone and perhaps cancer of the bladder and suggested that some treatment for him be given, but he also did give ARMSTRONG on that occasion a quarter grain of morphine to ease his pain. Dr. DAVIS had no further contact with ARMSTRONG and stated that he has never met R. L. CARTER.

Dr. ROBINS NETTLES stated that he on one occasion treated ARMSTRONG with a morphine shot to ease his pain which he believed was caused by a kidney stone and that he did not remember the date as the treatment was effected at his office.

Dr. PAUL WILSON, osteopathic surgeon, advised that on 1/29/45, R. L. CARTER appeared at his office and was treated with one quarter grain of morphine injection and that on the morning of 1/31/45, CARTER came back and Dr. WILSON refused to treat him further. On the same day, W. L. ARMSTRONG came to Dr. WILSON and indicated that he was an acquaintance of R. L. CARTER at which time ARMSTRONG requested morphine or some other opiate to ease his pain but Dr. WILSON refused to treat him. On March 6, after considerable urging on the part of Mrs. ARMSTRONG, Dr. WILSON did give ARMSTRONG an injection of opiate on the condition that he, ARMSTRONG, would leave Ocala and seek medical aid for his ailment elsewhere.

Dr. WILSON, upon viewing numerous photographs which included the photograph of THEODORE COLE, was unable to effect an identification of CARTER as COLE and upon the photograph of COLE being specifically pointed out to him, stated that he is confident that the photograph of COLE is not identical with the R. L. CARTER he treated.

Mr. L. K. EDWARDS, Jr., cattle ranch owner on the outskirts of Ocala, stated that he has not employed anyone by the name of R. L. CARTER nor is he familiar with that name nor has anyone applied for a position using that name since the first of the year.

In connection with the investigation conducted at Ocala, Florida, the following handwriting specimens were forwarded to the F.B.I. Laboratory:

1. One registration card for the Florida Hotel, which bore a pencil notation in the upper right hand corner, 4964, and contained the two names R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG.

2. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing register no. 9101, dated Saturday, 1/27/45. On the reverse side of this sheet was shown the signatures W. L. ARMSTRONG, Sebring, Florida, and R. L. CARTER.

3. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing registration no. 1157, dated Wednesday, March 7, 1945. Item 39 on this sheet showed the signature R. S. COLE, Tampa, Florida.

4. Envelope postmarked Avon Park, Florida, 2/2/45, addressed to Mr. ROY WILLIAMS, care of Florida Hotel, Ocala, Florida, with the return address shown W. L. ARMSTRONG, c/o GREGG MAXCY, Seabring, Fla.

5. Envelope and letter addressed to Landlady, 1409 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida, postmarked Ocala, Florida, 3/1/45.

The F. B. I. Laboratory, with reference to the above handwriting specimens, concluded that the entry "W. L. ARMSTRONG, Seabring, Fla." on specimen Q42 was written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780, whose signatures appear on fingerprint cards for this individual and on specimens K4 and K5. It was also concluded that the entry "R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong, Sebring, Fla." on the face of specimen Q43 and the "R. L. Carter" signature on specimen Q42 were not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. It was concluded that the entry "R. S. Cole, Tampa, Fla." on specimen Q41 was not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. The signature "R. L. Carter" on specimen Q42 was written by the individual who wrote the "R. L. Carter" entry on specimen Q43.

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA:

A negro porter employed at the Milner Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, advised that he definitely recalled ARMSTRONG as an individual who came into the hotel during the month of February, under the influence of liquor, and sat in the porters chair by the elevator. ARMSTRONG asked KITTS to buy him a pint of liquor and gave him $5.00. When KITTS returned, he was very busy and it was some time before he could again talk to ARMSTRONG. When he did, he was quite hesitant toward furnishing ARMSTRONG the whiskey because of ARMSTRONG's alcoholic condition, at which time ARMSTRONG argued with him and stated he wanted the liquor or the $5.00. At that time, an individual wearing a shipyard badge, brown shirt, brown pants, no coat, and shirt sleeves rolled up, who had been

talking to ARMSTRONG joined in the argument and said to KITTS, "If you got the whiskey, give it to him." KITTS was positive the individual with ARMSTRONG was a small man, and that this incident happened during the middle part of February.

In reference to this incident, Special Agent RUDOLPH ALT, on 4/7/45, advised that during the afternoon of 3/31/45 , S. S. MATTOX called at the Resident Agents' Office in a drunken condition. He stated that he had called for the purpose of trying to locate his sister, ARMSTRONG's present wife. In a general conversation with MATTOX, I learned very definitely that he was the man with ARMSTRONG at the Milner Hotel when ARMSTRONG requested the negro porter PITTS to buy liquor for him and gave him $5.00. MATTOX related the details of the entire transaction and just exactly what took place at the Milner Hotel. This very definitely proves that ROE was not the man with ARMSTRONG at the Milner Hotel, and it was MATTOX and not ROE.

During the course of the above investigation at Jacksonville, Florida, the following handwriting specimens were obtained and transmitted to the F. B. I. Laboratory:

Two hotel registration sheets from the Westmoreland Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida, one sheet headed Wednesday, February 7, 1945, bearing a registration on the fifth line for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG. The other sheet was headed Wednesday, February 14, 1945, bearing a registration on line twelve for W. L. ARMSTRONG, Ocala, Florida.

The F. B. I. Laboratory was also informed that ARMSTRONG alleged that at one time subject RALPH ROE stayed at instant hotel and used ARMSTRONG's name in registering. The above mentioned registrations however were the only two that could be located under the name of ARMSTRONG at the Westmoreland Hotel.

The F. B. I. Laboratory, in reference to the above requested examinations, advised that it was concluded that the signature "MR. and MRS. W. L. Armstrong" and the "W. L. ARMSTRONG" appearing on the submitted specimens were written by BILL ARMSTRONG, FBI No. 44780.

AT KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS C. ALLEN:

The following peace officers at Kissimmee, Florida were contacted, with negative results, for information regarding the two individuals questioned at Kissimmee relative to their draft status:

W. L. PAULK, Police Department;
C. H. DRIGGERS, Police Department;
FRANK MILLSAP, Deputy Sheriff;
YOUNG TINDALL, Sheriff;
W. W. SLAPPEY, Florida Highway Patrol.

It is to be noted that Chief of Police LLOYD ROLLS, Kissimmee, Florida, did not recall the incident referred to by W. L. ARMSTRONG, and Chief ROLLS advised that he had never seen fugitive THEODORE COLE, after viewing his photograph on the Identification Order. Chief ROLLS did recall having questioned in November, 1944, two individuals who were passing through Kissimmee. These two persons were questioned about their draft status, but both had their cards and were not detained further by the police. ROLLS stated in connection with the alleged questioning of ARMSTRONG and COLE that he would have placed either or both of them in jail had they not been in possession of both Selective Service cards. Neither of these individuals was THEODORE COLE. Chief ROLLS suggested that ALBERT LEE DOUGLAS, Route 1, Box 197, Kissimmee, Florida, apparently knew one of these two individuals questioned by him.

Mr. DOUGLAS stated he did recall the incident and when shown the Identification Order on subject COLE, immediately identified him as being one of the two persons he had seen at Kissimmee. However, in discussing this matter with this gentleman, it is to be noted that the conversation he had in November with the two persons in question lasted about four minutes. When questioned subsequently about the identity of these persons, DOUGLAS stated that COLE might have been one of the persons referred to and subsequently indicated the bare possibility that COLE was one of the two persons.

DOUGLAS stated he was well acquainted with one of the parties who had come through Kissimmee, having lived for seven years next door to him, in Winter Haven, Florida. At first he could not recall the name of this person but after common names were suggested, including the name WILSON, he stated that this party's name was CARL WILSON, that he lived at Second Street, Winter Haven, off Main Street. He said that his, DOUGLAS's, brother, WILLIE DOUGLAS, who lives on Cooper Street, house number not known, in Winter Haven, and who works for the only planing mill in Winter Haven, is well acquainted with CARL WILSON and will probably be able to assist in establishing his location.

The following is the description that DOUGLAS furnished of CARL WILSON:

Age	30 to 33
Race	White
Height	6 feet
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Thin, black;
Marital status	Married
Criminal record	Sentenced at Bartow, Florida for car theft in 1936 and served time

at State Penitentiary,
Raiford, Florida;
Peculiarities Cross eyed

It is noted that this description does not tally with that of ARMSTRONG or with that of subject COLE.

DOUGLAS stated that CARL WILSON and the other person were questioned by the police in front of the Ford garage at Kissimmee and these two individuals were in possession of a bottle of wine. DOUGLAS was interviewed later the same day by the writer and at this time he amended information he had previously furnished, stating that CARL WILSON and the other person who were seen by him in Kissimmee, Florida were hitch-hiking and further that he had not lived in Winter Haven, Florida since 1935 and consequently had not seen CARL WILSON for many years.

An attempt was made to locate the CARL WILSON referred to by ALBERT LEE DOUGLAS at Kissimmee, and a check of all the known sources of information referred to reflected there was no CARL WILSON residing in Winter Haven, but there was an ANDREW CARL WILSON, who usually went under the name of CARL WILSON. It was determined from an interview with this individual that he was obviously not identical with the CARL WILSON that ALBERT LEE DOUGLAS claimed to have seen in Kissimmee, Florida.

ALBERT LEE DOUGLAS subsequently advised that the name of the individual he saw in Winter Haven, Florida was not CARL WILSON and that he could not definitely recall what the correct name of the individual was, although he was positive he knew him from the time he lived in Winter Haven. DOUGLAS made a trip to Winter Haven to attempt to establish the identity of the individual whom he had seen in Kissimmee with ARMSTRONG, but he was unsuccessful in this attempt.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-42

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6-23-45	4-16,17,25,26, 27; 5-14; 6-19-45	L. FRANK REAMS AT

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Miss GERTRUDE CHILDRESS advised she has not seen the individual whom she thought identical with subject ROE since being contacted by the writer. Investigation at Green Terrace negative as to any information concerning subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM K. BOCK, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 4-5-45.

DETAILS: On May 14, 1945 the writer contacted Miss GERTRUDE CHILDRESS, waitress at the Glass House on #27 Highway near Helenwood, Tennessee, at which time she advised that she had not seen the individual whom she thought to be identical with subject ROE since she was last contacted by the writer. She stated, however, that she had learned that this individual stopped at the Green Terrace, a tourist camp just opposite the Glass House and that possibly Mr. and Mrs. S. L. WEST could furnish some information as to his identity.

The writer contacted Mr. and Mrs. S. L. WEST of the Green Terrace at which time the pictures of subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited and neither Mr. nor Mrs. WEST recalled having ever seen an individual there who resembled either of these subjects.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HENRY A. MATHEWS:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. R. Ruggles SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. MAURICE SHEPPARD, operator of the Colonial Cottages near LaFollette, Tennessee, telephonically contacted this office and stated he had located an individual by the name of ALBERT SIDNEY BLACKWELL whom he thought was possibly identical with the subject. However, Special Agent MATHEWS eliminated this individual as being identical with subject ROE.

There being no further investigation in the Knoxville Field Division, the case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Form No. 1
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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	7-13-45	3-15,18,19,20, 21-45;6-26-45	WALTER F. HELLWIG WFH:drp

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Middlesboro, Ky. failed to reveal Hotel in which ARMSTRONG stayed. HETTIE BAKER reported to have died two years ago. HARRY SILBER, proprietor of DEEPS CUT RATE PAWN SHOP, Middlesboro knows ARMSTRONG by description. Verified story of ARMSTRONG regarding cigarettes except denies that he was willing to handle same. Also states he could not remember selling ARMSTRONG gun but says possibly he did. JOHN HAWKINS, colored, advised two unknown individuals contacted him in early March, 1945 and asked him how many cigarettes he could handle. Men were driving new looking car believed by HAWKINS to be bluish in color, make unknown. Has not seen individuals before or since contact mentioned. HAWKINS knows ARMSTRONG by description and states ARMSTRONG contacted him in February, 1945 seeking dope. Hotels and tourist cabins in and around Middlesboro contacted but no information of value obtained concerning subjects or 1941 tudor Plymouth sedan with Florida tags.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #76-2686.
Report of Special Agent CARL Y. PERIMAN, Birmingham, dated 3-31-45.
Teletype from Birmingham to Bureau, Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, Louisville, and Oklahoma City dated 3-13-45.
Teletype from Knoxville to the Bureau, Birmingham, and Louisville, dated 3-17-45.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM K. BOCK, Knoxville dated 4-5-45.

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DETAILS: AT MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY:

IDA HYATT, Clerk, MIDDLESBORO HOTEL; HOMER CROSBY, proprietor FRIENDS HOTEL; MILLARD PARTIN, manager of EMPIRE HOTEL were contacted in an effort to determine at which hotel in Middlesboro, ARMSTRONG stayed with negative results. All of the above hotels are in the second block from the bus station in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

MILLARD PARTIN, manager of the EMPIRE HOTEL was contacted and he advised he knew a prostitute named HETTIE BAKER, who frequented his hotel. He advised that this prostitute was frequently seen in the company of another prostitute named HATTIE MOORE.

Mrs. JIM STEVENSON, proprietor of JIMS PLACE, a juke joint frequented by prostitutes advised that HATTIE MOORE lived in Old Edgement and the girl who ran with her was JANIE LEWIS.

JOHANNA VANOVER, Old Edgement, said that HATTIE MOORE and JANIE LEWIS were at Oak Ridge, Tennessee in care of S. E. GRIMES, House #119. She said that HATTIE MOORE stole some money from GRIMES while in the hotel room with him at Middlesboro and that she had returned with him to Oak Ridge to work it out.

JOHNNY HAWKINS, with alias "The Hawk", proprietor of the restaurant at 210 Ashgrove Street stated that two unknown individuals contacted him in early March, 1945 and told him that they had some gas stamps and cigarettes to sell. He advised that one of the men was about 5'6" tall, weighed about 145#, had light hair, was about thirty years old, fair complexioned, had medium build and had a large diamond on the finger of his left hand. He stated that the other one was about 6 feet tall, weighed 165 pounds, had dark hair, dark complexion, medium build, age 35-40. He advised that both men were well dressed and had a new looking car but that he did not know the make of it. He stated he thought the color was bluish. HAWKINS advised that the deal regarding the cigarettes was never completed with these two individuals as a police car drove by the vicinity and the individuals left. He said that they never got out of the car and that the short one did most of the talking. HAWKINS stated that he is acquainted with ARMSTRONG by description and ARMSTRONG was at his place twice in February, 1945.

The first time he was shabbily dressed and the second time well dressed. HAWKINS stated ARMSTRONG contacted him in an effort to get some dope. Pictures of subjects COLE and ROE were shown to HAWKINS and HAWKINS stated they did not look like the men that had contacted him regarding cigarettes.

HARRY SILBER, Proprietor of DEEPS CUT RATE PAWN SHOP advised that he knows of ARMSTRONG by description. He said that ARMSTRONG came into the store sometime ago and asked for SILBER and wanted him to purchase some cigarettes from him. SILBER stated that he refused to purchase the cigarettes and that ARMSTRONG traded him a .32 automatic for a ring and a wrist watch. SILBER stated he later learned ARMSTRONG had obtained this .32 automatic from JOHN HAWKINS, Middlesboro.

SILBER stated he could not remember selling ARMSTRONG any guns but that it is possible that he might have. SILBER advised that ARMSTRONG often spoke to him concerning selling him a late model automobile for $500.00 but SILBER again refused. He said that ARMSTRONG later came to his place while SILBER was out and that his wife, LENA SILBER, had charge of the store at that time. SILBER stated that his wife told him that ARMSTRONG again tried to sell her cigarettes and told her he had 100 cartons. He said that on this occasion ARMSTRONG was drunk and loud. SILBER was shown the pictures of subjects COLE and ROE but failed to identify them.

JIMMY GINSBURG, proprietor of Indian Rock Inn was contacted in an effort to determine whether or not he recalled subjects COLE and ROE along with ARMSTRONG being at his place but he stated that he did not recall them having been there. He was shown pictures of subjects COLE and ROE but could not identify them as being individuals who had been at his place of business.

A summary of the above information was sent by teletype to the Bureau, Birmingham, and Knoxville on March 16, 1945 and Knoxville was requested to interview JANIE LEWIS at Oak Ridge to determine if she was identical with HETTIE BAKER. In reply, Knoxville, by teletype to the Bureau, Birmingham, and Louisville dated March 17, 1945, advised that JANIE LEWIS was not identical with HETTIE BAKER and that HATTIE MOORE had stated that BAKER resided in Middlesboro at the East end of town with her mother, name unknown. The teletype further set out BAKER was known to Chief of Police at Middlesboro and GEORGIA, a redheaded prostitute at the Wabash Hotel, Middlesboro. The teletype further set out that HATTIE MOORE personally identified the pictures of subject as being identical, ROE with one BILL LOONEY who was in Middlesboro on February 14,15,16 and March 9, 1945 and COLE with one RAY MASON. HATTIE MOORE claimed she met LOONEY for the first time in February, 1945 when he contacted JANIE LEWIS. LEWIS was then staying at Room 240 Cumberland Hotel, Middlesboro and HATTIE MOORE was registered at the same hotel in Room 211. LOONEY attempted to take LEWIS with him while returning a Doctor, name unknown to Pikeville, Kentucky on one of the days he was at the Cumberland Hotel. The teletype also set out that LOONEY was known to JIM STEVENS and his wife ETHEL who run a beer joint in Middlesboro and also one, DAVID, a negro bell hop at the Cumberland Hotel.

HATTIE MOORE also positively identified COLE as having been in Middlesboro on February 17 and March 9, 1945 where he was known as RAY MASON. The teletype set out that LEWIS stated that MASON spent the night with her at the Hotel Cumberland in February and she saw him in Middlesboro in March on the Eleventh and the Thirteenth and that MASON also told JANIE LEWIS that he was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The teletype revealed that LEWIS refused to positively identify subject as LOONEY and MASON but admits possibly identical.

As a result of the above teletype the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROY A. LEACH and the writer.

ALFRED PATTERSON, bell hop at the Wabash Hotel stated that a red headed prostitute named GEORGIA formerly worked at the Wabash Hotel but was gone. He advised she had gone someplace in North Carolina to marry a soldier. He stated he knew a prostitute named HETTIE BAKER who lived on the east end of town but who has been dead for about two years.

CHARLES MINTON, Chief of Police and P. L. PERRY, Assistant Chief also stated the only prostitute they knew as HETTIE BAKER had been dead some two years. They stated that when she was alive she lived with her mother on the east end of town. They advised that JANIE LEWIS and HATTIE MOORE are unreliable and could not be believed.

IDA HYATT, clerk, Middlesboro Hotel, checked her records for the registration of LOONEY and MASON with negative results.

Mrs. DAISY TANNER, manager, Majestic Hotel, checked her records in an effort to ascertain whether LOONEY, MASON, JANIE LEWIS or HATTIE MOORE had ever registered with negative results.

Mrs. E. A. CANNON, auditor, Cumberland Hotel, made available her registration cards and these cards revealed HATTIE PRICE was registered in Room 211 of that hotel on March 8, 1945 and that a ROY A. LEONARD was registered in Room 240 of the Cumberland Hotel on March 8, 9, 10, 11 and gave his address as 522 Beech Street, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

ELBERT STEVENSON stated that he is the son of JIM STEVENSON who operates JIMS PLACE in Middlesboro. He advised he knew ROY MASON described by JANIE LEWIS only as ROY. He stated that he (ELBERT) formerly worked at Oak Ridge, Tennessee and ROY was employed there until three months ago. He also stated one MICKEY JAMES, a red headed crippled man, Apartment 31-G knew him. He stated ROY formerly lived in a trailer on the project one mile below Middleton and is now reported to live in the White Huts at Oak Ridge. JIM STEVENSON and wife, proprietors of JIMS PLACE said they knew ROY MASON slightly and knew him only as ROY. They could give no additional information concerning him.

DAVID DENNIS, colored bell-hop, Cumberland Hotel, remembered an individual named ROY A. LEONARD registering in the hotel and stated that he had no recollection of BILL LOONEY. He was shown the pictures of COLE and ROE and said that the profile of COLE was similar to ROY LEONARD but not the full face picture. He could not remember anyone stopping at the hotel that looked similar to ROE.

PAULINE BANKS, colored maid of the Empire Hotel stated JANIE LEWIS told her her name was HETTIE BAKER and she thought it was. She stated she did not remember ARMSTRONG being in the hotel.

A teletype was sent to Knoxville by this office on March 21, 1945 requesting that an attempt be made to locate MASON at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. By teletype

on the same date the Knoxville Office advised MASON had been located at Oak Ridge and that he is not identical with subject COLE. The teletype also set out that the identification of LOONEY as ROE by HATTIE MOORE was probably not correct in view of the fact that LEONARD only slightly resembled subject COLE.

The following places were contacted in and around Middlesboro for the purpose of ascertaining if they remembered a 1941 or 1942 green Plymouth bearing Florida tags in Middlesboro during February, 1945 with negative results.

An all night garage was contacted; Mrs. JOHN HERD, proprietor VAN BEBER'S COURT; SALLY CLARENCE, clerk at the Cumberland Hotel and Cottages; Mrs. FRED FOSTER, manager SHARPE TOURIST COURT.

MABEL HAMLIN, clerk at the Wabash Hotel made available the registration cards of that hotel which failed to reflect ARMSTRONG was registered there since February, 1945.

JOHN YOKUM, O.K. Taxi Driver stated he could not remember taking any individual out to Indian Rock Inn in February and that the taxis are not permitted to go that far out of the city. In view of the fact that HATTIE MOORE was wrong in her identification of COLE as being identical with ROY MASON and was probably wrong in identifying ROE as BILL LOONEY, no additional effort is being made to locate LOONEY unless the Bureau advises to the contrary and the leads set out in the report of Special Agent WILLIAM K. BOCH, Knoxville dated April 5, 1945 to question HETTIE MOORE'S brother concerning LOONEY is being disregarded.

HENRY SLUSHER, Kentucky Highway Patrol, Pineville, Kentucky was contacted for the purpose of determining whether or not there was a Doctor in Pineville who dealt in dope. This effort met with negative results.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE

RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] reports former convict known as JOHN HELM, who he allegedly observed in Richmond, may be identical with subject COLE. b7D

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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 76-2686.

DETAILS:

This investigation was instituted on May 13, 1945, upon receipt of a telephone call from [redacted] who advised that while reading the May issue of "Front Page Detective" he observed a photograph of subject COLE who he believed might be identical with an individual named JOHN HELM [redacted] confined in the State Industrial School at Kearny, Nebraska, during 1931 or 1932. He stated that he had observed an individual in Richmond on two recent occasions whom he thought was HELM and when the latter denied he was HELM informant thought nothing more of it until he observed the photograph of subject COLE, which lead him to believe that the individual might be a Federal fugitive. b7D

Numerous attempts to locate [redacted] at his residence and at [redacted] where he was employed met with negative results. However, on September 11, 1945, he was interviewed at the Richmond Police Department, at which time he furnished the following information.

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Informant stated that [redacted] in the Industrial School at Kearny, Nebraska [redacted] During the time of his incarceration he became acquainted with an individual named JOHN HELM who was also serving time for assault and robbery. [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that about May 18, 1945, while parked in the vicinity of 12th and MacDonald Avenue in Richmond he saw a man resembling HELM sitting in a car with a woman. When the man stepped from the car informant walked to the curb and asked this person if he was JOHN HELM from Nebraska. The man denied that he was HELM and immediately returned to his car and drove off. Several weeks later informant again saw the same individual driving the same car in Richmond. Although informant did not obtain the license number of the vehicle, he believes that the automobile is a 1939 or 1940 Buick sedan.

Informant related that about one month subsequent to the time when he last saw the individual whom he believed to be HELM, he was glancing through a copy of the May issue of "Front Page Detective" magazine and upon observing the photograph of subject COLE immediately noted his resemblance to HELM. Accordingly, he thought that the individual whom he confronted in Richmond might actually be COLE rather than HELM.

Agent observed that [redacted] appeared to possess a detective complex and a discussion with his estranged wife confirmed this observation. Mrs. WILSON advised that her husband is an avid reader of detective magazines, is an inveterate liar, and possesses an unsavory reputation. She is presently separated from him as a result of a family altercation for which he recently was confined in the county jail at Martinez, California, for a 60 day period on a charge of assaulting his wife. b7D

The following description of informant [redacted] was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	[redacted]	b7D
Age		
Born		
Race		
Sex		

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Scars and Marks
Selective Service

Social Security Number

b7D

Although it is unlikely that HELM is identical with subject COLE, since the latter's criminal record does not reflect his incarceration at Kearny, Nebraska, it is nevertheless deemed advisable that the Omaha Field Division check the records at Kearny, Nebraska, in order to definitely determine from the fingerprint classification that HELM is not identical with COLE.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

At Kearny, Nebraska: will check the records of the State Industrial School and ascertain whether the fingerprint classification of JOHN HELM, who allegedly was confined there in 1931 or 1932 on a charge of assault and robbery, is identical with subject COLE in order to definitely eliminate the possibility that HELM is identical with subject COLE.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Alcatraz Prison: will again contact J. A. JOHNSON, Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, in order to learn if the cave on the island has been explored and cleaned out.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA — OM FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Omaha, Nebraska	10/30/45	10/18/45	JAMES G. HOWELL MM

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: John Helm's description and fingerprint classification are not identical with those of subject Cole.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686.
Report of Special Agent Robert James Clements dated October 1, 1945 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS: Reporting agent interviewed HUGO CARROLL, Superintendent of the State Industrial School for Boys, Kearney, Nebraska, who made available their records which reflected the following information with regard to JOHN HELM:

HELM is known to that Institution under the numbers 3907 and 4631. He was incarcerated there on June 8, 1932 being committed on a charge of burglary. He was paroled from the Institution on October 15, 1934 and was discharged from his parole on September 11, 1935. He was originally arrested by the Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department under their number 2446 on June 4, 1932 in connection with the burglary. HELM'S fingerprint classification was reflected as being:

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It is noted that this does not tally with the classification of subject COLE'S fingerprints available in the files of this office.

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The following description of JOHN HELM was available at the State Industrial School for Boys: (It is noted that this description is allegedly accurate as of June 1932)

Name:	JOHN HELM
Race:	White
Age:	16
Born:	March 26, 1916 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Citizenship:	United States
Height:	5'7½"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Weight:	130 pounds
Complexion:	Freckled

It is noted that this description is at considerable variance with the description of subject COLE, particularly with regard to the dates of birth and the color of the eyes.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-6

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
HOUSTON, TEXAS	12-11-45	11-14-45	ARDIS C. HOPPER ep

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - I. O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - I. O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROY CONNERS interviewed City Jail, Houston on 11-14-45. No information developed concerning whereabouts of subjects.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 76-2686.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated 8-25-40, at Oklahoma City.

DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

FRANK ROY CONNERS, also known as ROY CONNERS, was interviewed at the Houston City Jail on November 14, 1945, where he was being held on a local charge of vagrancy. CONNERS stated that he was a half-brother of subject RALPH ROE, and that he last saw RALPH in Duncan, Oklahoma in 1919. He stated that his father married RALPH ROE's mother in Duncan, Oklahoma sometime around 1906, and that RALPH's mother had no other children except RALPH. He stated that he was living in Houston in December, 1937, and at that time saw an article in the newspaper concerning ROE's escape from Alcatraz Prison in California. He stated that this was the first he had heard of an escape, and that he had been unable to secure any information from anyone since that time concerning what actually happened. He stated that he had always been very friendly with ROE, and felt that if ROE had actually been successful in this escape, he would have contacted him at sometime.

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CONNERS stated that he has lived in Houston and

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surrounding territory since 1937, and has worked for various oil field drilling contractors and oil field construction companies during this time.

He stated that he has two brothers, one RAYMOND ROE living in Hays, Kansas, and JAMES ROE living in Odessa, Texas. He stated that he has seen neither of these brothers in the past 5 or 6 years, but has discussed ROE's escape with both of them, and since neither of them has heard from ROE since his escape they have reached the conclusion that he must have been drowned in the escape attempt.

He said that as far as he knew RALPH ROE had no other relatives that would assist him in any manner in evading apprehension should he still be alive. He stated that when in Houston he resided at the Standard Hotel, located at 408½ and 414½ Milam Street, Houston.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1946

FROM : C. W. Stein, SAC, San Francisco, California

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, WAS - IO #1472 - FUGITIVE;
THEODORE COLE, WAS - IO #1471 - FUGITIVE
Escaped Federal Prisoners
Bureau file 76-2686

San Francisco letter dated November 22, 1943 advised you that Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Island, planned to clean out a cave on the island when his force permitted, in which cave he thought they might possibly find the remains of the subjects.

This office has been following up this possibility with Warden JOHNSTON ever since about every six months, and the case has been kept in a pending inactive status here.

On January 15, 1946 I visited Warden JOHNSTON at his institution. He brought up this subject. He said that he has been contemplating cleaning out the cave and then sealing it up when the size of his force permits. He said that this undoubtedly will not take place for some time, because of the 40-hour week in effect; he said that if he ever does that, he will let this office know.

Occasionally when an agent visits Warden JOHNSTON, this subject will be tactfully brought up to see if he has made the search.

In view of these developments, this case is considered REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 14, 1946

FROM : SAC: SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN ESCAPED PRISONER FROM ALCATRAZ FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter forwarded to this office by Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz Penitentiary regarding an alleged prisoner who has escaped from Alcatraz and who was presently thought by the writer of the letter to be in Bermuda.

It is suggested that the Bureau may wish to have an inquiry made by local authorities at Bermuda in order to obtain more complete information from the writer of this letter regarding this alleged escaped prisoner.

It is requested that the Bureau notify the San Francisco Office of the action taken in this matter.

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The following is a copy of the letter received by Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz Penitentiary from Ernest Moniz, and forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division March 9, 1946:

"Ernest Moniz
Far-Rockaway,
Southampton,
Bermuda

"Chief Warden.

Dear Sir.

"I am taking this privilege in writing to you, what I have to say in this letter is facts and not merely a prank. I have reasons to suspect that an escaped convict has been, and still is residing in this Island.

"My theories are based on his boast during intoxication that he has eluded justice. I have put him under conversation and have good reasons that he has escaped prison. During my investigation of his fellow associates they claim he has been imprisoned in Alcatraz and escaped from there. His entry into Bermuda was illegal. He was a stowaway aboard a ship. He entered the Island during the later part of 1937 or the early part of 1938. I have been cautious in my inquiries and he suspects nothing. I would like to turn him back to justice if he is the man he claims to be and if he is an escapee from justice. If it is possible send me a full discription of all men that have escaped and are still missing, if possible a photograph, allso sample of finger prints, if you can't send prints send the full classification. I would appreciate your reply.

/s/ Your obident Servant
Ernest Moniz"

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : A. ROSEN

DATE: March 27, 1946

Mr. Tolson
Mr. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

FROM : W. H. CAVER

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Attached hereto is a self-explanatory blind memorandum based upon a letter from the San Francisco Division dated March 14, 1946.

In view of the fact that the suspect described by Mr. Ernest Moniz in his letter to the warden of Alcatraz may be identical with one of the captioned fugitives or some other escaped federal prisoner or fugitive, it is believed advisable to request the Department of State to make appropriate inquiries in Bermuda through the American Consul there.

Suggested Action

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. Ladd's division in order that one of the employees of the Liaison Section can deliver the attached blind memorandum to the State Department with the request that the American Consul in Bermuda make the suggested inquiries.

Attachment

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RE: THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
Identification Order 1471
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
Identification Order 1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

There is quoted below a self-explanatory communication recently furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. James A. Johnston, warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California.

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/s/ Your obident Servant

Ernest Moniz"

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Insofar as is known, only two prisoners have escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and these prisoners are Theodore Cole, with aliases, and Ralph Roe, with aliases. These individuals escaped from Alcatraz on December 16, 1937, and no trace of either has subsequently been found. One copy each of the Bureau's identification orders on Cole and Roe are attached.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

WHC/kmh

Investigation to be Conducted in Bermuda

It is requested that Mr. Ernest Moniz, Far-Rockaway, Southampton, Bermuda, be interviewed for more detailed information regarding the unknown suspect described by him in the communication quoted above. The photographs of Cole and Roe appearing on the attached identification orders should be displayed to Mr. Moniz with a view to determining if he can identify either as the suspect referred to. If he can not identify the suspect as being identical with either Cole or Roe and can furnish no other identifying information of value, it would be very helpful indeed if the individual referred to by Mr. Moniz could be located and interviewed for the purpose of determining if that person is, in fact, an escaped federal prisoner either from Alcatraz Island or some other federal penal or correctional institution, or conceivably a fugitive from justice in connection with a violation of some federal statute.

Enclosures

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SAC, San Francisco

cc - Mr. Rosen
Mr. Caver

July 11, 1946

Director, FBI

THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1946, captioned "Unknown Escaped Prisoners from Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary", with which you submitted a copy of a letter forwarded to your division by Warden James A. Johnston of Alcatraz regarding an alleged prisoner who escaped from Alcatraz and was thought to be in Bermuda.

Upon receipt of this communication, the Bureau requested the Department of State to conduct inquiries in Bermuda through the American Consul there with a view to determining if the individual described by Ernest Moniz might possibly be identical with one of the escaped fugitives or some other escaped federal prisoner in which the Bureau is interested. There is attached for your information one copy each of the following documents:

1. Consul dispatch No. 165, dated June 7, 1946, at Hamilton, Bermuda.
2. Letter dated June 6, 1946, from J. S. McBeath, Commissioner of Police, from Bermuda to the American Consulate General, Hamilton, Bermuda.
3. Copy of memorandum of interview with Ernest Moniz by Vice Consul Earle J. Richey.

From these data it will be observed that the individual Moniz had in mind was one Albert Soleman, alias "Nine Eggs", a Bermuda Negro who died in Bermuda on October 13, 1944.

In view of the fact that Warden Johnston of Alcatraz furnished your division the contents of the communication he received from Ernest Moniz in connection with this matter, you may deem it advisable to inform Warden Johnston as to the results of our inquiries.

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-290 HCL

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	7-19-46	6-6,25-46	JOSEPH S. LAURY

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] discharged. Home address [redacted] Reported he saw person whom he thinks identical with subject COLE in San Francisco bar and Bay Bridge Terminal 3-22-46. Search for described bar and inquiry in bars of terminal negative.

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REFERENCE: (Bureau file 76-2686)
Report of Special Agent ROBERT JAMES CLEMENTS, San Francisco, October 1, 1945.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. MARR: At approximately 8:25 p.m. [redacted] telephoned to state that he had been looking at the current issue of Confidential Detective Magazine and had seen the wanted notice for the subject. While looking at subject's picture and description, [redacted] said he suddenly remembered that he had seen an individual the previous night who he is positive is identical with subject. [redacted] stated that he actually saw the man he believes identical with subject on two occasions the previous evening. The first occasion was about midnight at the Key System

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Terminal in San Francisco while the second occasion was a relatively short time later when informant ran into the man in a "slop joint" (bar) on Mission Street in the vicinity of Second or Third Street. Informant did not know the name of the bar or its exact location.

Under questioning the informant admitted that he never knew or saw the subject, but insisted that the man he saw is a "dead ringer" for subject. He said he had compared the descriptions of the two men and that they fit almost exactly.

Reporting agent searched Mission Street between First and Fourth and could find no bar in that area.

JOHN MURTAGH, manager of Monk Young's, 444 Mission, Sutter 0444, was unable to identify an individual who patronized his bar as being identical with the subject. Mr. HUGO BACK, bartender at Monk Young's, could not identify any of the patrons by the photograph of subject COLE.

FORREST E. COMBS, day bartender, Commuter Bar, 500 Mission, said that he was certain he had not seen subject COLE in that bar and would have recalled having seen him if he had been there since the picture of COLE was quite familiar with him, he having seen it often in detective magazines.

CHARLES F. DIETERLE, manager of James A. Grey, Inc., operators of the Terminal Tap Room in the Bay Bridge Terminal and the Commuter Bar at 500 Mission, said that he could not identify the picture of COLE.

The three barrooms referred to above are the only ones in the immediate vicinity of the Bay Bridge Terminal.

Lt. LEO SOUZA, Executive Officer, Security Office, U. S. Navy, Treasure Island, checked with the Executive Officer of the USS Amsterdam, who stated that informant [redacted] on May 30, 1946, was sent to Treasure Island Intake Center for further transfer to Boston for discharge. Fleet personnel records showed that [redacted] was to be discharged as of May 29, 1946, and his future address was [redacted] The records of the Intake Center, according to Lt. SOUZA, showed that subject left for Boston June 2, 1946, on draft [redacted] b7D

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BOSTON FIELD DIVISION at [redacted] will interview informant [redacted] for more complete details as to the occasion of his having seen subject COLE, and will obtain as complete as possible a description of the location of the bar in which he was observed. Will also obtain a full description of the subject from him, including the clothing which he was wearing. b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-72 emk

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
BOSTON, MASS.	8-14-46	8-2-46	ROBERT W. CLARK

TITLE RALPH ROE, WAS: - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, WAS: - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROLAND M. BARRETT of 115 Freemont Avenue, Everett, Mass., reinterviewed with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #76-2686.
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH S. LAWRY, at San Francisco, dated 7/19/46.

DETAILS: AT EVERETT, MASS.

Mr. ROLAND M. BARRETT was interviewed at his home at 115 Freemont Avenue where he is recuperating from an operation. BARRETT was very reluctant to talk regarding the possibilities of his seeing the Subject, THEODORE COLE and could give no further details than those he had given to Special Agent MARR at San Francisco, California. Upon being questioned closely, BARRETT advised that he had been doing a lot of drinking at the time and it was possible that he had not even seen a man that he thought looked like THEODORE COLE; but just had a police complex at the time.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. A. Lowry SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: October 7, 1946

D.A.B. M.

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG
Inmate No. 23239
Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
McAlester, Oklahoma
RESEARCH MATTER

Ralph C Roe
62-81618

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 19, 1946, in which was enclosed photostatic copies of a letter from subject ARMSTRONG to Senator CLAUDE PEPPER and other documents pertaining to ARMSTRONG, who is confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

In was noted that the letter to Senator PEPPER indicated that ARMSTRONG possessed information concerning bank robberies and other matters of interest to the Bureau and it was desired that an Agent interview ARMSTRONG, although he indicated he did not wish to talk to a representative of the FBI.

This is to advise that on September 19, 1946, J. VIRGIL CHOATE, Record Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, advised that the file of WILLIAM LUNDAY ARMSTRONG reflects that on February 9, 1931, he began serving at McAlester, a 25-year sentence for robbery, as Inmate No. 23239, received from Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. On March 14, 1931, he somehow managed to obtain his release on a bond which was later determined to be fraudulent. While at liberty, he committed a second robbery in Craig County, Oklahoma and in April, 1931 was returned to the State Penitentiary as Inmate No. 25167, to serve 25 years on this charge.

Mr. CHOATE advised that although it is illegal in Oklahoma to sentence prisoners to serve their terms concurrently unless they are convicted in the same county and by the same session of court, ARMSTRONG came to the penitentiary under the impression that he was to serve both 25-year terms concurrently. Mr. CHOATE further advised that the record of ARMSTRONG reflects that as Inmate No. 25167 he finished his term on October 3, 1942, was re-billed as Inmate No. 23239 and paroled on the same date. On December 17, 1946 his parole was revoked and he was returned to McAlester.

Mr. CHOATE stated that a search of his records failed to reflect a prisoner by the name of ALVIN HUNT having ever been in the penitentiary. He was under the impression that ARMSTRONG was referring to AUBURN HUNT, FBI No. 31695 in his reference to the robbery of the "Cross City Bank....on January 13, 1936" and the "Lake Alford Bank...February, 1945." However, it was noted that HUNT was incarcerated at McAlester from September 30, 1927 to September 8, 1946.

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CHOATE stated ARMSTRONG has been known to prison officials for a long time as being very unreliable, untruthful, a narcotic addict and has recently shown tendencies of becoming "stir crazy". He stated that ARMSTRONG has written

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"to everyone but the President" about his case and although it has been explained to him on numerous occasions that under the circumstances he could not serve his two 25-year sentences concurrently, he feels he is being unjustly held in prison.

Reference is also made to the following: Bureau File 76-2686 and teletypes in the case entitled "RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE - I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE - I. O. #1471 - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS", (1) From Miami to the Director and SAC, Oklahoma City and Savannah dated March 10, 1945; (2) From Oklahoma City to the Director and SACS, Miami and Savannah dated March 10, 1945; (3) From Miami to the Director and SACS, Oklahoma City, Atlanta and Savannah, dated March 10, 1945; (4) From Birmingham to Director and SACS, Atlanta, Miami, Savannah, Knoxville, Louisville and Oklahoma City dated March 13, 1945; (5) From Miami to Director and SACS, Oklahoma City, Birmingham and Savannah dated March 14, 1945; (6) Report of Special Agent CARL CLYDE PERIMAN dated March 31, 1945 at Birmingham, Alabama; (7) Report of Special Agent CLARENCE O. HURT dated April 26, 1945 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A review of the above referenced communications reflects that ARMSTRONG is very unreliable, untruthful, a narcotic addict, and bears the reputation of wanting to appear to know something of major crimes. In view of the above, ARMSTRONG is not being interviewed and this case is being considered closed, unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

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COPY - MLV

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Martin

October 16, 1946

Honorable Oscar G. Olander
Commissioner
Michigan State Police
East Lansing, Michigan

RECORDED 76-2686-1135

Attention: Captain Harold F. Mulbar,
Commanding
Bureau of Identification

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My dear Commissioner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 4, October 7, and October 8, 1946, inquiring as to the status of certain Identification Orders issued by this Bureau. For your information, the following Identification Orders are currently outstanding:

Edwin Maurice Collins	I.O. No. 1914
Joseph Clifford Webster	I.O. No. 1830
Theodore Cole	I.O. No. 1471

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CJM:RH

Communications Section - 10-17-46

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OSCAR G. OLANDER,
COMMISSIONER

AG

STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

EAST LANSING

October 7, 1946

CAPT. DONALD S. LEONARD
UNIFORM DIVISION

CAPT. HAROLD MULBAR,
BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
AND IDENTIFICATION

CAPT. C. J. SCAVARDA,
SAFETY & TRAFFIC AND RADIO BUREAUS

CAPT. JAMES L. ENYART,
CHIEF CLERK
BUREAU OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ARNOLD C. RENNER,
FIRE BUREAU

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO
BUREAU No.

145220

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We find that the WANTED NOTICE for ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER on (1) Theodore Cole (Identification Order #1471) *see below issued by your Department on 12/20/37, is not complete. Kindly advise whether subject is still wanted.

We respectfully request you to forward this information, also any additional record on this subject, to this Bureau at your earliest convenience; using form below.

Respectfully yours,

*FPC (25) 17 - IM 16
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Michigan State Police
Bureau of Identification

Capt. Harold Mulbar
Harold F. Mulbar, Commanding

Disposition of above case: _____

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Additional record: _____

Officer: _____

REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 15, 1945

SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 13, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 14, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners

YOUR FILE NO. 76-241
FBI FILE NO. 76-2686
LAB. NO. D-33354 BJ

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-12-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Q38 One hotel registration card signed "W. L. Armstrong", No. 4067, at Avon Park, Florida.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the signature "W. L. Armstrong" on the front side of specimen Q38 was written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780 whose signature appears on fingerprint cards for this individual. It was also concluded that the "W. L. Armstrong" signature on Q38 was not written by either RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE whose known handwritings appear on specimens K1 and K2, respectively, and signatures on fingerprint cards for these individuals.

The original evidence, Q38, is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED 3-13-45
5:00 PM

Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D-33354 BJ mec

Examination requested by: Miami 76-241

Date of reference communication: let. 3-12-45 Date received: 3-13-45 mkf

Examination requested: doc.

Result of Examination: Examination by: DINGLE

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no ident J Cole + Ralph Roe.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q38 One hotel registration card signed "W. L. Armstrong", No. 4067, at Avon Park, Florida.

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Avon Park - Fla

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river

Ralph Roe. no ident.

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Director, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory March 20, 1945

SAC, Miami

RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to prior letter from the Miami Field Division under the above caption concerning handwriting identification on W. L. ARMSTRONG and on subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

There are enclosed herewith the following items:

1. One registration card for the Florida Hotel, which bears a pencil notation in the upper right hand corner, 4964. It has on it the two names, R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG on the side of card marked "Registration Card" and dated January 28. It has also the city, Sebring, Florida, shown.

It is requested that these names and the words Sebring and Fla. be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG to determine if he wrote these items. If it is determined he did not write these items, it is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting of ROE and COLE.

2. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Register No. 9101, dated Saturday, January 27, 1945. On the reverse side of this sheet, which is shown as Sheet No. 2, Register No. 9121, also for Saturday, January 27, 1945, lines 39 and 40 show the signatures W. L. ARMSTRONG, Sebring, Florida and R. L. CARTER.

It is requested that these two names be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG and if either is found not to have been written by ARMSTRONG, it is requested that it be compared with the known handwriting of subjects ROE and COLE.

3. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Registration No. 1157, dated Wednesday, March 7, 1945. Item 39 on this sheet shows the signature, R. S. COLE, Tampa, Florida.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Ralph Roe - Ing
Ted Cole Ing
Escaped Fed Prisoners.

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D33354 MEW

Examination requested by: Miami

Date of reference communication:

Date received: 3/13/45

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: McCrawford

Q38 Ident TB244780
Q38 No Ident K1 & K2.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q38. W. L. Armstrong — Avon Park Fla
TB244780 W. L. Armstrong — Ident

K1. Wr A ng — P F - No Ident

K2. W tr stor on — p - no Ident

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: [illegible], was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
[illegible], was; FUGITIVE IO #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D-33354 DJ mrd

Examination requested by: Miami 76-241

Date of reference communication: Lat. 3-12-45 Date received: 3-13-45 mkf

Examination requested: doc.

Result of Examination: Examination by: [illegible] 3/14/45 wnd.

Ident Q38 with FBI 44780
No ident Q38 with FBI-229226-15757

Specimens submitted for examination

Q38 One hotel registration card signed "W. L. Armstrong", No. 4067, at Avon Park, Florida.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: RALPH ROE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was; FUGITIVE IO #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D-33354 BJ mkf

Examination requested by Miami 76-241

Date of reference communication: 1st. 3-12-45 Date received: 3-13-45 mkf

Examination requested: doc.

Result of Examination: Examination by: DINGLE

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Identical Q38 with B44780

Specimens submitted for examination

Q38 One hotel registration card signed "W. L. Armstrong", No. 4067, at Avon Park, Florida.

Compare Q38 with B44780

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Ivon Park - Fla

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FHC:MKF

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 20, 1945

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 17, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 18, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

YOUR FILE NO. 76-241
FBI FILE NO. 76-2686
LAB. NO. D-33668 BJ

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-15-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Q39 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, February 7, 1945, bearing the signature "Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong".

Q40 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, February 14, 1945, bearing the signature "W. L. Armstrong".

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the signature "Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong" on specimen Q39 and the "W. L. Armstrong" entry on specimen Q40 were written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780.

The original evidence, specimens Q39 and Q40, will be returned to your office within the next several days.

2 - Miami
1 - Birmingham
1 - Oklahoma City
1 - Laboratory

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED 3-19-45

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERSS

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D-33668 BJ

Examination requested by: Miami 76-241

Date of reference communication: let. 3-15-45

Date received: 3-17-45 mkf

Examination requested: doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: DINGLE

Specimens submitted for examination

Q39 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1945, bearing the signature "Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong".

Q40 One hotel register sheet dated Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1945, bearing the signature "W. L. Armstrong".

Ans. Lab. rept. /RK
3-20-45
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Director, FBI. March 15, 1945

Attention: FBI Laboratory

SAC, Miami

RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Reference is made to letter from the Miami Field Division to the Director under the above caption dated March 12, 1945, which transmitted a hotelregistration card signed by W. L. ARMSTRONG at Avon Park, Florida, with the request that the signature on this card be compared with available signatures of W. L. ARMSTRONG on fingerprint cards incident to his arrest and incarceration in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, if available.

It was also requested that this signature be compared with the known writings of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE if specimens were available at the Bureau.

Reference is also made to teletype from the Bureau dated March 15, 1945, in this matter which advised that the requested comparison had been made and that the signature on the hotel card was found to have been made by W. L. ARMSTRONG and not to have been made by RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

There are transmitted herewith two hotel register sheets from the Westmoreland Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida. Sheet One headed Wednesday, February 7, 1945. On this sheet is a registration on the fifth line for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. ARMSTRONG. It is requested that this writing be compared with the known writing of W.L. ARMSTRONG to determine if it was written by ARMSTRONG.

The second sheet is headed Wednesday, February 14, 1945. Line Twelve has a registration, W. L. ARMSTRONG, Ocala, Florida. It is requested that this registration be compared with the known writing of W. L. ARMSTRONG to determine if this signature was written by ARMSTRONG.

In the event it is determined that either of these signatures was not written by ARMSTRONG, it is requested that it be compared with the known writing of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, to determine if either of them wrote the signature in question.

For the information of the Laboratory, W. L. ARMSTRONG alleges that at one time RALPH ROE stayed at instant hotel and used his, ARMSTRONG's name in registering. These are the only two registrations which could be located under the name of ARMSTRONG in instant hotel.

It is requested that this investigation be conducted as expeditiously as possible and a teletype summary of the findings be sent to the Miami, Birmingham and Oklahoma City Field Divisions.

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Q 39-40 [illegible] 5/19/45

Director, FBI March 15, 1945.

It is requested that the enclosed registers be returned to the Miami Field Division upon the completion of this comparison so that they may be returned to LOUISE COHEN, Westmoreland Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.

cc Birmingham
Oklahoma City

Enclosures (2)
AIR MAIL
REGISTERED - Return receipt requested.

WED:CSH
76-241

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Ralph Roe. Fug. 10#1472
Theodore Cole Fug 10#1471
Esc. fed P.

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D 33668

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received: 3/17/45

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [illegible]
Ident Analysis FBI 44780. 3/18/45.

Specimens submitted for examination

76-2686-138 K1. Ralph Roe.

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Hotel Reg Wed Feb 7, 1945 Westmoreland Hotel. Jacksonville Fla.

Q

Mr & Mrs W L Armstrong (2 Dent)

Wed Feb 14, 1945.

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W L Armstrong Mrs & Mr and wife Ocala Fla (2 Dent)

F.B.2. 44780 Bill Armstrong.

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Q38 W L Armstrong Fla

W. E. Davis
3/18/45.
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Mr & Mrs W L Armstrong

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File # 76-46 86
Lab. # D-33668 mw

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Ident both ques sig. on Hotel Registration with F.B.I. 44780

Specimens submitted for examination

Bill Armstrong.

Register 2/7/45

Mr & Mrs W L Armstrong

Register 2/10/45

W L Armstrong Ocala Fla

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 23, 1945

To: SAC, Miami

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 21, 1945. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire dated March 22, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

YOUR FILE NO. 76-241
FBI FILE NO. 76-2686
LAB. NO. D-33907 BJ

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 3-20-45

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K4 One envelope and accompanying 1-page handwritten letter dated March 1, 1945 in the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG.
K5 One envelope postmarked Avon Park, Fla. FEB 2 7 30 PM 1945, in the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG.
Q41 One registration sheet for Harrington Hotel, dated Wednesday, March 7th, 1945, bearing handwritten entry "R. S. Cole, Tampa, Fla.".
Q42 One registration sheet for Harrington Hotel, dated Saturday 27th, Jan., 1945, bearing handwritten entries "W. L. Armstrong, Seabring, Fla.", and "R. L. Carter".
Q43 One registration card for the Florida Hotel, No. 4964, which bears the handwritten entry on the face of this card "R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong Sebring Fla.".

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the entry "W. L. Armstrong, Seabring, Fla." on specimen Q42 was written by BILL ARMSTRONG, #FBI-44780, whose signatures appear on fingerprint cards for this individual and on specimens K4 and K5. It was also concluded that the entry "R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong, Sebring, Fla." on the face of specimen Q43 and the "R. L. Carter" signature on specimen Q42 were not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. It was concluded that the

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entry "R. S. Cole, Tampa, Fla." on specimen Q41 was not written by BILL ARMSTRONG, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE. The signature "R. L. Carter" on specimen Q42 was written by the individual who wrote the "R. L. Carter" entry on specimen Q43.

The original evidence, Q41 through Q43, and K4 will be returned to your office as soon as the photography is completed. Specimen K5 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: RALPH ROE, WAS.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, WAS.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

File # 76-2686.
Lab. # D33907 BJ MWW

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received: 3/21/45

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: #1 Dwight.

Ident sig #2 with armstrong.
no ident W.L. Armstrong + R.L. Carter on #3 + R.L. Carter on #2 with Armstrong, Roe or Cole.
no ident R.S. Cole sig #1 with armstrong Roe + Cole.
R.L. Carter sig Sheet ~~[illegible]~~ Jan 27 item 40 + Florida Hotel reg. card by one person.

Specimens submitted for examination

Ralph Roe. K1.
Roy A g Cr S b ng W W
no ident #3 + R.L. Carter #2 + R.S. Cole.

T Cole. Theodore Cole Cole Cole p p
Rup r m m
R Ca od W d
g g r
no ident. R.L. Carter, + armstrong sig R.S. Cole sig.

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RK 3/23/45

#3. Hotel Reg 4964. Florida Hotel.

R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong
Sebring Fla.

no ident armstrong.

sheet #2 Harrington Hotel Ocala Fla. Jan 27, 1945.

ident armstrong

W L Armstrong Seabring Flo

R. L Carter ident #3.

Harrington Hotel sheet, Ocala Fla 3/7/45.

item #39. R S Cole Tampa Fla

Know of Armstrong. Seabring F 7 7

R L W Armstrong
Tampa Florida Land. lady
W L Armstrong Armstrong
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Director, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory March 20, 1945

SAC, Miami

RALPH ROE, wcs. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, wcs. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to prior letter from the Miami Field Division under the above caption concerning handwriting identification on W. L. ARMSTRONG and on subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

There are enclosed herewith the following items:

1. One registration card for the Florida Hotel, which bears a pencil notation in the upper right hand corner, 4964. It has on it the two names, R. L. CARTER and W. L. ARMSTRONG on the side of card marked "Registration Card" and dated January 28. It has also the city, Sebring, Florida, shown.

It is requested that these names and the words Sebring and Fla. be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG to determine if he wrote these items. If it is determined he did not write these items, it is requested that this handwriting be compared with the known handwriting of ROE and COLE.

2. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Register No. 9101, dated Saturday, January 27, 1945. On the reverse side of this sheet, which is shown as Sheet No. 2, Register No. 9121, also for Saturday, January 27, 1945, lines 39 and 40 show the signatures W. L. ARMSTRONG, Sebring, Florida and R. L. CARTER.

It is requested that these two names be compared with the known handwriting of W. L. ARMSTRONG and if either is found not to have been written by ARMSTRONG, it is requested that it be compared with the known handwriting of subjects ROE and COLE.

3. Registration sheet for the Harrington Hotel, Ocala, Florida, bearing Registration No. 1157, dated Wednesday, March 7, 1945. Item 39 on this sheet shows the signature, R. S. COLE, Tampa, Florida.

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(K4-K5 941-943)

It is requested that this signature be compared with the known handwriting of subject COLE to determine if he could possibly have written it. It is noted in this connection that the description furnished on the individual who signed this register does not correspond with the description of COLE. However, this comparison is requested for the purpose of eliminating any possibility that it might have been written by subject COLE.

All three of the above items should be returned to the Miami Field Division for return to the appropriate hotels.

4. Envelope postmarked Avon Park, Florida, February 2, 1945, addressed to Mr. ROY WILLIAMS, care of Florida Hotel, Ocala, Florida, with the return address shown W. L. ARMSTRONG, care of GREGG MANEY, Sebring, Fla.

This item may be used as an additional handwriting specimen of W. L. ARMSTRONG and may be destroyed by the Laboratory when it has served its purpose. It is noted this item was obtained from ROY WILLIAMS during the course of investigation in Ocala, Florida.

5. Envelope and letter address to Landlady, 1409 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida, postmarked Ocala, Florida, March 1, 1945.

These items are additional handwriting specimens of W. L. ARMSTRONG. They should be returned to the Miami Field Division when they have served their purpose.

It is requested that a teletype concerning the results of the above examination be furnished to the Miami, Birmingham and Oklahoma City offices.

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REGISTERED - Return Receipt requested.

CC: Birmingham
Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Ralph Rae
Ted Cole

File # 76-2686
Lab. # D 33907 MW

Examination requested by: Miami

Date of reference communication:

Date received: 3/21/45

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Macrofine

"W L Armstrong" Sig on reg. 1/27/45 Ident Bill Armstrong —
Sig Reg Card # 4964 No Ident Armstrong & K1 & K2.
R. S Cole Sig Reg Sheet 3/7/45 No Ident K2 & K1
Sig. R S Cole No Ident Armstrong (Kn writing)
Tampa, Fla.

Specimens submitted for examination

Reg. Card # 4964 R. L. Carter W. L. Armstrong
Sebring Fla. — No Ident

FBI - 44780 W L Armstrong

Reg Sheet Dated 1/27/45. W L Armstrong — Ident FBI # 44780

R L Carter — Ident Carter

K1 R C ter W A F

K2 R Wr ng S e
Th ore Cole

Reg Sheet 3/7/45. R S Cole - no ident -
T Tampa

Letter Km W - R C Tampa Tampa

#2

1. Ident "W. L. Armstrong" pic #2 with Bill Armstrong.
2. No ident Registration Card (#3) with Armstrong, Cole or Roe.
3. No ident "R. S. Cole" (#1) with Cole or Roe.
4. No ident "R. L. Carter" #2 with armstrong, Cole or Roe.

#1
Q R.S. Cole

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FBI Fred Cole
(Cole) Theodore Cole
Cole

no ident.

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#3
Q R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong Sebring Fla

#2
Q R. L. Carter

Kn. W L Armstrong Ocala Florida Fla
W L Armstrong Florida

no ident

Ident.

#2
Q W. L. Armstrong

Ident

K1
Roe Well Sis forget C
Ralph Roe

3/21

#3

9132 Jan 27. 1945.

gws W L Armstrong Seabring Flo

R. L. Carter Ident

Ident Armstrong known

Regis. 1944 R. L. Carter and W. L. Armstrong

Sebring Fla.

Ident all this with above (non-id armstrong known)

K1 K6 Roc Roc Calif non-ident Carter registration also R S Cole Regis

March 7 1945

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~~R L Cole Bradenton Fla~~

~~Ident with R L Carter?~~

March 7 1945 R. S. Cole Tampa Fla non ident Roc

~~probably non ident~~

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Number:

Specimens:

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of examination: Examination by:

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. HARBO

DATE: 11-1-46

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fug. I. O. #1472; Theodore Cole, with aliases, F[illegible]. I. O. #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners
Bureau file 76-2686

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. OC 76-348

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	1-24-47	1-15-47	LEO E. KUYKENDALL HM

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Atlanta, Miami, Omaha, Houston and Boston Field Divisions of reports that Subjects possibly located in one of these field divisions or persons having information concerning them have been conducted with negative results. W. L. ARMSTRONG was person in most cases responsible for the origin of information causing the aforementioned investigation.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 76-2686
Report of Special Agent ROBERT W. CLARK dated 8-14-46, at Boston, Massachusetts.
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH S. LAWRY dated 7-19-46, at San Francisco, California.
Letter to Director from San Francisco Field Division dated 1-17-46.

DETAILS:

Investigation by the Atlanta Field Division concerning a telegram which was sent to the Director reflected that the sender, JOHN MORDIS, was identical with W. L. ARMSTRONG. ARMSTRONG presently incarcerated in Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester. ARMSTRONG on numerous occasions has indicated that he knew the whereabouts of ROE and COLE. Investigation has been conducted in this respect by the Miami Office.

Investigation has been conducted by the Omaha Field Division concerning JOHN HELM who was thought to be identical with THEODORE COLE. HELM was

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formerly an inmate of the reformatory at Kearney, Nebraska. Fingerprints reflected that HELM is not identical with COLE.

The Houston Field Division has conducted investigation concerning FRANK ROY CONNERS, also known as ROY CONNERS, who was reported a half-brother of Subject RALPH ROE. This information, according to CONNERS, is true. CONNERS was interviewed by Special Agent ARDIS C. HOPPER of the Houston Field Division on December 11, 1945. CONNERS stated that he is a half-brother of RALPH ROE, and that he last saw ROE at Duncan, Oklahoma, in 1919. CONNERS' father married RALPH ROE's mother at Duncan, Oklahoma, about 1906. CONNERS stated that he had heard of the escape of ROE through the newspapers, but he had been unable to secure any information since that time concerning what actually happened. CONNERS felt that if ROE had actually been successful in his escape he would have contacted him. CONNERS stated that there are two brothers, RAYMOND ROE of Hays, Kansas, and JAMES ROE, Odessa, Texas; that he has not seen them in the past five or six years, but that neither of them had heard of RALPH ROE since his escape. CONNERS is of the opinion that ROE did not have any relatives who would assist him in evading apprehension. CONNERS stated that while in Houston he resided at the Standard Hotel, located at 408½ and 414½ Milam Street, Houston.

The Boston Field Division exhibited a photograph of COLE to an individual in the Armed Services who thought he had been contacted by a person resembling THEODORE COLE. When exhibited a photograph of COLE, the individual advised that the person he had in mind was not identical.

The Knoxville, Tennessee Field Division recontacted MISS GERTRUDE CHILDRESS, who had formerly advised that she thought that she had seen an individual who was identical with RALPH ROE. MISS CHILDRESS stated that she saw this individual only one time. MR. and MRS. S. L. WEST of the Green Terrace in Knoxville were contacted, at which time photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited. Neither MR. nor MRS. WEST recalled having ever seen an individual there who resembled either of the Subjects.

Information was furnished the Oklahoma City Field Division by AL MARLOW, Bristol Hotel, Oklahoma City, who advised that DOLPH O'QUINN, nephew of WALTER O'QUINN, ex-bank robber, informed him that while he was County Treasurer of Stephens County, Oklahoma, he had employed in his office a girl by the name of ROE, a cousin to RALPH ROE. O'QUINN informed MARLOW that this girl, first name unknown, had said that RALPH ROE had visited in her parents' home on two occasions in the past two and one-half years. She, according to O'QUINN, stated that RALPH ROE told them that he and COLE escaped from Alcatraz on a raft made from barrels and drifted in a fog until they were picked up by a fishing boat which was waiting outside the San Francisco Bay for the purpose of intercepting them when they floated from the island. She further advised that ROE stated he and COLE got off the boat at some town some distance south of San Francisco and decided to split up in an effort to effect their escape. She also indicated, according to O'QUINN, that ROE at the present time is living in Old Mexico. DOLPH O'QUINN is presently employed as an accountant under JOHN ROGERS, State Treasurer at the Oklahoma State Capitol Building.

MR. AL MARLOW stated he would contact O'QUINN in the near future and will advise him to contact the Oklahoma City Office. Every effort will be put forth to check the information given by MR. O'QUINN.

TANG HALL, who has a minnow concession near a lake at Tishomingo, Oklahoma, was contacted by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD. An effort to obtain any information from him concerning Subjects met with negative results.

MR. C. C. CRABB, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, advised that AL MARLOW who furnished information received by him from DOLPH O'QUINN, had also contacted CRABB concerning RALPH ROE's niece at Duncan. He stated this girl had also told a bank examiner, name unknown, substantially the same information as that given by O'QUINN. MR. CRABB has been contacted in an effort to obtain the name of the bank examiner who furnished this information to AL MARLOW, and as soon as it is received this information will be furnished to this office.

Any information received concerning these fugitives will be given very close investigative attention, and the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent information received.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will contact the San Francisco Field Division for information from Warden JOHNSON as to when the cove on Alcatraz Island will be explored and cleaned.

Will contact AL MARLOW, Bristol Hotel, for any information received from DOLPH O'QUINN.

Will contact C. C. CRABB, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, relative to the bank examiner who received information from RALPH ROE's niece at Duncan concerning the Subjects.

cc-Mr. Rosen
Mr. Caver

SAC, Oklahoma City

February 4, 1947

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
RECORDED 26-2656-1138

Enclosed herewith is a verbatim copy of a letter received by this Bureau from Mr. Harold Akin, 145 E. Avenue 35, Los Angeles 31, California. This letter, while undated, bears the postmark January 27, 1947 at Los Angeles.

You should immediately undertake appropriate investigation at the State Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma, with a view to determining if fugitive Roe is known at that institution as either an employee or a patient.

If the inquiries conducted by you indicate that more detailed information is desirable in order to conduct further investigation based upon this report, the Los Angeles Division should be requested to interview Mr. Akin.

cc - Los Angeles

G.I.R.-5

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cc-Mr. Rosen
Mr. Caver

February 4, 1947

Mr. Harold Akin
145 E. Avenue 35
Los Angeles 31, California

Dear Mr. Akin:

Your undated letter postmarked at Los Angeles, California, January 27, 1947, has been received and the contents thereof were carefully noted.

You may be assured that the information supplied by you will be given appropriate attention and the interest you have shown in making this information available to this Bureau is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Los Angeles 31.
California
145 E. Ave. 35

Dear Mr. Hoover

While listening to the True Detective Program Sunday - The name Ralph Rowe whom you described as having Stars tattooed on his finger - Back of hand and Middle of Fore Head. I think I can be some help to you.

While working at the State Hospital at Norman Okla. as an Attendent, The fellow whom you described was there Im not for sure if he was an Attendent or what. But I think he is your man.

Notify.

Mr. Harold Akin
145 E. Ave. 35
Los Angles 31
Calif.

Postmarked January 27, 1947 at Los Angeles, California

cc - Mr. Rosen
Mr. Caver

SAC, San Diego

April 19, 1947

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472, et al
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 8, 1947, in which it is requested that the Bureau furnish the most recent photograph of fugitive Roe for inclusion in the Bank Robbery Album.

There is attached hereto one copy of a photograph of Roe #260, U.S. Penitentiary Alcatraz, taken in October, 1935. This is the latest photograph available of Roe. There is also attached one copy of a photograph of this fugitive, #46153, taken in January, 1935. The latter photograph is being sent inasmuch as it appears to be a better photograph than the one taken in October, 1935.

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cc - Oklahoma City

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4-8-47

FROM : SAC, San Diego

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE I. O. 1472, ETAL
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

It is requested that the Bureau furnish the San Diego Field Division with the most recent photograph of RALPH ROE for inclusion in the Bank Robbery Album.

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LTG, SD
cc O.C.
WHC 4-19-47

SAC, Oklahoma City

June 10, 1947

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
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Rebulet February 4, 1947.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau immediately what action has been taken in response to referenced letter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY OC FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY	6-19-47	5-14-47	LEO E. KUYKENDALL WS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Doctors and other old employees exhibited photographs of Fugitive. Could recall no one as inmate or employee who resembled Fugitive. AIKINdescribed as person with detective complex by person who recommended him.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 76-2686
Bureau letter dated 2-4-47

DETAILS: AT NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

Mr. CHARLES GILBERT, Supervisor of Personnel at Central State Hospital, Norman, viewed photographs of Subject ROE and advised he had never observed anyone either as an employee or inmate that resembled ROE. Mr. GILBERT further advised that he recalled AIKIN employment there. He was employed a short time from July 13, 1946 to September 29, 1946, and he was recommended for employment by KEY DURKEE who was sheriff of Cleveland County at Norman, Oklahoma, at that time.

DR. J. A. RIEGER who has been on the Central State Hospital staff for thirteen years stated he had never observed anyone who resembled Subject's picture at the institution in any capacity.

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Mr. P. F. SLATE, Assistant Supervisor of this Hospital, stated he has held this position for eight years and has had occasion to observe all

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employees and inmates of the Central State Hospital. He has never observed anyone who resembled Subject's photograph.

Dr. R. MITCHELL who has dealt directly with the inmates states he does not recall anyone from the photograph that fits the description of Subject.

At the time the photographs were presented the tattoos and other marks were called to the attention of each person interviewed for any information as to any inmate or employee with tattoos of the type which Mr. AIKIN stated in his letter he heard on the radio, and no one could recall anyone at the institution with such tattoos.

Mr. KEY DURKEE, former Sheriff of Cleveland County, Norman, Oklahoma, advised he had recommended HAROLD AIKIN to the hospital for employment. Mr. DURKEE stated he had known AIKIN for years and he had a "detective complex", was a reader of detective novels and had reported matters of a "fantastic" nature to his office in the past.

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OC FILE 76-348

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will keep in contact with PECK CRABB for any information he can obtain from a confidential source and persons who are contacted with persons claiming relation with Subject in vicinity of Marlow, Oklahoma.

November 17, 1947

RECORDED 76-2680-1142

Mr. Glen E. McLaughlin
Chief, Bureau of Identification Records
Department of Public Safety
Austin 9, Texas

My dear Mr. McLaughlin:

In response to your inquiry postmarked November 4, 1947 concerning the status of Ralph Roe, FBI Identification Order No. 1472, your number 65930, you are advised that this individual is still wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I assure you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

WHC:MJP

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NAME ROE, Ralph D.P.S.# 65930

DATE SUBMITTED FBI Ident.0#1472 YOUR # _____

CHARGE 12-20-37 Escaped Federal Prisoner (Bank Robbery)

SUBJECT STILL WANTED / MISSING _____

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SAC, NEWARK

76-2686-1143

Director, FBI

January 31, 1948

THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

For your information an individual identifying himself as David Curtlin, Union City, New Jersey, called the Bureau by long distance telephone at 12:40 A.M., January 18, 1948, from Union City, at which time he advised that he was in a tavern there and recognized two men in the tavern as being wanted for escape from Alcatraz. He could give no definite information and the impression was gained that he had been drinking.

You are advised that the only two fugitives being sought by the Bureau for escape from Alcatraz are the captioned fugitives.

Mr. Curtlin was advised to contact the Newark Division in the event he had any definite information regarding the persons whom he thought the Bureau was looking for.

In the event Mr. Curtlin has not already contacted your division, it is suggested that efforts be made to locate him to determine whether or not he has any information concerning the location of the captioned fugitives.

The Oklahoma City Division is origin in this case.

76-2686

cc Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : C. W. BATES

SUBJECT: DAVID CURTLIN
MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: January 18, 1948
Time of Call: 12:40 a.m.

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At 12:40 a.m. on January 18, 1948, Curtlin called long distance from Union City, New Jersey. He stated that he was in a tavern in Union City and had recognized two men in the tavern as being "wanted" by the FBI for escape from Alcatraz. Curtlin stated he saw pictures of these two men in a recent comic magazine which stated they were "wanted" by the Bureau. He could give no definite information and seemed to have been drinking.

He was advised to contact the Newark Office in the event he had definite information regarding the escape of these prisoners whom the Bureau is looking for.

ACTION:

None.

CWB:hke

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RECORDED & INDEXED 76-2686-1143

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February 3, 1948

Reverend J. C. Davidson
Church of Christ
600 South Poplar
Wichita, Kansas

Re: RALPH ROE, WASFUG, I.C. #1472
THEODORE COIE, WAS, FUG, #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I have received your letter of January 21, 1948, with which you enclosed a clipping concerning one Raymond Rowe. I want you to know that the information supplied by you will be given appropriate attention by this Bureau.

Your interest in communicating with me as you did is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Phoenix (Enclosure)
Oklahoma City (Enclosure)

Transmitted herewith to the Phoenix Division are two copies of a self-explanatory incoming letter from Reverend J. C. Davidson, together with a clipping entitled "Beware of Raymond Rowe" which Rev. Davidson thinks may be identical with fugitive Ralph Roe. The author of the article on Raymond Rowe is Jack G. Dunn, Eastside Church, Tenth Street and East Portland, Phoenix, Arizona. The Phoenix Division should immediately contact Mr. Dunn and display to him a photograph of fugitive Ralph Roe to determine if they are one and the same person. You will note, however, from the description of Raymond Rowe, as set forth in the clipping that he is much younger than fugitive Roe. The office of origin in the captioned case is Oklahoma City.

76-2680-1194

WHC/rh

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C. R. MILLER
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1131 SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS
PHONE 5-6281

MINISTER
J. C. DAVIDSON
CHURCH PHONE 2-7893

January 21, 1948

Director, J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

In the march issue of the "Wanted" magazine I noticed a fellow by the name of "Ralph Roe" who uses the name of "Raymond Rowe" as an alias.

I'm sending you an article which appeared in one of our religious papers, The Gospel Advocate, October, 1947 edition where a fellow of that name has been bothering the church of Christ. I saw this fellow myself about one year before this article appeared in the paper. I was preaching for the Church of Christ at 39th and Flora in Kansas City, Mo. when he came into our midst and wanted to borrow money. We didn't give him any. He would hang around until we called the law one day and he was forced to leave town. I'm sure this is the same guy spoken of in the article which I am sending to you. This article describes him perfectly though it doesn't seem ~~harmonize~~ compare

RALPH ROE

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Respectfully,
J. C. Davidson, Minister
J. C. Davidson

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/s/ J. C. Davidson, Minister

SAC, Richmond

February 6, 1948

Director, FBI

THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

RECORDED 76-2686-1145

There is quoted below a self-explanatory communication received at the Bureau from Mrs. Willis Hughes, Route 1, Chilhowie, Virginia:

EX-83

"Chilhowie, Virginia
January 21, 1948

"John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

"I just saw the picture of Ralph Roe in the Rogues Gallery in a detective, and it looks exactly like my brother-in-law, except he looks somewhat older. His name is David Clark or at least he calls himself that and he lives two miles from Speedwell, Virginia. My sister married him in California and they moved here about eighteen months ago. He owns the place where he lives and has a small restruand. On one occasion when I was visiting my sister the cops from Wythville, Va. came to his place because someone had reported they were having trouble. So the cops in Withville know him, I'm sure.

"I may be wrong, but I firmly believe David Clark is really Ralph Roe. Where I am right or wrong I do hope you will not disclose my identity because my sister would never forgive me if she knew.

"Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Willis Hughes, R. 1
Chilhowie, Virginia"

The Bureau is not acknowledging this letter from Mrs. Hughes direct, but you should have an agent call upon her in the near future for the purpose of acknowledging receipt of her letter and obtaining additional information which may be of assistance in determining whether or not her brother-in-law, David Clark, is identical with fugitive Ralph Roe. She should, of course, be assured that the information she furnished is not only appreciated but will be kept in confidence. However, you should conduct sufficient investigation to definitely determine whether or not the suspect is identical with fugitive Roe.

The office of origin in this case is Oklahoma City.

cc - Oklahoma City

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(Mrs.) Willis Hughes, R. 1
Chilhowie, Virginia"

Chilhowie, Virginia
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John Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of
Investigation, Washington D.C.
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Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Willis Hughes R.1
Whitmire, Virginia

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 17, 1948

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 6, 1948 in this matter. On February 14, 1948, JOHN DAVID CLARK, Hillsville, Virginia was interviewed by agents of this office. He stated that he came to Hillsville, Virginia approximately 18 months ago. He now operates a small restaurant and tourist camp known as "Peggy's Lunch and Cabins". Previous to his coming here he was employed in the Pollock-Stockton shipyard, Stockton, California as a machine shop foreman. CLARK said that he had only been arrested one time in his life, and that was a few months ago at Wytheville, Virginia for abuse to his wife.

Although CLARK fits the general description of subject ROE, he does not resemble the subject's picture appearing on the identification order. He was carefully examined for the scars and tattoos mentioned on the order, and none were found to correspond. CLARK also has a widows peak, whereas ROE appears to have a high forehead from baldness. CLARK vigorously denied ever having been in any serious trouble, and stated that he had never used the name of RALPH ROE. A set of CLARKS fingerprints were taken and are being forwarded with this letter. It is requested that these fingerprints be compared with those of subject ROE. From the information developed it was concluded that CLARK is not identical with subject ROE.

Mrs. WILLIS HUGHES, Route 1, Chilhowie, Virginia, who furnished the information concerning CLARK in this matter, was personally contacted on the same date. She then stated that the picture of ROE appearing on the Identification Order did not resemble CLARK. She said she saw the picture of ROE in the January edition of "Inside Detective" and that this slightly resembled CLARK. She had nothing else to base her opinion on other than the fact that he acted peculiarily. Mrs. HUGHES was thanked for her interest in the matter and she was assured that the information she furnished would in no way be divulged.

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The following physical description was obtained of CLARK from observation and interview:

Name	JOHN DAVID CLARK
Residence	Hillsville, Va., Box 69
Race	White
Height	6'½"
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Brown, curly, widows peak
Eyes	Blue
Build	Heavy
Scars and marks	Half moon scar second joint left index finger.
Age	37 - born Muncie, Ind. 4-20-10 (has birth certificate)
Relatives:	Wife - PEARL BELL CLARK, Hillsville, Va.
Brother	DONALD CLARK, Hillsgrade, Ohio
Brother	HOBART CLARK, somewhere in Texas
Selective Service Info	Reg. LLB #5, Eureka, Cal. Ord #3607
Social Security # 553-16-5727	
Occupation	Machinist and restuarant operator
	RUC

CC: OKLAHOMA CITY

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VPH:vh

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PH OENIX	2-20-48	2-12-48	J. VERNON TUCKEY gm

TITLE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JACK G. DUNN, Phoenix, Arizona, stated subject ROE is not identical to RAYMOND ROWE known to him.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686.
Bureau letter dated 2-3-48.

DETAILS:

NO STATISTICS

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

JACK G. DUNN, Pastor, Church of Christ, 1011 East Portland, after viewing the photographs of subject RALPH ROE, advised that he is not identical to RAYMOND ROWE well known to him.

DUNN pointed out that ROWE is not nearly so old as subject ROE. DUNN stated that he wrote an article in the church's publication in order that all the churches could be on guard against ROWE, who went from state to state attempting to obtain money from the various churches. He stated that ROWE had been located by the church at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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Kenneth Logan

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February 25, 1948

Mr. H. T. Johnson
1353 West 61st Street
Cleveland 2, Ohio
76-2686-1148

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to your letter of February 15, 1948, concerning Theodore Cole.

I am requesting the Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Division of this Bureau to have a Special Agent call upon you in the near future for the purpose of obtaining any additional information you may have regarding the individual referred to. In the meantime if you should obtain any information concerning the whereabouts of Theodore Cole, escaped Federal prisoner, it would be appreciated if you would communicate this information to Mr. D. K. Brown, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 900 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Your interest in communicating with me as you did is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

76-2686
cc: Cleveland
Oklahoma City

Re: THEODORE COLE, was, FUG., I. O. #1471;
RALPH ROE, was, FUG., I. O. #1472;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Incoming letter from Mr. Johnson reads as follows:

"Please have the Rayon Company at Painesville, Ohio checked for fugitive Theodore Cole - wanted by you for escape - by me for the shooting of James Peak, Cleveland street Ry. Co. employee."

Johnson may be identical with H. T. Johnson, a private investigator who in 1942, lived at 1470 Rosewood Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who furnished Cleveland Division information in 1942 indicating that the Panama Canal was going to be bombed about July 4, which appeared to be a conclusion arrived at by him through numerology. Re Cleveland letter to Bureau July 3, 1942. (Bureau File

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100-117938.) Also on July 30, 1946, H. T. Johnson, 1353 West 61st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, wrote to the Bureau and asked for some photostatic copies of handwriting submitted by the Youngstown, Ohio, Police Department in connection with the alleged murder of Mike Suhansky. (Bureau File 62-35689)

Cleveland should immediately interview Mr. Johnson for the purpose of obtaining any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of fugitive Cole.

Oklahoma City is origin in this case.

2/15/48

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

Dear Sir:

Please have the Rayon Company at Painesville, Ohio checked for fugitive Theodore Cole - wanted by you for escape - by me for the shooting of James Peak, Cleveland Street Ry. Co. employee.

Respectfully
H. T. Johnson
1353 W. 61st
Cleveland 2, Ohio

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Ack. 2/25/48, WHC
cc: Cleveland & Okla. City

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-78

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Cleveland, Ohio	5/7/48	4/16,17,21,30/48	JOHN P. HYLAND, JR. DAS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HOWARD THOMAS JOHNSON advised that he received information from confidential source, which he refused to divulge, that subject THEODORE COLE might be employed at Industrial Rayon Company, Painesville, O. Personnel Office, Industrial Rayon Co., Painesville, O., has no information concerning subject THEODORE COLE.

- R U C -

Reference: Bureau letter dated February 25, 1948.

Details:

HOWARD THOMAS JOHNSON, 1353 West 61st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, employed at McDowell Company, 3202 West 71st Street, Cleveland, phone, ATlantic 3131, who is an amateur private detective in Cleveland, Ohio, advised the Bureau by letter that the Industrial Rayon Company at Painesville, Ohio should be checked for possible information concerning subject THEODORE COLE.

The writer contacted JOHNSON and he advised that he had received information from a confidential source, which he refused to divulge, that subject THEODORE COLE might be employed

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at the Industrial Rayon Corporation at Painesville, Ohio. JOHNSON stated that his informant merely told him that an individual who resembles the subject might be employed at that company. JOHNSON explained that his informant did not give him the name of the individual employed at the Industrial Rayon Company who resembles the subject THEODORE COLE.

It is to be noted that JOHNSON has supplied information to this office in the past, none of which has proved to be of any value.

At Painesville, Ohio

A. J. ENGLAND, Personnel Office, Industrial Rayon Company, advised that he knows of no employee at that company who resembles the subject THEODORE COLE. He checked the files of the company without revealing any record for this subject. Identification Order No. 1471 pertaining to the subject was left with Mr. ENGLAND and he advised that if any employee in the plant who resembles the subject comes to his attention he will immediately call the Cleveland office.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-69 RD

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	6/7/48	1/23,24,26,27/48 2/11,25/48	WILLIAM E. COLE

TITLE
THEODORE COLE, was. FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471
RALPH ROE, was. FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DAVID KIRKLAND, ANDREW MAHONEY and JOE TERRZOMLA failed to identify photographs of subjects as two men playing music in Avenue Bar. Photographs of subjects given to Lt. SCHMIDT, Union City, Police Department.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Newark dated 1/31/48.

DETAILS: On January 18, 1948 DAVID KIRKLAND, 1023 Paterson Plank Road, North Bergen, New Jersey, telephonically advised this office that he had been to the Avenue Bar, at 37th Street on Bergenline Avenue in Union City and while there he observed two men playing music and singing. One of the men had a banjo and the other had a guitar. KIRKLAND advised he thought one of the men resembled an escaped federal prisoner from Alcatraz Prison by the name of RALPH ROE.

KIRKLAND advised he had been reading a comic magazine and had seen a picture of RALPH ROE in it. Upon presentation of pictures of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE to KIRKLAND, he could not identify them as the two men who were playing music in the Avenue Bar.

ANDREW MAHONEY, owner of the Avenue Bar, advised the writer he saw these two men the night they were playing music in his bar, but he could not identify them with the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE. Mr. MAHONEY advised the writer the two men who were playing music at his bar were

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to come back at a later date.

Mr. MAHONEY advised the writer some two or three weeks later that the two men were there playing music again and he noticed them very closely. He stated that they did not compare with THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE.

Photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were given to Lieutenant SCHMIDT of the Union City, New Jersey Police Department. JOE TERRZOWLA, Officer of the Union City Police Department, advised that he was at the Avenue Bar on the night the two men in question were playing music there and he could not identify them to be the same as the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

In view of the above facts, no further investigation is being conducted by this office.

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cc: Mr. Rose
Mr. McCa
Mr. Cave

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SAC, Oklahoma City October 28, 1949

Director, FBI

THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

At this time you are requested to review your file in instant case to determine if there are any logical leads which should be given attention and if logical leads are discovered you should surep setting out such leads. If there are no logical leads at this time, the Bureau should be advised by letter of that fact along with a statement to the effect that this case is being maintained in a pending inactive status for the present unless advised to the contrary.

San Francisco should refer to the letter to the Bureau dated 11-22-43 in which it is related that the then warden of the USP, Alcatraz, contemplated cleaning out a cave on the island underneath the mat shop which is approximately 40 to 50 feet in length and was covered with several feet of scrap rubber discarded from the mat shop which subsequently drifted into the cave. It appears that some consideration has been given to the possibility that fugitives Cole and Roe may have drowned while attempting to get from the island to the mainland, after which their bodies might have been washed into the cave. The Warden at Alcatraz indicated this project would not be undertaken immediately since it involved considerable work but would be done as soon as personnel was available. Please advise whether or not the cave referred to was ever cleaned out and what if anything was discovered which might be of interest in connection with instant investigation. (see serial 1059)

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Note:

In the early afternoon of 12-16-37 Cole and Roe were found missing at the USP, Alcatraz Island, California. Cole was serving a 50 year sentence imposed in the USDC, Guthrie, Oklahoma 5-20-35 after conviction on charges of kidnapping. Cole was born 4-6-12. Roe was serving a 99 year sentence at Alcatraz imposed in the USDC, Muskogee, Oklahoma 1-18-35 after conviction on charges of bank robbery. Roe was born 2-5-06. Immediately upon discovery by Alcatraz Prison Officials that Cole and Roe were missing, a wide-spread search of the island was undertaken and within a short time this search extended to the water surrounding the island and most specifically the water separating the island from the mainland. There was a heavy fog during the afternoon on 12-16-37 which surrounded Alcatraz and visability

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was limited to from 200 to 300 yards. An exceptionally strong current was running in the vicinity of the island which caused a very high tide. Lighthouse keepers and Coast Guardsman familiar with conditions of the tide and current stated it would have been almost impossible for a row boat to have been propelled against the current toward the mainland, assuming that Cole and Roe had been able to obtain one and it was their belief that it would have required a rather powerful motor boat to proceed against the current. To consider that the fugitives might have attempted swimming the water between the island and the mainland would reduce many times the possibility that this could be accomplished. FBI

After the reported disappearance of Cole and Roe from Alcatraz the Bureau instituted immediate investigation making this case a special assignment under the supervision of Inspector Curnea. The investigation which followed was one of the most extensive in the Bureau's history as was evidenced by the fact that this file presently consists of 42 sections. Since 12-16-37 absolutely no trace whatsoever has been found of Cole and Roe, nor has there been any information to indicate definite that they succeeded in getting to the mainland from the island. There have been literally hundreds of reports from various people throughout the country who believed they had seen one or both of the fugitives since the report of the escape, but investigation in each instance has determined the reports were unfounded, the suspects were identified as being someone else or the individuals reporting such information have been found to be unreliable. On one occasion a guard at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas who had previously worked as a guard at the USP, Alcatraz advised Special Agent of the Bureau in the summer of 1941 that there was a rumor prevalent among prison guards and inmates of Federal prisons to the effect that Cole and Roe had been killed by prison guards while trying to escape and that their bodies had been disposed of by throwing them into the bay. Subsequently, according to the rumor, this matter had been hushed up by prison guards and other employees of the Bureau of Prisons to avoid unfavorable publicity due to internal conditions of Alcatraz and possible repercussions which might ensue. The guard was of the belief that this theory had some basis in fact since prison guards had specific instructions that they were not to fire upon prisoners or use any violence at any time except when absolutely necessary in self-defense. This rule was promptly brought to the attention of the Department with a statement that no investigation will be conducted concerning the allegations unless advised to do so by the Department.

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THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH HOE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. RETEL FROM [SAN FRANCISCO] NOVEMBER ELEVEN LAST.

SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY RE-INTERVIEW REBEL BURTON CORNETT IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THE ALLEGATIONS REPORTED IN YOUR RETEL ARE A PRODUCT OF HIS IMAGINATION OR HAVE ANY BASIS IN FACT. ALL LOGICAL LEADS SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TELETYPE IN ORDER TO CHECK CORNETT'S STORY IN SO FAR AS IT IS POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CHECK CORNETT'S PRISON RECORD AND PAST ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE IF HE IS MENTALLY SOUND AND IF HE HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE ANY FANTASTIC ALLEGATIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON THE STORY RELATED BY HIM IN INSTANT CASE. HE SHOULD ALSO BE ASKED WHY THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT REPORTED PREVIOUSLY INASMUCH AS CORNETT HIMSELF MIGHT POSSIBLY BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE HARBORING STATUTE FOR FAILING TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION HE HAS ALLEGEDLY HAD AT LEAST SINCE FORTYTHREE.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION SHOULD CAREFULLY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT EXETER CALIFORNIA AND VICINITY TO ASCERTAIN IF ALLEGATIONS BY CORNETT RELATED IN RETEL HAVE ANY BASIS IN FACT. YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE ALLEGATIONS OF CORNETT THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN TULARE AND KERN COUNTIES CALIFORNIA MAY BE IN THE PAY OF MRS. COLE AND THEREFORE INITIATE YOUR INQUIRIES THROUGH ONLY TRUSTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND INFORMANTS IN THAT AREA. THE BUREAU'S IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON CORNETT REFLECTS THAT HE WAS ARRESTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE SO AT VISALIA CALIFORNIA THEIR NUMBER ONE FIVE SIX ONE ONE ON JANUARY SEVENTEEN FORTYFOUR FOR INVESTIGATION AND WAS AGAIN ARRESTED

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RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG. I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. BUFILE SEVENTYSIX DASH TWO SIX EIGHT SIX. RE SAN DIEGO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER SEVEN, FORTY-NINE. URIAH A. SMITH ARRIVED SAN FRANCISCO YESTERDAY AND ACCOMPANIED BUREAU AGENTS TO SAN QUENTIN PRISON WHERE THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, AN INMATE, ADVISED THAT REBEL BURTON CORNETT, ALSO AN INMATE, HAD INFO CONCERNING SUBJECTS. [redacted] b7D ADVISED THAT MOTHER OF SUBJECT IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT THREE THREE TWO SOUTH I STREET, EXETER, CALIF. SHE HAS ALLEGEDLY REMARRIED AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO [redacted] STATES IS REFERED TO AS QUOTE THE FBI UNQUOTE, BY [redacted] HAS NO DEFINITE INFO IN THIS RESPECT. [redacted] STATED THAT A YEAR PRIOR TO THE SUBJECTS ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ, HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY [redacted] THAT THEY HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AN EX-GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA, WHO IS UNKNOWN TO [redacted] TO GET SUBJECTS RELEASED FROM ALCATRAZ. THIS SAME EX-GOVERNOR IN THIRTYFOUR ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SUBJECT COLE IN THE OKLA. CITY JAIL, TO AID COLE IN EFFECTING AN ESCAPE. [redacted] STATES THAT [redacted]

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[redacted] RELATED THAT SUBSEQUENT b7D

TO THE SUBJECTS ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ, FRED COLE INFORMED HIM THAT SUBJECTS HAD GONE TO SHAWNEE, OKLA., IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ESCAPE TO CONTACT MYRON THOMPSON, WHO WAS RECENTLY EXECUTED FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE ALCATRAZ RIOT IN FORTYSIX. FROM SHAWNEE, OKLA., ROE AND COLE ALLEGEDLY WENT TO SOUTH AMERICA, WHERE THEY WORKED FOR THE STANDARD OIL CO., IN JOBS SECURED FOR THEM BY THE EX-GOVERNOR REFERRED TO ABOVE. THEY ALLEGEDLY RETURNED TO THE U.S. IN ABOUT FORTYONE, PROCEEDED TO CANADA FOR A SHORT TIME, AND THEREAFTER RETURNED TO THE U.S. [redacted] STATED HE SAW

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CONNECTION WITH THE ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ, FRED COLE TOLD [redacted] THAT

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MONEY WAS PAID, NOR DID HE STATE THAT ACTUAL PAYMENT WAS MADE. FRED

COLE FURTHER TOLD [redacted]

[redacted] IT WAS STATED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE ESCAPE,

TWO OTHER ALCATRAZ PRISONERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED, FROM ALCA-

TRAZ. [redacted]

[redacted]

THAT SUBJECTS ROE AND COLE HAVE SELDOM BEEN SEPARATED SINCE THEIR ESCAPE. [redacted] BELIEVES THAT SUBJECTS CONTACT MRS.COLE AT THE EXETER, CALIF., ADDRESS. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] IS BEING INTERVIEWED FURTHER AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES. [redacted] REQUESTS HIS IDENTITY BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL INASMUCH AS [redacted] MIGHT BE HARMED. HE STATED THAT, IN HIS OPINION, NEITHER HIS FORMER WIFE, NOR SUBJECT-S MOTHER, MRS.COLE, CAN BE QUESTIONED SAFELY REGARDING THIS MATTER. HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN KERN AND TULARE COUNTIES, CALIF., MIGHT POSSIBLY BE IN THE PAY OF MRS.COLE, WHO MAY STILL BE OPERATING A DOPE AND COUNTERFEIT RACKET.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 14, 1949

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
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RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1472
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that one Rebel Burton Cornett Number A 11410, California State Prison, San Quentin, who is serving five years to life for murder, second degree, has alleged to Agents of the San Francisco Division that fugitives Cole and Roe are alive and, in fact, obtained their freedom from the USP, Alcatraz, about ten days before their reported escape on 12/16/37 by reason of arrangements made by an unnamed ex-governor of Oklahoma on the basis of a $10,000 payment made by fugitive Cole's stepfather through the unnamed ex-governor of Oklahoma to an individual known as "Johnson" described as the Assistant Warden of Alcatraz.

BACKGROUND:

Cole serving 50 years imprisonment after conviction and sentence for kidnaping and Roe serving 99 years for armed bank robbery disappeared from Alcatraz Penitentiary on the afternoon of 12/16/37. The Bureau made a special of the investigation looking toward apprehension of Cole and Roe and conducted one of the most extensive investigations ever handled, but no trace has ever been found of Cole and Roe since 12/16/37 when they disappeared from the USP, Alcatraz. At the time of their disappearance, there was a strong current running between Alcatraz Island and the mainland of California and Coast Guardsmen, as well as other persons familiar with the waters in that area, expressed the opinion that Cole and Roe could not possibly have swam to the mainland. It was their opinion that it would have required even a strong motorboat to make headway against the current at that time.

CURRENT INFORMATION:

On 11/11/49, Agents of the San Francisco Division interviewed [redacted] Agents were referred to [redacted] through Thomas Jackson Smith also serving life for murder in San Quentin who had previously alleged that he had information indicating Cole and Roe were alive but insisted on the presence of his uncle Mr. Uriah A. Smith of Calimesa, California, before discussing the case with Agents. Mr. Uriah A. Smith is a retired guard from San Quentin. b7D

When interviewed [redacted] stated that a year prior to the escape of Cole and Roe from Alcatraz, he had been advised by

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole that they had made arrangements with an unnamed ex-governor of Oklahoma, identity unknown to [redacted] to get Cole and Roe released from Alcatraz.

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According to [redacted] Fred Cole informed him that [redacted]

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[redacted] claims he saw Roe and Cole in the fall of 1943 in the home of Fred Cole at Exeter, California, and visited with them for approximately two hours. Cole, he stated, whom he had known previously had a completely changed appearance. He was dressed like a woman and gave the appearance of being a Mexican woman. Both Cole and Roe had their faces lifted and Cole's nose had been straightened out. Both allegedly had skin grafted on their fingers in order to change their fingerprints. [redacted] claims he actually noted fine white scars around the outer edges of their fingers. Roe, on this occasion, wore men's clothing. Roe and Cole were posing as man and wife using some Mexican name which [redacted] claims he is unable to remember. At this time [redacted] and that

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In 1943, [redacted] claims that Cole and Roe were handling dope and counterfeit money and were engaged in gambling activities with headquarters at the Fred Cole residence in Exeter, California. [redacted] claims he saw Cole again in 1945 at Fred Cole's residence in Exeter and at that time Cole was still dressed like a woman and looked like a Mexican. He did not see Roe on this occasion. [redacted] claims that, according to Fred Cole, Roe and Cole have seldom been separated since their escape.

[redacted] (phonetic).

He believes that this man might possibly be identical with Cole. This would hardly be possible since fugitive Cole is [redacted]

[redacted] says that Cole goes heavily armed, carries a knife, and that both fugitives intend to use force if approached by law enforcement officers. He considers them very dangerous.

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[redacted] expressed the opinion that neither his former wife Pauline nor subject Cole's mother can be questioned safely regarding this matter. He also expressed the opinion that law enforcement officers in Kern and Tulare Counties, California, might be in the pay of Mrs. Cole, mother of fugitive Cole, and that his sister may have some part in handling narcotics and counterfeit rackets. [redacted] requests that his own identity be kept strictly confidential inasmuch as his children who reside with his former wife Pauline might be harmed otherwise.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The allegations of [redacted] are obviously fantastic and some inconsistencies are apparent. For example, (1) the Warden of Alcatraz when the escape of these fugitives was effected was Mr. J. A. Johnston. He was not Assistant Warden as indicated. (2) Cole and Roe were at the USP, Alcatraz at 1 p.m. on 12/16/37 and were accounted for approximately 30 minutes before they were missed and the alarms sounded. In this connection, it appears obvious that the prison grapevine and other persons employed at Alcatraz would have observed Cole and Roe missing from the penitentiary had they been smuggled out before the actual escape was reported as is alleged by [redacted] (3) Fugitive Cole is described as having blue eyes and Roe is described as having gray eyes which characteristics do not lend themselves to posing as Mexicans since Mexicans almost without exception have dark brown eyes. (4) [redacted] alleges that fugitive Cole may be the person now married to [redacted] (5) It appears that [redacted] may possibly be trying to minimize the extent of Bureau inquiries concerning his own activities as well as the activities of fugitive Cole's mother and [redacted] inasmuch as he alleges that law enforcement officers in Kern and Tulare Counties of California may be in the pay of Mrs. Cole and that neither [redacted] can be safely questioned regarding this matter.

In so far as the former governors of Oklahoma are concerned, the following information has been taken from the Directory of the State of Oklahoma, 1947: J. C. Walton was governor from 1923 to 1927; H. S. Johnston, governor from 1927 to 1931; William H. Murray was governor from 1931 to 1935; E. W. Marland, governor from 1935 to 1939.

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ACTION BEING TAKEN:

1. The San Francisco Division is further interviewing [redacted] and is being instructed to press this matter vigorously and check out all allegations in order to

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confirm or refute the story of [redacted]

2. The Los Angeles Division which covers Exeter, California, and Tulare County is being requested to thoroughly check the background of [redacted] and the activities of fugitive Cole's mother and, if necessary, interview Mrs. Cole and [redacted] in an effort to ascertain if there is any truth to [redacted] allegations.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

[redacted] presently incarcerates at San Quentin prison [redacted] advised that he saw subjects ROE and COLE in Exeter, California in 1948, and later saw subject COLE in Exeter, California in 1945. Subject COLE is allegedly impersonating a woman and gives the appearance of being of Mexican descent. ROE and COLE are allegedly posing as man and wife, using a Mexican name, and have had their fingerprints and faces lifted. [redacted] claims he was advised by FRED WEAVER COLE that an ex-Governor of Oklahoma, identity unknown, effected subjects' escape from Alcatraz through payment of $10,000 to one JOHNSON, identity unknown, and an assistant warden at Alcatraz. Subject COLE allegedly informed [redacted] in 1948 that the money had been paid to the warden and assistant warden at Alcatraz. Escape allegedly effected by subjects' departure on regular mail boat from Alcatraz accompanied by the assistant warden. Escape not reported for ten days. This assistant warden subsequently killed in Alcatraz riot. After escape, subjects went to South America and worked for Standard Oil Co. in jobs secured by ex-Governor of Oklahoma. In about 1941 they proceeded to Canada and thereafter returned to U. S. FRED WEAVER COLE advised [redacted] that COLE GOES HEAVILY ARMED AND THAT BOTH SUBJECTS INTEND TO USE FORCE IF APPROACHED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THEY ARE CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS. [redacted] requests identity be kept strictly confidential. Neither [redacted] nor subject's mother can be questioned

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safely regarding this matter. Subject's mother may still be engaged in illegal activities.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686.
San Francisco teletype to Bureau dated 11/11/49.
Bureau teletype to San Francisco dated 11/9/49.

This is a joint investigation by SA DALE F. NORTON and the writer.

DETAILS: AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA:

THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, an inmate at San Quentin Prison, San Quentin #A-4696, advised that another prisoner at San Quentin, [redacted] San Quentin [redacted] FBI [redacted] had information concerning the whereabouts of ROE and COLE. THOMAS JACKSON SMITH did not have any first-hand information. He and [redacted] had been residents of Exeter, California, and [redacted] had previously revealed to him information concerning subjects. b7D

[redacted] furnished the following information: b7D

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[redacted] b7D

While still living in Oklahoma and a short time after the escape of subjects from Alcatraz, FRED WEAVER COLE told [redacted] b7D that subjects had escaped and had immediately gone to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where they visited MYRON THOMPSON. [redacted] noted that THOMPSON was recently executed for his part in the Alcatraz riot of 1946.

From Shawnee, Oklahoma, ROE and COLE went to South America where they worked for the Standard Oil Company in jobs secured for them by an ex-Governor of Oklahoma. They returned to the United States in 1941 and went to Canada, where they stayed for a short time. They left Canada and went to Arizona and Nevada. [redacted] stated that he did not know where the subjects were located in South America, Canada, Arizona or Nevada.

[redacted] stated he saw ROE and COLE for the first time after b7D their escape at the home of FRED WEAVER COLE at 332 South I Street, Exeter, California, in the fall of 1943. He advised that at this time [redacted] as well as Mr. and Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, was present. Subject COLE was dressed like a woman and his appearance had been completely changed.

He learned that subjects' faces had been lifted and noted that subject COLE's nose had been straightened and no longer turned up on the end as it had before. Subject COLE's face was much rounder, although he was of the same size and still has his same walk. At this time subject COLE was wearing a lady's wig. [redacted] also learned that subjects had their fingerprints altered by having skin grafted on their fingers, and

he noted fine white scars around the outer edges of their fingers. [redacted] remarked that subject COLE has very small hands and feet and wears about a size four shoe. Subject RALPH ROE was wearing men's clothing, and subjects were posing as man and wife. [redacted] remarked that subject COLE looked very much like a Mexican woman. b7D

[redacted]

A year before the actual escape, FRED WEAVER COLE and Mrs. COLE told [redacted] that they had made connections with the ex-Governor of Oklahoma referred to above to get subjects out of Alcatraz. This same ex-Governor of Oklahoma visited subject COLE when he was confined in the jail at Oklahoma City in 1934 and smuggled $200.00 to aid him in effecting an escape. Subject COLE tried to escape, but was caught. [redacted] personally saw Mrs. COLE give the ex-Governor, whom she had known for many years, the $200.00. He described this ex-Governor as being a man of about 70 years of age, height 6', weight 175 pounds, hair light brown and greying, bald on top. He advised that he does not recall this individual's name, nor does he know if he is still alive.

[redacted] also stated that BILL COLLINS and his wife, who operate a restaurant located on Eighth Street at Madera, California, would know the name of the ex-Governor of Oklahoma referred to above. Mrs. COLLINS is the half-sister of Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, but would be cooperative in this matter. b7D

In connection with the escape from Alcatraz, FRED WEAVER COLE told [redacted] that he gave the same ex-Governor of Oklahoma $10,000.00, and that the ex-Governor, through his connections, paid an individual named JOHNSON and "the assistant warden" this money in order to effect the escape of subjects. [redacted] recalled that FRED WEAVER COLE gave no other details than to state that the money was paid to JOHNSON and the assistant warden. FRED WEAVER COLE did not tell [redacted] whether he was present when the money was paid, nor whether the ex-Governor of Oklahoma got any of the money, but did state that the money had to be split between JOHNSON and the assistant warden.

At the time that [redacted] met subjects at FRED WEAVER COLE's house in Exeter in 1943, subject COLE told him that $10,000.00 was paid through the ex-Governor of Oklahoma to the warden and assistant warden at Alcatraz, and that subjects were given regular civilian clothes and were placed on the regular mail boat leaving Alcatraz Island, accompanied by the assistant warden. [redacted] did not recall the time this occurred, nor did COLE say what happened after they landed at the main land dock. Subject COLE did state, however, that they left Alcatraz Island ten days and twenty minutes before the escape was officially reported. b7D

[redacted] remarked that [redacted] as well as Mr. and Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, also told him of the lapse of time which occurred before the escape was reported. Subject COLE said at this time that they would have escaped a year to the day earlier had the fog come in. Subject COLE also said that two other prisoners on Alcatraz were to be transferred to some other island that same day, and he thought that this was the reason there was a riot in which the assistant warden, who had received some of the $10,000.00, was killed.

[redacted] believes that in 1943 the subjects were gambling and handling dope and counterfeit money, but he could not furnish any specific information as to these activities, nor as to the locale. [redacted] does not believe the subjects drive a car, but possibly an individual known as "PREACHER," a gambler from around Huntington Park, California, drives them around.

[redacted] stated that in 1943 FRED WEAVER COLE was engaged in counterfeiting money and running dope from the West Coast to the East Coast, and that the "PREACHER" was the source of dope in Los Angeles. [redacted] described the "PREACHER" as follows:

Age:	40-41 years of age
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Medium dark
Build:	Small
Race:	White
Occupation:	Professional gambler
Peculiarities:	Generally driving a nice car.

[redacted] stated that FRED WEAVER COLE was engaged in this b7D
type of activity from about 1943 until November 1947 at which time [redacted]
shot and killed FRED WEAVER COLE as previously set forth. [redacted] related
that FRED WEAVER COLE used five automobiles in which to transport dope to
the East after securing it from the "PREACHER," in Los Angeles.

[redacted] advised he believes one of the transporters of this
dope was CHARLIE VAUGHNS, a nephew of FRED WEAVER COLE, who originally came
from Tulsa, Oklahoma. CHARLIE VAUGHNS was about 23 years of age at that
time. [redacted] also believes that PHILLIP COLE also drove back East with
dope. [redacted] believes that PHILLIP COLE was arrested recently in Merced,
California, on a narcotics charge. At this time, FRED WEAVER COLE was
counterfeiting money at an unknown location in Corcoran (phonetic), Calif-
ornia, and was also making counterfeit money at an unknown location at
Bakersfield, California. It is to be noted that the Postal Guide reflects
that there is a town named Corcoran located in Kings County, California.

[redacted] advised that he was never on a particularly
friendly basis with ROE and COLE, and added that he never did anything
for or against them. He stated that he was afraid of ROE and COLE
because at one time they had asked him to kill a man in Oklahoma who
was a witness against them, and [redacted] had refused to do this.

[redacted] stated that in 1945 FRED WEAVER COLE hired a con-
tractor to remodel his house, and he built a special room for hiding
purposes. It is [redacted] impression that the remodeling was done in b7D
the dining room and kitchen, and that the hide-out might be behind the
kitchen cabinet. FRED WEAVER COLE told [redacted] that he had to pay the
contractor a lot of money to build this hide-out. The hide-out was
built to hold three men.

During the next few years [redacted] heard that subjects
"were around," but he did not see subject ROE again. [redacted] saw subject
COLE for the last time in 1945, at which time subject COLE was in an up-
stairs room of the FRED WEAVER COLE residence at 332 South I Street,
Exeter, California. [redacted] merely greeted subject COLE and remarked that
at that time subject COLE was again dressed like a woman and gave the
appearance of being a woman of Mexican descent. [redacted] does not recall
the name which the subject had assumed, but stated that it was a Mexican
name which he may be able to recall later. This Office, in further
interview of [redacted] will attempt to secure this name.

[redacted] could furnish no further descriptive data concern-
ing ROE and COLE, except to explain that COLE still walks with a limp.

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[redacted] believes that Mrs. COLE is more dangerous than was FRED WEAVER COLE and, in his opinion, she is still engaged in illicit activities. According to [redacted] Mrs. COLE often goes to Bakersfield, California, where she helps keep house for a wealthy man, whose identity is unknown, and who possibly is also engaged in some illegal activity. Mrs. COLE is known as ETTA or ESTHER and might have been arrested at Los Angeles in the early 1930's. He advised that she ran a second hand clothing store in Farmersville or Woodlake, California in 1947 which might possibly be blinds for illegal activities there.

[redacted] stated that he did not trust any of the law enforcement officials in Tulare County. He remarked that some Federal man at Farmersville worked with FRED WEAVER COLE and tipped him off to various things, but did not know the connection of this individual with the Federal Government. [redacted] described him as follows: b7D

Race:	White
Age:	About 30 years in 1947
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	165 pounds
Build:	Broad shoulders
Hair:	Dark brown.

[redacted] stated that this same man interviewed him in 1947 in the Visalia, California, jail. He believes this individual lives a short distance out of Farmersville.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] also remarked that a deputy sheriff by the name of SANDY ROBISON receives pay-offs from the TOMLISON brothers, who operate a bar at Farmersville, California, and, for this reason, he does not believe that ROBISON can be trusted. b7D

[redacted] sttated that it is his desire to get this situation cleared up in Exeter, California for the benefit of his children [redacted] He stated, however, that he did not want his children to be questioned about this matter because he was afraid they might be

harmed. He advised that no information could be obtained from [redacted] or from subject COLE's mother.

He stated, however, that [redacted] is constantly in touch with subject COLE's mother and her associates. According to [redacted] knew subject COLE when she was a little girl, but does not know that the individuals posing as man and wife are subjects ROE and COLE. He stated that he feels sure that [redacted] knows subjects under their assumed characters and may be able to furnish the name which they have assumed. [redacted] stated that in his opinion [redacted] could be approached on a confidential basis concerning this matter, and that she might be able to furnish pertinent data. He specifically stated that it would be entirely permissible to advise her that she was being contacted at his request. b7D

[redacted] volunteered that the only way to identify subjects was to surveil the house at 332 South I Street, Exeter, California, where subject COLE's mother resides, and to ascertain where she goes on her trips to Bakersfield, California. [redacted] believes that subjects will contact her either at Exeter or Bakersfield, California at some future date.

He reiterated the possibility that subject COLE may be [redacted] b7D

[redacted] furnished the following description of the mother of subject COLE:

Name:	Present name unknown. Formerly Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, aka Etta, Esther
Residence:	332 South I Street, Exeter, California
Age:	67 years
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown, but graying
Complexion:	Dark
Eyes:	One brown, the other is brown and partially blue

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Prisoner THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, San Quentin #A-4695, advised this Office that he had information that subjects had actually escaped from Alcatraz and were alive. He did not want to reveal this information until he was sure that any reward for subjects' capture would be paid to his uncle, Mr. URIAH A. SMITH, Calimesa, California. SMITH insisted his uncle be present at the time the information was revealed by him.

On November 10, 1949, Mr. URIAH A. SMITH arrived at the San Francisco Office and was accompanied by reporting Agents to the San Quentin Prison. It is to be noted that Mr. SMITH is a former guard at San Quentin Prison.

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It is again to be noted that ROE and COLE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Exeter, California, will discreetly ascertain the true name and identity of present husband of subject COLE's mother, who is allegedly residing at 332 South I Street, Exeter.

Will consider the advisability of placing a surveillance on the residence of subject COLE's mother as set forth above in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of ROE and COLE. Will also consider the advisability of extending such surveillance to any trips by subject COLE's mother to Bakersfield, California.

At Visalia, California, will discreetly interview [redacted] in an effort to ascertain the name which the subjects have assumed. Will attempt to ascertain subjects present location. She may be advised that she is being contacted at request of [redacted] and she should be specifically instructed of the extreme importance of keeping his name strictly confidential. b7D

Will, after securing the present true name of subject COLE's mother, ascertain if there is any marriage record of the mother of the subject COLE. [redacted] had advised that she had remarried "some Federal man in 1948". [redacted] stated that this marriage possibly took place in Visalia, California.

Will attempt to ascertain the identity of the individual [redacted] allegedly connected with the Federal Government who interviewed [redacted] in 1947 in the Visalia, California jail. It is noted [redacted] believes this man lives a short distance out of Farmersville, California.

At Merced, California, will ascertain whether there is any arrest record for PHILLIP COLE, who, according to [redacted] was recently arrested in Merced on a narcotics charge.

At Madera, California, will check on the reliability of Mr. and Mrs. BILL COLLINS, who operate a restaurant located on Eighth Street, in order to ascertain whether they should be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the ex-Governor of Oklahoma referred to above. It is noted Mrs. COLLINS is the half-sister of subject COLE's mother. [redacted] b7D expressed the opinion that she would be cooperative in this matter.

At Woodlake, California, will discreetly determine whether [redacted] and whose address is [redacted] is identical with subject.

At Huntington Park, California, will attempt to ascertain identity of the "PREACHER."

The Los Angeles Office will conduct the above investigation unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will if possible through description set forth in report ascertain identity of ex-Governor of Oklahoma herein referred to.

Will check for record of subject COLE's incarceration in Oklahoma City in 1954 and possibility of identifying ex-Governor who allegedly visited COLE during his incarceration.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

At San Quentin Prison, California, will ascertain identity of warden and assistant warden at Alcatraz during pertinent period.

Will ascertain identity of any assistant warden allegedly killed in a riot at Alcatraz during the pertinent period.

Will attempt to ascertain identity of individual referred to herein as JOHNSON and who allegedly received part of $10,000.00 bribe.

Will specifically attempt to ascertain identity of individual b7D whose murder by [redacted] was allegedly requested by ROE and COLE.

Will specifically attempt to secure more descriptive data concerning ROE and COLE.

Will continue interview of [redacted] and will report pertinent details.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 9, 1949

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1471
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that Thomas Jackson Smith, an inmate of California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, California, serving life for murder has alleged that he has information indicating the captioned fugitives are alive and can furnish information which will help in their location, but insists that an uncle of his, Uriah A. Smith, retired San Quentin prison guard, of Calimesa, California, be present when informant is interviewed by Bureau Agents.

BACKGROUND:

Cole serving 50 years imprisonment after conviction and sentence for kidnaping and Roe serving 99 years for armed bank robbery disappeared from Alcatraz Penitentiary on the afternoon of 12/16/37. The Bureau made a special of the investigation looking toward apprehension of Cole and Roe and conducted one of the most extensive investigations ever handled, but no trace has ever been found of Cole and Roe since 12/16/37 when they disappeared from the USP, Alcatraz. At the time of their disappearance, there was a strong current running between Alcatraz Island and the mainland of California and Coast Guardsmen, as well as other persons familiar with the waters in that area, expressed the opinion that Cole and Roe could not possibly have swam to the mainland. It was their opinion that it would have required even a strong motorboat to make headway against the current at that time.

CURRENT INFORMATION:

A letter from the San Diego Division, 11/7/49, reflects that advice has been received from the San Francisco Division that Thomas Jackson Smith, Number A4695, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, California, whose criminal record under FBI# 1859165 reflects that he is serving a life sentence for murder but has no prior record except two arrests on minor charges, has advised San Francisco Agents that he is certain captioned fugitives are alive and he has information to help in their location. However, Smith refuses to furnish this information unless his uncle Uriah A. Smith, Calimesa, California, is present at the time he talks to Bureau Agents.

San Diego interviewed Mr. Uriah A. Smith who is a retired guard from San Quentin Penitentiary and is a personal friend of Warden Clinton Duffy, San Quentin. According to Mr. Smith, he has received several letters from his nephew, Thomas Jackson Smith, requesting him to come to San Quentin since he has a very important

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matter to discuss with FBI Agents but desires the presence of Mr. Smith who may be in a position to look after any reward that might be offered. Mr. Smith says he has considered going to San Quentin and might possibly go by bus on November 10 or 11, 1949, but feels that this matter is of sufficient importance that the Bureau should have an Agent drive him to San Francisco and San Quentin since he is too old to drive his own car and the small pension he receives will not allow him to make such a trip at his own expense. He is willing to co-operate fully with Bureau Agents and expects no personal compensation for himself.

San Diego has requested Bureau advice as to whether or not Mr. Urish A. Smith should be driven to San Francisco and San Quentin by an Agent of the San Diego Division or if the Bureau will authorize paying Mr. Smith's rail transportation from Calimesa, California, to San Quentin and return.

ACTION TAKEN:

The San Francisco Division has been instructed by wire to furnish the Bureau with additional information concerning the background and reliability of Thomas Jackson Smith, an inmate of California State Penitentiary, San Quentin. San Francisco is being instructed to contact the Warden or other appropriate official at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, to ascertain if the Bureau of Prisons has an outstanding reward for the prisoners and to check its file to see if any detective story magazines have offered such reward. On completion of this San Francisco is being instructed to again interview Thomas Jackson Smith and inform him that the Bureau has offered no reward but that if his information results in the apprehension of the subjects we will notify those who may have offered a reward, if any. San Francisco is being instructed further to make an effort to persuade Smith to discuss this case fully with Bureau Agents in order that the fugitives may be located, if alive, without having Smith's uncle present during the interview. Should Smith insist that the uncle be present, San Francisco is being instructed to furnish the Bureau background information on the informant and an estimate as to his reliability and mental condition.

Wire to San Francisco San Diego 11/9/49 CR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: NOVEMBER 9, 1949 (URGENT)

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
SAN DIEGO

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THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. RELET FROM SAN DIEGO NOVEMBER SEVEN LAST. THE BUREAU IS NOW NOW IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TRANSPORTATION FOR MR. URIAH A. SMITH OF CALIMESA CALIFORNIA SHOULD BE PAID BY BUREAU TO AND FROM SAN QUENTION AND FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED BY SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION. THE BUREAU HAS OFFERED NO REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO LOCATION OF FUGITIVES ROE AND COLE. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD CONTACT WARDEN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, USP, ALCATRAZ, TO ASCERTAIN IF BUREAU OF PRISONS HAS AN OUTSTANDING REWARD FOR THESE PRISONERS. ALSO MAKE A THOROUGH FILE CHECK TO SEE IF ANY DETECTIVE STORY MAGAZINES HAVE OFFERED REWARD. AFTER THIS SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD AGAIN INTERVIEW THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, CALIFORNIA STATE PEN, SAN QUENTIN AND INFORM HIM BUREAU HAS OFFERED NO REWARD BUT THAT IF THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHES RESULTS IN THE APPREHENSION OF THE SUBJECTS THE BUREAU WILL NOTIFY THOSE WHO MAY HAVE OFFERED A REWARD, IF ANY. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PERSUADE SMITH TO DISCUSS INSTANT CASE FULLY WITH BUREAU AGENTS IN ORDER THAT FUGITIVES MAY BE LOCATED IF ALIVE WITHOUT NECESSITY OF HAVING PRESENT THE UNCLE OF THOMAS JACKSON SMITH WHEN INTERVIEW IS CONDUCTED. SUCH TRIP WILL OBVIOUSLY INCONVENIENCE UNCLE OF INMATE DUE TO HIS AGE. IF THOMAS JACKSON SMITH INSISTS THAT HIS UNCLE BE PRESENT YOU SHOULD FURNISH BUREAU BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON INFORMANT AND ESTIMATE AS TO HIS RELIABILITY AND MENTAL CONDITION AND SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER BUREAU CONSIDERATION. SAN FRANCISCO SUTEL.

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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

DATE: November 7, 1949

FROM : SAC, San Diego

*SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, IO#1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Bureau File 76-2686)

Reference - San Francisco letter to San Diego, October 17, 1949.

By reference letter the San Francisco Office advised that THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, San Quentin No. 44695, is presently incarcerated there and has advised agents of the San Francisco Office that he is certain the above-captioned Subjects are alive and he has information to help in their location. He refuses, however, to furnish this information unless his uncle, U. A. SMITH, Calimesa, California, is present at the time he talks to an Agent. The San Diego Office was requested to contact Mr. U. A. SMITH to ascertain if he intended to visit his nephew at San Quentin.

Mr. URIAH A. SMITH, 628 J Street, Calimesa, California, advises that his nephew has written him several letters requesting him to come to San Quentin Prison as he has a very important matter to tell the FBI about and desires his presence at that time so he will be in a position to look after any reward that might be offered.

Mr. URIAH SMITH advised that he is a retired Guard from San Quentin Prison after thirty years of service and a personal friend of Warden CLINTON DUFFY. He stated that he recently received a letter from Warden DUFFY stating that he desired him to come to San Quentin to talk to THOMAS JACKSON SMITH. Mr. URIAH SMITH stated that he has considered such a trip and might go to San Francisco about November 10th or 11th, 1949, by bus; however, he is sure that the matter involved is of sufficient importance that the FBI should have an Agent drive him to San Francisco since he is too old to drive his own car and the small pension upon which he depends will not allow such an expenditure. Mr. SMITH stated that he will cooperate fully in this matter and will secure all information which his nephew may have regardless of any reward or compensation, if he goes to San Quentin. He further promised that he will contact the San Francisco Office upon arrival if he is able to go.

The Bureau is requested to advise by teletype if it desires that Mr. SMITH be driven to San Francisco or if it is desired that he be furnished railroad transportation for this trip.

It is suggested that the San Francisco Office advise Warden DUFFY that SMITH is considering coming to San Quentin about November 10th or 11th, 1949, in the event Mr. SMITH does go to San Francisco and does not contact the San Francisco Office upon his arrival there.

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THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. EFP. REBUTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST AND MYTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST ADVISING THAT [redacted] FILE AT SAN QUENTIN REFLECTS THAT HE WAS NOT A MENTAL CASE. ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WAS MADE TODAY OF DR. D. G. SCHMIDT, PSYCHIATRIST AT SAN QUENTIN, WHO ADVISED THAT HE MADE A PRELIMINARY PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION OF [redacted] HE STATES THAT [redacted] IS LEGALLY SANE BUT HE CONSIDERS HIM TO BE MENTALLY UNSTABLE AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL EXAGGERATE ANY STORIES HE MIGHT TELL. DR. SCHMIDT STATED HE CONSIDERED [redacted] UNRELIABLE IN THIS RESPECT BUT FEELS THAT THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH IN ANY STATEMENTS HE MIGHT MAKE [redacted] TOLD PSYCHIATRIC DEPARTMENT, SAN QUENTIN SOME TIME AGO THAT SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM ALCATRAZ AND DID NOT DROWN AND THAT HE KNEW THEY WERE IN OKLAHOMA. DR. SCHMIDT ADVISED CORNETT WAS CONFINED IN THE CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL AT NORMAL, OKLAHOMA FOR OBSERVATION OF HIS MENTAL CONDITION IN NOVEMBER OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND WAS RELEASED JANUARY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY THREE, THEIR DIAGNOSIS BEING THAT HE IS A PSYCHOPATHIC PERSONALITY WITH CRIMINAL TENDENCIES AND A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC WITHOUT PSYCHOSIS. THEY ALSO ADVISED THAT [redacted] CAUSED CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE AROUND STROUD, OKLAHOMA AND HAD THREATENED PEOPLE WITH GUNS AND HAD KNIFED TWO NEGROES. DR. SCHMIDT ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE PSYCTIATRIC EXAMINATION OF [redacted] HAS

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NOT BEEN MADE AS YET. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [redacted] IS NOT CONFINED AS A PSYCHOPATHIC. [redacted] STATED HE MADE INSTANT REPORT BECAUSE HE DESIRED TO GET HIS CHILDREN AWAY FROM [redacted] AND ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORT THIS MATTER AS HE WAS AFRAID THAT HE OR HIS FAMILY MIGHT BE HARMED. CONTINUING INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED WITH [redacted] AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING INSTANT CASE WILL IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARDED THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. REREP SA J. C. NEEL, SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER ELEVENTH LAST, SAN QUENTIN AUTHORITIES ADVISED THAT REBEL BURTON CORNETT IS NOT A MENTAL CASE. LOS ANGELES CANCEL LEAD TO INTERVIEW [redacted] AS HE IS AFRAID SHE WILL BE HARMED AND FEELS HE CAN SECURE DESIRED INFORMATION FROM HER. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM [redacted] CONCERNING SUBJECT COLE AS OF NINETEEN FORTY THREE. APPEARED TO BE AGE TWENTY SEVEN TO TWENTY EIGHT, HEIGHT, FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, WEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN LBS., EYES, UNKNOWN, HAIR WEARS WOMANS WIG ALL THE TIME AND HAS A DARK WIG, A LIGHT BROWN WIG AND STATED HE HAD A RED HAIRED WIG, COMPLEXION DARK, APPEARS TO BE OF MEXICAN DESCENT, NOSE, SMALL AND IS NOT TURNED UP ON END AS IT APPEARS IN PICTURE ON I. O. FACE MORE ROUND THAN IN PICTURE ON I. O. FEET VERY SMALL, CAN WEAR SIZE THREE WOMANS SHOE. HANDS VERY SMALL, MAY WEAR GOLD RIMMED GLASSES PART OF TIME. EYEBROWS THIN, WALKS WITH SLIGHT LIMP FROM INJURY TO LEFT LEG, IT MAY BE SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN RIGHT LEG. APPEARS EXACTLY LIKE WOMAN AND USES A LOT OF MAKE UP. WEARS SLACKS MOST OF TIME. CAN SPEAK SPANISH, HAS FINE SCARS ON FINGER TIPS WHERE FINGERPRINTS WERE CHANGED. BELIEVED TO HAVE FACE LIFTED. [redacted] STATED SUBJECT COLE IN NINETEEN FORTY THREE LOOKED VERY MUCH LIKE [redacted] DECEASED, AS SHE APPEARED IN A PHOTO TAKEN OF HER WHILE SITTING IN A CHAIR ABOUT

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NINETEEN FORTY SIX. PICTURE BEING TAKEN ONLY PHOTOGRAPH STUDIO IN EXETER, CALIFORNIA. SUGGEST LOS ANGELES DISCREETLY OBTAIN COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH FROM STUDIO. [redacted] NOT SURE WHEN SAW SUBJECT COLE IN FORTY FIVE BUT BELIEVES IT TO BE ABOUT AUGUST AND STATED COLE HAD SAME APPEARANCE AS DID IN FORTY THREE. [redacted] FIRST MET SUBJECT ROE ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTY SIX IN STROUD, OKLAHOMA AND LAST SAW HIM PRIOR TO FORTY THREE IN TWENTY NINE. FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF ROE IN FORTY THREE ACCORDING TO [redacted], AGE, [redacted] HAIR MEDIUM LIGHT BROWN AND PARTED ON ONE SIDE, SIDE UNKNOWN, FACE APPEARS MORE ROUND THAN PICTURE ON I. O. AND ROE DOES NOT LOOK AS OLD AS DOES IN PICTURE ON I. O.# HEIGHT, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., EYES, UNKNOWN, COMPLEXION, MEDIUM, MOUTH DOES NOT SLANT AS DOES IN PICTURE IN I. O., SHOULDERS HEAVY, HAS SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT. BELIEVED TO HAVE SMALL SCAR ON ONE CHEEK BONE ABOUT ONE - HALF INCH LONG. BELIEVED TO HAVE SCARS ON TIPS OF FINGERS WHERE FINGERPRINTS WERE CHANGED AND BELIEVED TO HAVE FACE LIFTED. [redacted] STATED BILL COLLINS SAW SUBJECT COLE SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE AND SUBSEQUENT TO TIME COLE RETURNED FROM SOUTH AMERICA BUT PRIOR TO FORTY THREE. COLLINS SAW COLE AT HOME OF FRED WEAVER COLE WHERE HE, COLLINS WAS LIVING AND HOME BEING LOCATED AT THAT TIME ABOUT ONE MILE FROM WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA. COLLINS SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AWAY FROM HIS WIFE, MAY BE AFRAID TO TALK. BILL COLLINS DROVE SUBJECT COLES MOTHER AND [redacted] TO HOME OF EX GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA IN OKLAHOMA CITY IN THIRTY FOUR AT WHICH TIME GOVERNOR WAS GIVEN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS

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TO TAKE TO SUBJECT COLE WHO WAS IN JAIL IN OKLAHOMA CITY AND COLLINS KNOWS NAME OF EX GOVERNOR. [redacted] STATED THAT FRED WEAVER COLE TOLD HIM THAT HE AND THE EX GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA VISITED COLE AT ALCATRAZ. REPORT BEING SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY WITH FURTHER DETAILS. ASSOCIATE WARDEN MADIGAN, ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY, ADVISED CAVE REFERRED TO IN BULET OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST, WAS SEALED WITH CEMENT IN FORTY FIVE, AFTER AS COMPLETE A SEARCH AS POSSIBLE FOR BODIES WAS MADE. ADVISE ONLY REWARD KNOWN TO THEM IS THE AUTHORIZED FIFTY DOLLAR REWARD AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED BY ALCATRAZ, WHICH IS STILL IN EFFECT.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO URGENT

THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE. RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. EFP. REBUTEL FOURTEENTH INS. REREP SA OTTO G. HEINECKE, MAY TWENTY, FORTYTHREE, LA, PAGE THREE REFLECTS INTERVIEWS WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] ALSO SURVEILLANCE OF [redacted] b7D [redacted] FORTYTHREE, INDICATING INFO RE APPEARANCE OF THEODORE COLE CAME FROM RELATIVE AFTER VISIT TO [redacted] RESIDENCE. [redacted] INDICATED HE HAD QUOTE CONCLUDED UNQUOTE CERTAIN ALLEGED FACTS CONCERNING SUBJECTS. REPT. SA NEWMAN E. LONG, JUNE NINETEEN, FORTYTHREE, SAN DIEGO, REFLECTS FAMILY DIFFICULTIES AND RUMORS RE SUBJ. COLE. REP. SA CHARLES C. SHAW, NOV. NINE, FORTYTHREE, LA, RELATES STORY TOLD BY [redacted] [redacted] CONCLUDED COLE MUST BE ALIVE. ALSO OPINION [redacted] MENTALLY UNBALANCED. REP. SA CHARLES C. SHAW, MARCH ONE, FORTYFOUR, LA, REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AT HIS REQUEST IN JAIL BY BUREAU AGENT WHEN [redacted] MADE NO STATEMENT ABOUT HAVING SEEN SUBJECTS IN FORTYTHREE, DENIED HAVING ANY INFO THAT RELATIVES OF COLE HAD MADE REMARKS AS TO HIS LOCATION ALTHOUGH [redacted] THOUGHT THEY KNEW COLE-S WHEREABOUTS. ABOVE REPORTS WERE NOT FURNISHED SAN FRANCISCO DIV. WHEN [redacted] [redacted]

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[redacted] TOLD SHERIFF GURR AND EXETER COP BORGMAN FRED COLE HAD LONG KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] THEODORE AND KEPT REST OF FAMILY FROM INFORMING FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. [redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED AT [redacted] BY AGENT THIS OFFICE OCT. ONE, FORTY SEVEN. OBSERVATION INTERVIEWING AGENT [redacted] ATTEMPTING EXCUSE FOR [redacted] APPEARED IN STATE MENTAL CONFUSION. STORY HE TOLD ADDED NOTHING TO WHAT HE PRESVIOUSLY RELATED IN FORTYTHREE AND FORTYFOUR. MADE NO STATEMENT HE HAD TALKED TO COLE AT ANYTIME IN FORTYTHREE OR FORTYFIVE. INFO. [redacted] HAS RUMORED ABOUT CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY BUREAU AND STORY COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED. INVESTIGATION MADERA, CALIF. REFLECTS NO CAFE ON EITHER EAST OR WEST EIGHTH ST. ALL USUAL SOURCES OF INFO AND RECORDS CHECKED. NO RECORD FOUND OF BILL OR WILLIAM COLLINS. RECORDS MERCED COUNTY SO REFLECT [redacted] RRESTED BY MERCED PD AND NARCOTICS OFFICERS FOR POSSESSION NARCOTICS. ENTERED GUILTY PLEA, NOW HELD MERCED COUNTY JAIL PENDING PRESENTENCE PROBATION REPORT. BORN [redacted] NEGRO, RESIDENT [redacted] CONVICTED, SENTENCED DEATH, VISALIA, NOV. TWENTY ONE FORTYSEVEN BY JUDGE FRED STONE. APPEAL GRANTED GROUNDS INSUFFICIENT PROOF INTENT TO JUSTIFY PENALTY. RETRIED, CONVICTED FEB. TWENTY ONE FORTY NINE MURDER SECOND DEGREE. SENTENCED MARCH FOURTEEN

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LAST SAN QUENTIN BY JUDGE FRANK LAMBERSON. SECOND APPEAL DENIED BY SUPREME COURT OCT. TWENTY THIRD LAST. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] JUDGE STONE STATES [redacted] PSYCHOPATHIC BUT KNOWS RIGHT FROM WRONG. JUDGE LAMBERSON CONCURS DESCRIBING [redacted] AS VICIOUS CHARACTER MOTIVATED BY DESIRE FOR REVENGE ON ALL WHOM HE CONSIDERS HAVE DONE HIM FANCIED WRONG. SHERIFF GURR CONCURS. THESE AND OTHER OFFICERS STATE BELIEVE INFO FURNISHED BY [redacted] BEFORE WITH IDEA INFLUENCING OFFICERS IN HIS FAVOR. [redacted] TOLD DEFENSE ATTY HE WAS FRAMED INTO MENTAL INSTITUTION. NO RECORD TULARE COUNTY OF MARRIAGE FOR ESTHER COLE, WHO HAS STATED SHE MARRIED ONE HICKSON, PH, RETIRED DEPUTY USM, BUT HUSBAND HAS NEVER APPEARED IN EXETER. [redacted] RESIDING [redacted] REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INQUIRY DESIRED THIS MATTER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. NOVEMBER 17, 1949

Transmit the following message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
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THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE. RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. EFP. RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPES ELEVEN FOURTEEN AND ELEVEN FIFTEEN AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ELEVEN FIFTEEN. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE IS INSTRUCTED IN INTERVIEWING [redacted] TO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION CONCERNING BILL COLLINS WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SEEN SUBJECT COLE IN THE HOME OF HIS FATHER WHERE COLLINS WAS LIVING. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION SECURED IN THIS REGARD SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED BY TELETYPE TO THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION AND THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW COLLINS THOROUGHLY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE SHOULD DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF MRS. ESTHER COLE, MOTHER OF SUBJECT COLE, AND BOTH THE SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES SHOULD CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING BOTH MRS. COLE AND [redacted] FORMER WIFE PAULINE. RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU BY TELETYPE.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: November 17, 1949

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1471
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that [redacted] b7D is not a mental case; however, the psychiatrist at San Quentin considers him to be mentally unstable and an individual who will exaggerate any stories he might tell. This is also to advise you that considerable investigation was conducted by the Bureau in 1943 and 1944 based upon the same type of allegations emanating from [redacted]

BACKGROUND:

[redacted] b7D was referred to the Bureau by Thomas Jackson Smith also incarcerated at San Quentin. He has alleged that subjects, believed to have drowned in the waters outside Alcatraz after their escape in 1937, are still alive and that he has seen them since in 1943 and 1945. He alleges they obtained their freedom by arrangement between Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole and an unnamed governor of Oklahoma and an individual known as Johnson, the Assistant Warden of Alcatraz. [redacted] states that she, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, fugitive's mother and stepfather, also saw Cole subsequent to escape. He has stated that neither the sister nor mother could be interviewed safely regarding the matter.

CURRENT INFORMATION:

The San Francisco Division on 11/14 and 15/49 indicated that [redacted] b7D is not considered a mental case. However, the psychiatrist at San Quentin who made a preliminary psychiatric examination of [redacted] states that the latter is legally sane, but considers him mentally unstable and will exaggerate any stories he might tell. He feels that there might be some truth in statements [redacted] might make. Schmidt stated that [redacted] told the Psychiatric Department sometime ago that subjects escaped from Alcatraz, did not drown, and that he knew they were in Oklahoma. He advised that [redacted] was confined in 1942 for observation in [redacted] the diagnosis being that he was a psychopathic personality.

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[redacted] has indicated that he made instant report because he wanted to get his children away from the bad influence of Pauline Cole and Mrs. Cole. He did not previously report this matter for fear his family would be harmed.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[redacted] advised that one Bill Collins saw subject Cole subsequent to the latter's escape. The Los Angeles Office has been unable to find a record of Bill or William Collins. Mrs. Fred Cole now resides in Exeter, California and [redacted] b7D

On 11/15/49, the Los Angeles Division advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed in 1943 and 1944. At this time, [redacted] made no statement about having seen subjects in 1943. [redacted] was arrested in September, 1947, for the murder of [redacted] and at that time told the arresting officers that Fred Cole had known the whereabouts of the fugitives. [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] by the Los Angeles Office in October, 1947. At that time he appeared in a state of mental confusion but made no statement that he had talked to Cole at any time subsequent to his escape. The information that [redacted] rumored about caused considerable prior investigation by the Bureau and the story could not then be substantiated. b7D

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

A wire is being sent to the San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices instructing San Francisco to ascertain more information concerning Bill Collins and furnish it to Los Angeles who in turn will be instructed to locate and interview Collins. The Los Angeles Office is being instructed to ascertain present activities of [redacted] b7D

SECURITY DIVISION - FBI

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RALPH ROE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. REBUTEL NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN. [redacted] HAS STATED THAT BILL COLLINS WHO IS RELATED TO MRS. FRED COLE BY MARRIAGE, TOLD HIM HE SAW SUBJECT COLE SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ AND FROM WHAT COLLINS SAID, [redacted] BELIEVES HE SAW HIM ABOUT FORTY ONE OR FORTY TWO WHILE HE, BILL COLLINS, WAS LIVING WITH HIS WIFE IN THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. FRED COLE ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF MILES FROM WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA. BILL COLLINS STATED HE WAS WATERING VINES OUTSIDE OF HOUSE JUST BEFORE DARK WHEN SUBJECT COLE CAME UP ALONE AND COLLINS RECOGNIZED HIM SUBJECT COLE DID NOT SPEAK TO COLLINS AND WENT DIRECTLY INTO THE HOUSE AND MRS. BILL COLLINS SHORTLY THEREAFTER TOLD BILL COLLINS THAT ETTA, MEANING MRS. FRED COLE, DIDN-T WANT ANYONE IN THE HOUSE. SUBJECT STAYED IN THE HOUSE ABOUT TWO HOURS AND THEN FRED COLE DROVE HIM AWAY. BILL COLLINS DID NOT GIVE [redacted] ANY MORE INFORMATION. [redacted] STATES BILL COLLINS IS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH SUBJECT BUT IS AFRAID OF BEING HARMED BY COLE FAMILY AND PROBABLY WON-T TALK AND ORIGINALLY [redacted] SUGGESTED THAT COLLINS BE INTERVIEWED AWAY FROM MRS. COLLINS. [redacted] HAS RECENTLY STATED HE DOES NOT WANT FBI TO QUESTION BILL COLLINS AS HE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED TOO MUCH AND FEELS SUBJECTS COULD BE CAUGHT BY WATCHING HOME OF MRS. FRED COLE. [redacted]

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IS VERY UNREASONABLE IN HIS ATTITUDE IN THIS REGARD. [redacted] STILL BELIEVES BILL COLLINS RESIDES MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AND STATED BILL COLLINS COULD BE LOCATED THROUGH JOHN WASHBURN WHO OPERATES PIPE YARD, WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, AND FOR WHOM COLLINS WORKED AT SAME TIME [redacted] WAS EMPLOYED BY JOHN WASHBURN. IT WAS NOTED THAT [redacted] PRISON FILE REFLECTS [redacted] IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY WASHBURN. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, [redacted] SAID BILL COLLINS KNOWS EX-GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA WELL AND FURNISH NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. [redacted] INSISTS HE IS TELLING TRUTH IN THIS MATTER AND FURNISHED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT HIS QUOTE KIDS UNQUOTE TOLD HIM [redacted] THAT SUBJECT COLE IS ALIVE AND IN CALIFORNIA. HE REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON THIS. LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW JOHN WASHBURN, WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF BILL COLLINS. IT IS NOT BELIEVED DESIRABLE BY THIS OFFICE TO INTERVIEW [redacted] UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUALS ANSWERING SUBJECT-S DESCRIPTION HAVE BEEN SEEN AT MRS. FRED COLE-S HOUSE. ALSO WHETHER OR NOT MRS. FRED COLE AND PAULINE ARE ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND UNTIL BILL COLLINS IS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 25, 1949

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
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PURPOSE:

To advise you that Bill Collins mentioned by [redacted] as having also seen subject Cole subsequent to his escape, on interview denies ever having seen subject Cole since his escape in 1937 or ever having heard from anyone who has seen him. Mrs. Collins on interview also denied any knowledge of Cole's whereabouts.

BACKGROUND:

[redacted] b7D has alleged that subjects are still alive and that he has seen them since in 1943 and 1945. He has also alleged that one Bill Collins, Pauline Cole, subject's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole also saw Cole subsequent to his escape. While [redacted] is not considered a mental case, he is considered mentally unstable and will exaggerate any stories he might tell. [redacted]

CURRENT INFORMATION:

By wire 11/23/49, the Los Angeles Division advised Bill Collins and his wife Alta were interviewed separately on 11/22/49. Collins denied ever having seen subject Cole since his escape attempt or ever hearing from anyone who had seen him. He denied the knowledge attributed to him by [redacted] in its entirety and states that b7D most of the information he has about Cole came from [redacted] Collins advises that he has a feeling subject Cole is alive based on the fact that when he was present, Mrs. Esther Cole received a letter from a person whom Collins thought might have been subject Cole. He did not see the letter but thought the stamps on the envelope indicated it was mailed in some unidentified foreign country. Mrs. Cole stated that it was from some church friend. In 1948, Collins saw a photo of subject Cole at the home of Pauline Lopez which appeared more recent than 1939. Pauline told him it was a composite photo of subject. Mrs. Collins denied knowledge of the visit of subject Cole allegedly made to the home of his mother and denied the acquaintance of any politician or person with influence in Oklahoma also known by the Cole family. Collins has no current information regarding the occupations of either Mrs. Cole or Pauline Lopez, but inquiry reflects Mrs. Cole operating a used clothing business and Mrs. Lopez receiving aid for needy children from welfare authorities.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In order to definitely prove or disprove [redacted] allegations, the following is recommended: b7D

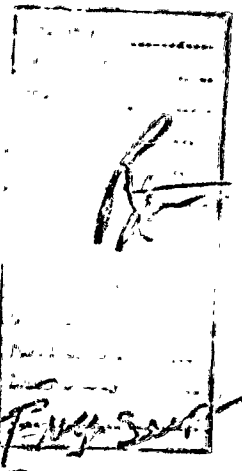
1. Los Angeles to conduct investigation to determine reliability of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins so that their denials can be evaluated.

2. Los Angeles attempt to determine if individuals answering subject's description have ever been seen at home of Mrs. Cole or at her place of employment.

3. In addition to the above steps, Los Angeles is being instructed to cover certain leads of a general nature which are aimed at determining the reliability and truthfulness of [redacted] statements as set out in San Francisco report 11/11/49.

4. On the completion of the above, Los Angeles is being instructed to interview [redacted] and Mrs. Esther Cole to further prove or disprove the allegations of [redacted]

A teletype to Los Angeles and San Francisco along the above lines is attached.



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THEORDORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. REBUTEL SEVENTEENTH INSTANT AND SAN FRANCISCO TEL EIGHTEENTH. NEW ADDRESS OBTAINED TODAY FOR BILL COLLINS, MERCED, CALIF. HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED SOON AS CAN BE LOCATED. BUREAU AND SF WILL BE NOTIFIED DETAILS OBTAINED, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS RE INTERVIEWS WITH ESTHER COLE AND PAULINE LOPEZ.

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THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. EFP. REBUTEL SEVENTEENTH INSTANT. BILL COLLINS AND WIFE, ALTA, ONE THREE NINE NAUGHT FIRST ST., MERCED, CALIF. INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY LATE YESTERDAY. THEY LIVE IN TRAILER, HAVE BEEN MOVING AROUND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA PAST YEAR. COLLINS CAME TO CALIF. WITH WIFE EARLY THIRTY NINE, CLAIMS HEARD NEWS OF SUBJ. COLES ESCAPE ON CAR RADIO ENROUTE. THEY WENT DIRECTLY TO RESIDENCE MRS. ESTHER COLE, WOODLAKE, CALIF. WHERE THEY RESIDED UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. COLLINS DENIED EVER HAVING SEEN SUBJ. COLE SINCE ESCAPE ATTEMPT, OR EVER HEARING FROM ANYONE WHO HAD SEEN HIM. DENIED OCCURRENCE OF STORY [redacted] TOLD RE COLLINS WATERING VINES AND UNKNOWN PERSON CALLING AT MRS. COLES HOUSE. DENIED KNOWING ANY POLITICIAN OR OTHER PERSON OF INFLUENCE IN OKLAHOMA WHO MIGHT BE KNOWN TO COLE FAMILY. COLLINS SAID MOST INFO HE HAS ABOUT SUBJ. COLE CAME FROM [redacted] COLLINS HAS b7D FEAR OF SUBJ. COLE WHO ONCE THREATENED HIM. COLLINS RELATED BEING PRESENT WHEN MRS. ESTHER COLE RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERSON WHICH COLLINS THOUGHT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUBJ. COLE. HE DID NOT SEE LETTER, MRS. COLLINS SAID IT WAS FROM CHURCH FRIEND, COLLINS THOUGHT STAMPS ON ENVELOPE INDICATED IT MAILED IN SOME UNIDENT. FOREIGN COUNTRY. SAID THIS

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OCCURRED ABOUT FEB. THIRTY NINE WITH HIS WIFE PRESENT ALSO. IN FORTYEIGHT SAW PHOTO OF SUBJ. COLE AT HOME [redacted] WHICH APP- b7D
EARED TO BE MORE RECENT THAN THIRTYNINE. [redacted] TOLD HIM IT WAS COMPOS-
ITE PHOTO OF SUBJ. THEY HAD PREPARED. THESE TWO INCIDENTS, COUPLED WITH HIS FEAR OF SUBJ., CAUSE COLLINS TO QUOTE HAVE FEELING UNQUOTE SUBJ. COLE ALIVE, BUT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. MRS. COLLINS DENIED BEING PRESENT WHEN LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE RECEIVED BY MRS. COLE. SAW PHOTO AT [redacted] [redacted] WHICH [redacted] TOLD HER WAS TAKEN SHORTLY BEFORE SUBJ. COLE ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ. ADMITS FEAR OF SUBJ. COLE NOW SUBSIDING DUE TO LACK INFO RE HIS LOCATION OVER LONG PERIOD TIME. SHE CLAIMS [redacted] FRAMED INTO KILLING FRED WEAVER COLE AND ACTED REALLY IN SELF DEFENSE. BOTH COLLINS WERE PREPARED TESTIFY AS CHARACTER WITNESSES FOR [redacted] BUT WERE NOT CALLED. SHE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT OF SUBJ. COLE ALLEGEDLY MADE TO HOME OF HIS MOTHER, OR ACQUAINTANCE ANY POLITICIAN OR PERSON OF INFLUENCE IN OKLAHOMA ALSO KNOWN BY COLE FAMILY. COLLINS HAVE NO CURRENT INFO RE OCCUPATIONS OF MRS. ESTHER COLE OR [redacted] b7D
[redacted] INQUIRY REFLECTS MRS. COLE REPORTEDLY OPERATING USED CLOTHING BUSINESS AND RECEIVING SMALL INCOME FROM OIL PROPERTY, STROUD, OKLA. MRS. LOPEZ RECEIVING AID FOR NEEDY CHILDREN FROM TULARE CO. WELFARE DEPT. SHE IS NOT GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. HUSBAND, MARTIN LOPEZ, ITINERANT AGRICULTURAL WORKER. NO INFO AVAILABLE THAT THEY ARE ENGAGED

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. NO MENTION MADE TO COLLINS THAT [redacted] HAD b7D

FURNISHED INFO RE CASE. AS ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [redacted] WHICH HE CLAIMED

COLLINS COULD SUBSTANTIATE APPEAR TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION IN FACT,

SUGGESTED NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED CONDUCTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

BASED ON ALLEGATIONS OF [redacted] NO ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WILL BE CONDUC-

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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MATTER SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR THE BUREAU AND OKLAHOMA CITY AS OFFIN.

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For information of Oklahoma City:

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[redacted] that he saw subject Cole subsequent to escape from Alcatraz. Collins was living with his wife in the home of [redacted] Mrs. Fred Cole and according to [redacted] Collins stated he was watering [redacted] outside the house when subject Cole came up alone and Collins recognized [redacted] Corbett said Collins knows the ex-governor of Oklahoma well and could furnish [redacted] of this individual.

Collins and his wife Alta of 1390 First Street, Merced, California, were interveiwed by the Los Angeles Office 11/22/49 and Collins denied ever having seen subject Cole since escape attempt of ever having heard from anyone who had seen him. He denied the occurrence of the story [redacted] told re Collins watering vines and denied knowing any politician or other person of influence in Oklahoma who might be known to the Cole family. Collins said most of the information he has about subject Cole came from [redacted] He said that he was present when Mrs. Cole received a letter from an unknown person who Collins thought might have been subject Cole. Mrs. Cole said it was from a church friend but Collins thought stamps on envelope indicated it was mailed in some foreign country. In 1948, he saw a photo of subject Cole at the home of Pauline Lopez which appeared to have been more recent than 1939. Pauline said it was a composite photo of subject and it is these two incidents which caused Collins to have feeling that subject Cole might be alive. Mrs. Collins also denied knowledge of visit of subject Cole or acquaintance of any politician also known by Cole family. Collins has no information re occuaptions of Mrs. Cole or Mrs. Lopez. Inquiry by Los Angeles reflects Mrs. Cole operating used clothing business and Mrs. Lopez receiving aid for needy children from welfare authorities.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. RELATEL DEC. TWO LAST. [redacted] ADVISED TODAY NO KNOWLEDGE FUGITIVES CONTACT WITH HIM. STATES COLE PHOTO FAMILIAR. DOES NOT RECALL DRIVING FUG. IN HIS NINETEEN FORTY BLACK BUICK TWO DOOR SEDAN IN FORTYTHREE OR ANYTIME. DENIES KNOWING FRED WEAVER COLE. ADMITS ASSISTING HOODLUMS AND CRIMINALS IN REHABILITATING THEMSELVES. ADVISES HE IS KNOWN AS [redacted] IN VIEW OF HIS PAST CONNECTION WITH [redacted] THROUGH HIS EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH GAMBLERS AND CRIMINALS, [redacted] VOLUNTEERED TO ASS b7D IN LOCATING FUGITIVES WITHOUT REVEALING HIS IDENTITY AS INFORMANT. VOLUNTARILY ADVISED PERSONAL FRIEND, LA SHERIFF EUGENE BISCAILUZ AND LA DA WILLIAM SIMPSON. RELATED HE WAS JUDGE STANLEY MOFFATT-S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, MOFFATT IS NOTORIOUS HIGHLAND PARK J.P. ALEGED TO BE FELLOW TRAVELLER.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. REBUTEL NOV. TWENTYFIVE. INVESTIGATION REVEALS [redacted] POSSIBLE IDENTICAL [redacted] b7D

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THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. C.O.P. JOE BORGMAN, EXETER, CALIF. ADVISES AT ONE TIME THOUGHT MR. AND MRS. FRED W. COLE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY BECAUSE QUOTE COULDN-T FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY LIVED ON UNQUOTE, BUT IN SPITE OF CAREFUL WATCHING SINCE SUBJ. COLE-S ESCAPE HAS NEVER SUBSTANTIATED THIS SUSPICION. STATES THER HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST WHEN COLES HAD GUESTS WHO AROUSED HIS SUSPICION AT HOUSE FOR LONG VISIT, BUT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY TO HIS SATISFACTION. [redacted] b7D [redacted] INTERVIEWED [redacted]. CLAIMS HAS NO NEW INFO ON SUBJ. COLE. DENIES EVER BEING CONTACTED BY HIM OR EVER HEARING INDIRECTLY FROM HIM SINCE ESCAPE. STATES MRS. ESTHER COLE DOING HOUSEWORK, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. AND GETTING DIVORCE FROM ELBERT MOLTEN HICKON, WHO SHE MET AND MARRIED FOLLOWING MATRIMONIAL CLUB CORRESPONDENCE. HICKSON CLAIMED TO BE QUOTE AND FBI MAN UNQUOTE. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF MARRIAGE, HICKSON DESERTED MRS. COLE. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

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COP GUS WEST, ABE UPP AND JOHN WASHBURN, FORMER EMPLOYERS OF BILL COLLINS, ADVISE HE AND WIFE HAD GOOD REPUTATION WHILE IN WOODLAKE AND WERE CONSIDERED RELIABLE. RS. [redacted] b7D [redacted] DURING COURSE OF SECOND [redacted] MURDER TRIAL. MOTHER BELIEVES DUE TO FEAR OF GATHER BEING RELEASED FROM MURDER CHARGE. MRS. COLE TO BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS LOCATED.

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cc: M. Rosen
Fug. Sup.

SAC, San Diego

December 22, 1949

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was., - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, was., - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reurlet December 15, 1949.

It is not necessary to maintain contact with Uriah A. Smith as information in possession of his nephew Thomas Jackson Smith has been secured from the latter's source [redacted] also incarcerated at San Quentin. b7D

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SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, IO #1472
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(Bureau file 76-2686)

Rebutel to San Francisco and San Diego dated 11-9-49.

It is requested that the Bureau advise this office whether or not it is desired that contact be maintained with URIAH A. SMITH of Calimesa, California, in connection with information URIAH SMITH was to obtain from his nephew, THOMAS JACKSON SMITH, presently serving a sentence at San Quentin, California; or whether this case should be considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, FFP. REBUTEL DEC. SIXTEEN INSTANT. REMYTEL DEC. TWO, SIX AND SEVEN LAST. MRS. ESTHER COLE, SUBJS MOTHER INTERVIEWED. VERIFIED INFO. PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED RE HUSBAND ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON, EXCEPT DENIES EVER STATED WAS "FBI MAN". STATES HICKSON INDICATED RECEIVING REWARDS FOR APPREHENSION WANTED CRIMINALS, AND ON ONE OCCASION STATED HAD BEEN WITH GOVT BUT DID NOT FURNISH INFO AS TO EXACT OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYER. HICKSON OBTAINED APPROX. ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM MRS. COLE PRIOR TO DESERTING HER. SHE DENIES EVER RECEIVING ANY INFO. FROM SUBJ. SINCE HIS ESCAPE. NO ADDITIONAL INFO. OBTAINED FROM HER RE SUBJECTS. SHE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED HOUSEKEEPER, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE PER MONTH. RECEIVES EIGHTY DOLLARS PER MONTH RENTAL INCOME FROM HOUSES WOODLAKE AND EXETER, CALIF. AND ONE HUNDRED PER MONTH ON AVERAGE FROM OIL ROYALTY ON PROPERTY AT STROUD, OKLA. NO EVIDENCE ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. COMPOSITE PHOTO OF SUBJ. SECURED. WALTER WARNER, PHOTOGRAPHER, EXETER, CALIF., VERIFIED FACT IS COMPOSITE PHOTO. MRS. COLE STATES WAS MADE FROM TWO PHOTOS, OLDEST OF WHICH TAKEN WHEN SUBJ. THIRTEEN. EXPEDITE REPORT DICTATED AND WILL FORWARD AMSD SOON AS TYPED.

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cc: Mr. Hickson

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THEODORE COLE, WAS. FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS. FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. EFP. REBUTEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN. ONLY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY S. F. OFFICE HAS BEEN AT SAN QUENTIN IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMANT [redacted] FURNISHED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DURING COURSE OF QUESTIONING, [redacted] HAS GOTTEN ANGRY WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS HISTORY AND HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT COLE. AFTER COLE-S ESCAPE FROM STATE PRISON, MC ALESTER, OKLAHOMA, IN NINETEEN THIRTIES. [redacted] STATED HE DOES NOT WANT ANY OF HIS RELATIVES QUESTIONED AS DOES NOT WANT TO GET ANY INNOCENT PEOPLE INVOLVED, AND ALSO FELT FBI TRYING TO TRICK HIM IN GIVING INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROVE A HARBORING CASE AGAINST HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESCAPE OF COLE FROM MC ALESTER IN CONECTION WITH THIS ESCAPE, [redacted] STATED THAT ABOUT LAST PART OF THIRTY THREE SUBJECT COLE ESCAPED FROM STATE PRISON, MC ALESTER, OKLAHOMA AND CAME TO SEE HIM AT [redacted] COLE WAS OUT OF JAIL AFTER ESCAPE FOR ABOUT THIRTY FOUR DAYS, AND [redacted] CLAIMS HE WAS WITH HIM FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS OF THIS PERIOD [redacted] AT THIS POINT [redacted] REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY MORE INFORMATION. IT IS TO BE NOTED SUBJECT COLE WAS ARRESTED BY DALLAS, TEXAS, PD, JANUARY SIX, THIRTY FIVE AS FUGITIVE FROM CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, KIDNAPING, AND CALIFORNIA

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BUREAU CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, IDENTIFICATION RECORDS CONCERNING [redacted] AS [redacted] INVES, b7D G. P. -HOLD-. WAS INDICTED ON THEFT OVER FIFTY DOLLARS, AND CHARGES WERE LATER DISMISSED. THIS RECORD ON [redacted] ALSO REFLECTS ARREST [redacted] AS [redacted] INVES. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN. [redacted] STATED THAT FRED COLE BETWEEN FORTY THREE AND FORTY SEVEN OFTEN STATED HE WAS GOING TO SEE QUOTE THE BOYS UNQUOTE AND WOULD LEAVE FOR A FEW WEEKS. ON OTHER OCCASIONS HE STATED QUOTE I HAVE TO SEE SON SOMETIME THIS YEAR, UNQUOTE. [redacted] IS SURE HE WAS GOING TO SEE SUBJECTS. IN FORTY THREE FRED COLE TOLD [redacted] HE WENT TO A PLACE NEAR RENO, NEVADA, AND HE STAYED ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. [redacted] BELIEVES HE MET SUBJECTS THERE. MYRON THOMPSON, RECENTLY EXECUTED CONVICT WHO [redacted] CLAIMS IS FROM SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, AND WHO KNEW FRED COLE AND SUBJECT COLE, TOLD [redacted] WHILE INCARCERATED IN SAN QUENTIN WITH [redacted] THAT HE WAS WITH SUBJECTS NEAR RENO IN HIDEOUT, AND THAT FRED COLE CAME TO SEE THEM. THOMPSON ALSO STATED THERE WERE ONE OR TWO OTHER FUGITIVES PRESENT WHOSE IDENTITITES ARE UNKNOWN TO [redacted] IN NINETEEN FORTY FOUR FRED COLE LEFT, SAYING HE WAS GOING TO

SOME PLACE NEAR PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND STATED THAT WAS WHERE THE HIDE-OUT WAS. [redacted] BELIEVES HE SAW SUBJECTS THERE, THROUGH FRED COLE NEVER STATED THAT HE HAD. FROM NINETEEN FORTY FOUR TO FORTY SEVEN FRED COLE TOLD [redacted] AT VARYING TIMES THAT HE SAW THE BOYS EVERY WEEK, SAYING THAT THEY WERE AROUND CORCORAN. [redacted] BELIEVES FRED COLE WAS COUNTERFEITING MONEY NEAR CORCORAN., CALIFORNIA AND [redacted] STATED THAT IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, A COUNTERFEITING RING WAS BROKEN UP THERE BY POLICE AND FOR THIS REASON [redacted] BELIEVES SUBJECTS LEFT THIS AREA IN FORTYSEVEN. [redacted] HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO PERSONS ARRESTED, ETC. IN FORTY FIVE OR FORTY SIX, FRED COLE WENT TO SOME LUMBER CAMP IN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS BACK OF EXETER, CALIFORNIA, AND FROM WHAT COLE SAID, [redacted] BELIEVES SUBJECTS VISITED HIM THERE AND DID SOME GAMBLING. [redacted] STATED THAT TED JOHNSON, WITH ALIAS PINHEAD JOHNSON, WHO RESIDES IN CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA, PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT COLE AT STATE PRISON, MC ALESTER, OKLAHOMA. [redacted] BELIEVES IN NINETEEN TWENTIES ON A CHARGE OF ROBBERY. [redacted] STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW IF SUBJECTS HAVE CONTACTED JOHNSON. [redacted] CLAIMS THAT IN FORTY NINE, AN FBI AGENT FROM FRESNO QUESTIONED HIM [redacted] ABOUT TED JOHNSON-S WIFE AS IT WAS ALLEGED THAT TWO MEN HAD RUN OFF WITH HER. [redacted] DESCRIBED TED JOHNSON AS AGE IN FORTIES, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, WEIGHT ONE

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SIXTY FIVE, RACE WHITE, HAIR DARK, HAS WIFE AND ONE CHILD TEN YEARS OLD. FORMERLY RESIDED BRISTOW AND STROUD, OKLAHOMA. FBI AGENT SHOWED [redacted] b7D PICTURE OF JOHNSON-S WIFE, SHE BEING FLANKED BY TWO MEN IN PICTURE. WITH REGARD TO THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED [redacted] STATED HE FIRST MET THIS INDIVIDUAL IN FRED COLE-S HOUSE IN FORTY THREE AND MET HIM SEVEN TO EIGHT TIMES THEREAFTER. HE CLAIMS THAT [redacted] ONCE INDICATED HE WAS STAYING IN EXETER HOTEL, EXETER, CALIFORNIA, AND ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVES [redacted] IS THE GO-BETWEEN FOR SUBJECT AND MRS. COLE. [redacted] BELIEVES [redacted] HAS FULL SET OF FALSE TEETH AND WEARS SOME SORT OF QUOTE ORDER UNQUOTE RING ON LEFT HAND, AND BY QUOTE ORDER UNQUOTE [redacted] MEANS ORGANIZATION SUCH AS ELKS, ETC. [redacted] STATED PAULINE COLE-S HUSBAND PRESENTLY HAS A BAR IN VISALIA AND SUBJECTS MAY FREQUENT THIS PLACE. [redacted] CLAIMES THAT HE AS LEARNED THROUGH HIS CHILDREN THAT PAULINE HAS BEEN TRAVELING TO NEW YORK CITY, KANSAS CITY, CINCINNATI, OHIO AND BACAUSE OF THIS HE BELIEVES SHE MAY BE HANDLING DOPE FOR MRS. COLE. [redacted] INSISTS ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM IS THE TRUTH. DR. D. G. SCHMIDT, PSYCHIATRIST, SAN QUENTIN PRISON, FURNISHED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT [redacted] MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS [redacted] SAID THAT HE SAW SUBJECT COLE AND TOLD [redacted] [redacted] AND THAT [redacted] [redacted]

ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS SENT TO [redacted] BECAUSE [redacted] STATED THAT b7D

MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, AKA MRS. GOLDIE DAWSON, HALF SISTER OF SUBJECT COLE, LIVES NEXT DOOR TO PAULINE COLE IN WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA AND HAS A DAUGHTER NAMED NORMANDINE WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO A WHITE MAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED TO A MEXICAN WHO HAS BEEN SINCE DEPORTED TO MEXICO. NORMANDINE WAS INCARCERATED IN CALIFORNIA PRISON FOR WOMEN AT TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA, AND ESCAPED IN FORTYFOUR AND AFTER HE ESCAPE, MR. AND MRS. FRED COLE HELPED HER BY GIVING HER MONEY. SUBSEQUENT TO HER EXCAPE, FRED COLE TOLD [redacted] THAT NORMANDINE WAS LIVING ABOUT FORTY MILES FROM EXETER, WHICH IS ABOUT THE DISTANCE CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA IS FROM EXETER. [redacted] THINKS NORMANDINE MAY KNOW OF SUBJECTS WHERE ABOUTS BECAUSE OF HER CLOSE CONNECTION WITH FRED COLE. NORMANDINE HAS TWO CHILDREN WHO ARE KEPT BY MRS. VIOLET DAWSON AND MRS. VIOLET DAWSON HAS SEEN NORMANDINE SUBSEQUENT TO HER ESCAPE. [redacted] STATES NORMANDINE HAS NEVER BEEN CAUGHT. THE FOLLOWING LEAD IS FOR LOS ANGELES, FORWARD PICTURE OF [redacted] ALIAS [redacted] TO SAN FRANCISCO AND IT WILL BE DETERMINED IF [redacted] CAN IDENTIFY HIM FROM A GROUP OF

PICTURES. INTERVIEW MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING SUBJECTS AND ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF HER DAUGHTER, NORMANDINE, SO SHE CAN BE INTERVIEWED. INTERVIEW TED JOHNSON, ALIAS PINHEAD JOHNSON, CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING SUBJECTS. [redacted] IDENTITY SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED. b7D

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THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, RALPH ROE, WAS., FUG., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. REBUTEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, AND REPORT SA JAMES C. NEEL, NOVEMBER ELEVEN, FORTYNINE, SAN FRANCISCO. RECORDS OKLA. COUNTY JAIL SHOW COLE ARRESTED JANUARY SIX, THIRTYFIVE AT DALLAS, TEXAS AND BROUGHT TO OKLA. COUNTY JAIL AND RELEASED TO USM, JANUARY TEN, THIRTYFIVE. COLE AGAIN RECEIVED OKLA. CO. JAIL, MARCH ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE AND RELEASED TO USM, MAY TWENTY, THIRTYFIVE. NO RECORD OF VISITORS. STANLEY ROGERS, OKLA. COUNTY SHERIFF AT THAT TIME RECALLS COLE CONFINED HERE AT REQUEST OF THE LATE U. S. JUDGE R. L. WILLIAMS. ROGERS STATED COLE MADE ONE ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE BY HIDING IN JAIL TRASH CAN AND WAS THEREAFTER CONFINED IN SPECIAL CELL. COLE CONVICTED, STATE COURT, TULSA OKLA. OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, TWENTYNINE ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE AND SENTENCED TO DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION. SENTENCE LATER COMMUTED TO FIFTEEN YEARS BY FORMER GOVERNOR W. J. HOLLOWAY. HOLLOWAY, PRESENTLY AN ATTORNEY OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN OKLA. CITY, DOES NOT ANSWER DESCRIPTION OF EXGOVERNOR IN INSTANT REPORT. HENRY S. JOHNSTON, IS ONLY LIVING EX GOVERNOR WHO ANSWERS ABOVE DESCRIPTION. JOHNSTON REPORTED BY CLOSE FRIENDS TO BE INCOMPETENT DUE TO SENILITY. COLES SISTER, MRS. PAULINE CORNETT, FORMERLY RESIDED ROUTE ONE, STROUD, OKLA. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DELORES PILGRIM

NAME

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU

2 photos of subject COLE
1 photo of DELORES PILGRIM
1 photo of ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON

Re: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, ETAL
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TITLE: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471; RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO # 1472

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject COLE's mother ESTHER COLE recently married ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON as result matrimonial club correspondence. She states HICKSON represented self to her as retired detective "who had been with government." HICKSON obtained approximately $1,000 from Mrs. COLE then deserted her. Divorce action pending Visalia, California. Chief of Police JOE BORGMAN, Exeter, California, has maintained watch of COLE residence there since subject's escape with negative results. [redacted] interviewed Tulare County Jail, 1947, by Bureau agent. PHILIP COLE, referred to by [redacted] as arrested Merced, California on narcotics charge, identified as negro. WILLIAM (BILL) COLLINS, Merced, California, failed to substantiate [redacted] story. Present husband of PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ is known Visalia - Mexican MARTIN LOPEZ. [redacted] located and interviewed with negative results. Responsible Tulare County authorities characterize [redacted] as psychopathic, motivated by desire for revenge and desire to influence law enforcement officers in his favor.

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Report of SA JAMES C. NEEL, San Francisco, 11/11/49
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DETAILS:

AT EXETER, CALIFORNIA

Chief of Police JOE BORGMAN advised the writer that his wife had been informed by Mrs. ESTHER COLE that she had recently married a man by the name of HICKSON who, according to Mrs. BORGMAN's understanding, was a retired Deputy United States Marshal. BORGMAN stated that following receipt of this information from his wife he had endeavored to obtain further information concerning the identity of the aforementioned HICKSON, but that to the best of his knowledge and the knowledge of neighbors, HICKSON had not been seen with Mrs. COLE in Exeter, California. He stated that he had no idea as to where she might have been married.

Subsequent to receiving this information and on Bureau authority Mrs. ESTHER COLE was interviewed at Visalia, California by the writer. She stated that she was presently employed as a housekeeper at 3819 Mitchell Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and that she received a salary of $125 a month. She stated that she is presently obtaining a divorce from her husband ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON whom she met and married as a result of matrimonial club correspondence.

She advised that she had been in the past a member of the "Golden West Club" of San Fernando, California, andthat evidently HICKSON had obtained her name and address from that organization. Following a courtship consisting of approximately two letters per week for three weeks, she and HICKSON made arrangements to meet at her home at Exeter, California. He represented himself to her as having formerly been a preacher for a denomination known as the Holiness Church of God. He made mention to her of ownership of various properties in Los Angeles and Kentucky. He also claimed to have owned the resort hotel at Lebec, California at one time.

She stated that she and HICKSON were married at Santa Rosa, New Mexico, May 20, 1949; and that after approximately one months time he left her with the excuse that he had to continue his business. She stated that she received various letters from him; one from Texarkana, Texas, September 9, 1949; one from Kansas City, Missouri, August 10, 1949; and a wire from Hutchinson, Kansas on the same date. All of these letters and the wire contained requests for money. She advised that prior to the time HICKSON left her he had indicated that he was "temporarily short" and needed approximately $800. She states that she borrowed the amount from the Bank of America in Bakersfield and gave it to him. Subsequently, he obtained

from her approximately $150 in expense money. She states that she feels reasonably sure that the total amount was at least $1,000 and possibly more. She advised that she realizes now that she was simply being taken in by HICKSON. Following this realization, she filed a divorce action in Tulare County, which is being handled by Deputy District Attorney FRANCIS L. SMEE. This fact was verified by the writer with Mr. SMEE.

Following her marriage with HICKSON, Mrs. COLE stated, he was very vague about his employment, and that she recalls two or three occasions when he would ask her to leave the room as it was necessary for him to prepare messages for his boss, whom he called BILL, in code. She claimed that she never had been able to see any of these although she tried. She recalls in his conversation that he mentioned the fact that he was a detective and on one occasion that he said he had "been with the Federal government." In his conversation he gave the impression that the principal money he earned was in connection with receiving rewards from criminals captured.

She described HICKSON as being 71 years of age, 5' 11", 190 pounds, blue eyes, fair complexion, and fine white hair.

A snapshot photograph of HICKSON was furnished the writer after Mrs. COLE had removed the portion of the photogaph containing her picture. It will be maintained in the Los Angeles file.

Mrs. COLE displayed to the writer the stub of a royalty check payable to her from the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the amount of $99.10. She stated that she received this amount of royalty on oil produced on land inherited from her mother Mrs. BRACE in Stroud, Oklahoma and had received it for several years. She advised her income was further augmented by $50 per month rent from a house at 332 South I Street in Exeter, California, and $30 per month for a house owned by her at Woodlake, California.

Mrs. COLE stated that her daughter Mrs. PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ at Woodlake, California had two photographs of her son, the subject, TED COLE. She stated that one was a composite photograph made at a time when he was approximately 13 years of age and that the other was a snapshot-type photograph which had been recopied from a 25 cent machine-made photograph which the subject had taken of himself when he was approximately 17 years of age in Los Angeles, California.

She denied that she had ever received any communication of any kind from her son or that she had ever received any communication from anyone else giving her information concerning him. She stated that she had "been granted the vision from God because of a prayer to know whether or not her son was alive and that she had seen him in this vision floating in water tied to some sunken object." Because of this vision, Mrs. COLE states that she believes the subject to be dead.

Chief of Police JOE BORGMAN of Exeter, California states that since the escape of subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz he has maintained informants in the persons of DOVY SCOTT, 348 South I Street, and Mrs. EFFIE GARRISON at 330 South I Street. BORGMAN has known both of these individuals for a great many years and has the utmost confidence in their integrity. He advised that they have kept him constantly informed of anyone not known to them visiting the home of Mrs. ESTHER COLE at 332 South I Street in Exeter, California.

BORGMAN states that he personally has never seen nor heard from his informants of anyone resembling either of the subjects ever visiting the COLE home in Exeter. He further advised that on three or four occasions that he can recall his informants advised him that strangers were visiting the COLE household. He states that he checked these strange visitors out to his satisfaction on each occasion. He cannot at this time recall the names of these individuals or the details in this connection.

BORGMAN advises that he has in the past been interested in the COLE family because of the subject's escape and also because he was unable to account for the income that Mrs. ESTHER COLE and her husband FRED W. COLE (deceased) seemed to have without working too hard for it. He states that on occasions he has made checks in an effort to determine the source of this income without any results. He advised that for several years Mrs. ESTHER COLE operated a second-hand clothing business at Farmersville and Poplar, California. Also she operated at one time a similar type store from her home in Exeter.

Chief of Police BORGMAN was not aware that Mrs. COLE received an income from oil royalties. He advised that had this knowledge been made known to him he might not have been so suspicious of the family's income. BORGMAN stated that he had made an investigation in Exeter, California and had also contacted Chief of Police GUS WEST of Woodlake, California, and as both officers are also responsible for collecting of licenses in their respective towns, they were able to state that at the present time Mrs. COLE is not gainfully employed in either Exeter or Woodlake, California.

Mr. BORGMAN verified the fact that ESTHER COLE's house is at the present time rented, although he was unable to determine the exact amount of the rent. He stated that the family presently residing there is named HENDRICKS.

On October 1, 1947 REBEL BURTON CORNETT was interviewed by the writer at the Tulare County Jail at Visalia, California. This interview was conducted at the request of Tulare County Sheriff BEN B. GURR, who advised the reason for his request as being due to the fact that CORNETT had made statements to him concerning his alleged knowledge of information about subject TED COLE.

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During the interview with [redacted] he advised the writer briefly that he believed that on one occasion he had seen a person resembling TED COLE peering through the window of the COLE home at 332 South I Street, Exeter, California. He stated that he thought he could see sufficient of the features to recognize TED and that he was dressed as a woman. He stated that he had mentioned this fact to his wife after returning home the same evening, but that she had refused to discuss the matter. He was unable to recall the date of this occurrence.

During the interview the writer experienced extreme difficulty in talking with [redacted] in that he continuously wandered from subject to subject and insisted on talking about the murder of which he was accused, namely, that of having shot and killed [redacted] writer gained the impression at the time of this interview that [redacted] reason for furnishing information regarding TED COLE was in an effort to mitigate his offenses against the subject's step-father and to excuse the fact that he was carrying a gun without a permit at the time the murder occurred. He repeatedly stated to the writer that the reason he went around armed was that he feared sometime TED COLE would return and kill him because he had been responsible for sending TED COLE to State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma, originally.

Special Agent MARLIN W. JOHNSON at the Merced County Sheriff's Office, Merced, California, examined their records which revealed that one PHILIP LORENZO COLE, FBI No. 4682861, had been arrested by the Merced Police Department and State Narcotics Officers for possession of narcotics. He had entered a guilty plea and is currently being held at the Merced County Jail pending presentation of probation. He was described as born September 16, 1921, negro, and resident of Merced, California for 16 years.

On November 22, 1949 Mr. WILLIAM (BILL) S. COLLINS was interviewed apart from his family by Special Agents MARLIN W. JOHNSON and JOHN L. SULLIVAN. He appeared to be extremely cooperative and to be perfectly frank in all of his statements. He advised that he previously had resided with his wife ALTA in the state of Oklahoma, and that during the last days of 1937 he proceeded from the state of Oklahoma to the state of California, making his home at Woodlake, California. He advised that he and his family arrived at Woodlake on January 7, 1938. They lived in a trailer which was located very close to the residence of FRED WEAVER COLE and his wife ESTHER COLE.

From January, 1938 until June, 1948, COLLINS stated that his address was General Delivery, Woodlake, California. In June of 1948 he moved with his wife to Madera, California where he resided for only a few months. He then moved to Modesto, Turlock, and from there to Merced, California where he has been located for the past three months, at 1390 Childs Avenue.

Mr. COLLINS advised that he had never observed either one of the subjects since their escape. He positively denied ever having observed subject COLE visiting his mother's residence. He said that the only person who ever told him that subject COLE and subject ROE actually successfully escaped from Alcatraz Prison was one [redacted] b7D

He stated that he and his wife are personal friends of [redacted] and appeared as witnesses for [redacted] He advised that his wife is [redacted] He denied knowing the identity of any individual in an administrative position in the state of Oklahoma who may have assisted the COLE family in making possible the subject's escape.

He stated he knew nothing of the activities of Mrs. ESTHER COLE or of PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, [redacted] He recalled, however, that on one occasion [redacted] advised him that Mr. COLE was involved in peddling narcotics. He was unable to state on what basis [redacted] made this allegation.

COLLINS stated that he believes that the subject is alive at the present time and made good his escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary. He stated he based this opinion on the fact that in about February of 1938 while he and his wife ALTA were present at the home of Mrs. ESTHER COLE at Woodlake, California, Mrs. COLE received a letter which was unsigned and which did not contain any return address. From the outside of the envelope COLLINS observed that he believed it to have come from a foreign country. He did not recall anything to indicate where the letter was mailed. He stated that after opening the letter and starting to read it, a portion of which he recalled as being "I am all right and feel fine", Mrs. COLE ceased reading the letter and stated that it was not signed.

He observed Mrs. COLE open the letter which she had previously received from the subject COLE and observed her compare the handwriting of the two letters. He then stated Mrs. COLE said this letter was from a friend of hers who was overseas. Subsequent to this time he said he noticed a decided difference in the attitude of Mrs. COLE prior to the receipt of this letter. Mrs. COLE talked a great deal about her son being drowned while making this escape. After receiving the letter she made no more statements concerning him.

He recalled that in May of 1948 he and his wife were present at the home of PAULINE CORNETT in Woodlake, California and were shown a photograph of TED COLE, which PAULINE stated was a photograph made up of other photographs. Mr. COLLINS stated that in his opinion the photograph was a relatively recent

photograph of TED COLE.

He related that he did not get along well with the COLE family and since about 1938 they have refused to have anything to do with them. He stated that [redacted] b7D and that on several occasions he had discussed TED COLE with him. On one occasion [redacted] advised COLLINS that he had observed an individual wearing women's clothing come to the FRED COLE residence in Exeter. [redacted] told COLLINS that the next time this individual arrived at the COLE residence he was planning to rip the clothes off of the individual to determine if it were TED COLE.

COLLINS stated that no one to the best of his knowledge has ever positively identified TED COLE as being in the FRED COLE residence since his escape. COLLINS attributed the majority of his information concerning TED COLE to [redacted]

Mrs. ALTA COLLINS, wife of WILLIAM COLLINS, was interviewed apart from her husband on the evening of November 22, 1949 by Special Agents MARLIN W. JOHNSON and JOHN L. SULLIVAN. Mrs. COLLINS pledged her cooperation, advising the agents that she could be relied on to tell the truth due to the fact that she was a member in good standing of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. COLLINS denied ever having seen the subjects since their escape or ever having heard any individual state that they believed that the subjects had actually effected their escape from Alcatraz. She denied knowing any individuals in an administrative position in the state of Oklahoma who might have assisted in the subjects' escape, and further denied ever having discussed TED COLE with [redacted] b7D

She admitted, however, discussing the subject with Mrs. FRED COLE, who is her sister, and related that on one occasion Mrs. FRED COLE had advised that in a dream she had "been advised by God that subject TED COLE had been drowned while attempting to escape from Alcatraz." Mrs. COLLINS declined to state whether or not she thought that the subject had actually made good his escape from prison.

She stated that she could not recall ever having observed any communication received by the subject's mother which might have been from the subject. She admitted that she had observed a photograph of TED COLE in the possession of Mrs. PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ in 1948 and that PAULINE on this occasion had advised that the photograph had been taken prior to the subject's escape from Alcatraz.

She advised she had not been in touch with Mrs. ESTHER COLE or PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ during the past year.

She further denied that she had ever heard any information concerning the fact that subject COLE may have impersonated a Mexican woman. She denied ever having been in the ESTHER COLE residence in Exeter when an individual visited there who might have been identical with the subject.

On December 5, 1949, Mrs. PAULINE GORLETT LOPEZ was interviewed at her home 203 South Pepper, Woodlake, California (mailing address Post Office Box 704). She advised the writer that her mother had recently met and married ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON who commonly used the name of JACK, and that she had in her possession a summons to serve on him in the event that he appeared at the LOPEZ home at any time in the near future. This summons bore docket No. 39435 and indicated that HICKSON had married Mrs. ESTHER COLE on the 20th day of May, 1949 in the state of New Mexico and that a separation had occurred beginning July 16, 1949. The attorney representing Mrs. COLE in the divorce action was indicated as FRANCIS SMEE.

Mrs. LOPEZ stated that her husband's given name was MARTIN and that he is presently employed as a field worker in the agricultural harvest. She said that he had served in World War II and received a small disability pension from the government in connection with an injury received during this service. She advised that she was not gainfully employed herself, but maintained her home and took care of her children in Woodlake, California. She stated that her mother Mrs. ESTHER COLE was presently working as a housekeeper in Bakersfield, California, but she did not have her exact address.

She advised that her children as a joke referred to Mrs. ESTHER COLE's latest husband ELBERT HICKSON as the "FBI man." She could not recall any exact statements made by HICKSON during his two or three visits to the LOPEZ home, but stated that somehow she got the impression that he either was or had been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated that in her presence HICKSON had asked various of her children questions concerning their knowledge of the whereabouts of subject TED COLE. She stated that neither she nor any of her children had any such knowledge and were consequently unable to give HICKSON any answers to his questions.

She stated positively that she had never received any communication from her brother TED COLE since his escape from Alcatraz, and neither has she ever heard anything from anyone else concerning him. She advised that [redacted] had indicated to her sometime in the past that he believed the subject to be masquerading in women's clothing and to be visiting Mrs. ESTHER COLE. She states that she is positive that this is not true; that it is a figment of [redacted] imagination based on his desire to make trouble for [redacted] b7D

She furnished for the writer's inspection two photographs of subject TED COLE. One, she stated, was a composite photograph taken of him when he

was in his early teens. She advised that this photograph was a copy of one that had originally been made by her mother from two photographs, one of which pictured the subject with a hat on, and the other which was taken when he was approximately 10 years old without a hat on. She said that the photographer had somehow removed the hat from one photograph and substituted the hair from the other.

The other photograph was a snapshot photograph which she stated she had obtained from her mother Mrs. COLE. She said she did not know exactly when it had been made or under what circumstances but was positive that it had been made prior to subject's sentence to the penitentiary at Alcatraz. She furnished both of these photographs to the writer on the understanding that they would be copied and returned.

She also made a remark, but refused to amplify on it in any way, to the effect that subject COLE prior to his incarceration had been married to a girl by the name of MARIE, last name unknown. This girl she alleged was from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and as a result of her marriage to subject COLE had a son, [redacted] She said that she had no knowledge of the present whereabouts of either the wife or the son. b6 b7C

Mrs. LOPEZ advised that her daughter Mrs. DELORES PILGRIM had committed suicide at Stroud, Oklahoma during [redacted] b7D

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Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, half-sister of Mrs. PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, was contacted at her home immediately adjacent to that of Mrs. LOPEZ in Woodlake, California. She advised that she had no information concerning the whereabouts of subjects COLE or ROE. She reiterated in almost exact detail the information furnished by Mrs. LOPEZ concerning her mother's ltest husband ELBERT HICKSON. However, she stated that she had never heard him say anything about employment with the Federal government as an "FBI" man. She got the opinion from hearing his conversations that he was a detective and worked on Federal cases receiving rewards when fugitives were apprehended. She could recall no exact statements but was positive that he had never stated in her presence that he was an employee of the United States Government in any capacity.

She stated that her mother was a housekeeper for a family in Bakersfield, California, residing at 3819 Mitchell Avenue, and that arrangements could be made to interview her in Visalia, California on December 8, 1949, inasmuch as she intended to visit her attorney there on that date.

On December 5, 1949, Mr. JOHN WASHBURN, owner of the Woodlake Concrete Pipe and Supply Company, stated that [redacted] b7D

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that [redacted] was the more steady worker due to the fact that occasionally COLLINS got better pay working in agricultural harvests, but that both in his opinion were steady reliable workers. He advised that in the event of opposing stories being received by him from [redacted] and COLLINS he would hardly know which one to believe; however, he stated that possibly [redacted] had a slight tendency to "make a good story" out of incidents that he related. b7D

On the same date at Woodlake, California, Mr. ABRAHAM UPP, former employer of BILL COLLINS [redacted] stated that of the two he considered COLLINS the most reliable. He said that he and his wife had the highest regard for Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS and believed that both of them enjoyed an excellent reputation for honesty, integrity, and industry during the period of their residence in Woodlake, California. He said he could verify the fact that Mrs. COLLINS was an Eastern Star member in good standing and well thought of by the Woodlake women belonging to this organization.

Mr. WALKER WARNER of Exeter, California who operates a photographer's studio by the same name, examined his files and produced a portrait-type photograph of Mrs. DELORES PILGRIM. He advised that he was unable to establish the exact date which the photograph had been taken, but from its place in his records guessed it to be sometime during 1945.

Mr. WARNER examined the aforementioned composite photograph of subject TED COLE and stated that he recalled receiving the original order from Mrs. ESTHER COLE some years ago and that he had prepared the photograph from two or more photographs, one of which he recalled was a photograph of TED COLE with his hat on. He advised that this type of photograph was known as a "brush type composite." He said that the photograph displayed by the writer was not his work but a copy of the work he had previously performed.

Mr. WARNER also examined the snapshot photograph of the subject and stated that it appeared to him to be a copy of some cheap type photograph blown up to a larger size. He said that the photograph was not his work, but that he believed he recalled on one occasion that Mrs. ESTHER COLE had brought him a small circular metal-backed photograph, such as can be obtained from an automatic camera at an amusement park, requesting that he copy it. He was unable to determine from memory or his record whether or not such a copy was made. He advised that the reason he is positive that the snapshot photograph displayed to him was not his work, was due to the fact that his numbers are always stamped on back of every positive finished in his shop.

Copies of all of the aforementioned photographs are being made and will be made a part of the instant file.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

Mr. JOSE CAMPOS, operator of the El Cupo de Oro Bar and Cafe in Woodlake, California, stated that he was personally acquainted with MARTIN

LOPEZ, present husband of PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ. He advised that he had previously known him in Visalia, California, prior to World War II, where he had been employed as a bartender. According to CAMPOS, MARTIN LOPEZ frequently comes into CAMPOS' establishment for a drink and on occasion he has cashed United States Government pension checks for LOPEZ. CAMPOS said that he had also served in World War II and knew MARTIN LOPEZ to be a Veteran. LOPEZ has a generally good reputation in Woodlake, California and is currently employed as a harvest hand.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JEROME J. O'DRISCOLL at Los Angeles, California.

WILLARD B. STEEL, Chief of Police, Bell, California, advised that HERB SMITH, 6810 Miramont, is the only individual that he is acquainted with in the vicinity of Huntington Park or Bell who is known as the "preacher." STEEL said that the "preacher" is known to him as a gambler, dope peddler, and Evangelical preacher.

[redacted] advised Special Agent O'DRISCOLL on December 5, 1949 b7D that he had no knowledge of subjects' contact with him, but stated that TED COLE's photograph was familiar. [redacted] does not recall driving COLE or ROE in his 1941 black Buick two-door sedan in 1943 or at any time. [redacted] denies knowing FRED WEAVER COLE. [redacted] stated that he has assisted the criminal elements in Huntington Park in rehabilitating themselves.

AT [redacted]

An examination of the court records by the writer indicated that

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The writer interviewed Superior Court Judge FRED STONE who advised that it was his opinion from observing [redacted] b7D [redacted] that he was "a psychopathic, but knew right from wrong. He appeared to be motivated in most of his actions and responses by a desire for revenge and entertained a hatred beyond the bounds of a normal personality."

Judge FRANK LAMBERSON in an interview advised that he concurred with Judge STONE's description of [redacted] and in addition made the statement that he considered him "a vicious character motivated by desire for revenge on all whom he considered had done him a fancied wrong."

Sheriff BEN B. GURR of Tulare County and District Attorney ROBERT MEYERS also agree with the above-mentioned officers.

From the records of the Tulare County District Attorney's Office the writer obtained a copy of a statement furnished to investigative officers and to Deputy District Attorney on September 28, 1947 by [redacted] b7D [redacted]

He advised investigating officers of the Sheriff's Office that he carried a gun because [redacted]. He stated to them that [redacted] threatened his life many times, not directly, but to [redacted] and to other people. He stated that [redacted] had taught TED COLE, the subject of the instant case, to be a law violator and that he [redacted] had TED "sent up."

In answer to a question of "Why was it that [redacted] made threats to kill you?" [redacted] stated "I know too much on him and they done - They try to disqualify me and everything else and I won't talk. Nobody in the world will make me. I know all that racket, that boy broke out and everybody in the family ever since he was 15 years and I know all those crimes, and I know he killed a boy in Oklahoma, but he stood trial for it."

To the question as to who was meant by "he" in the above sentence, [redacted] answered [redacted] killed him. If you question my wife you will find it wasn't TED COLE. If you will look on his body [redacted] you will find where bullet holes are where he had been shot before. Yes, he got the boy into it. I know all about the whole business. I know ever since I have been as big as your fist. I had that boy sent to the penitentiary one time and they never got even with me yet. I guess they are even now or ought to be satisfied now."

The references in the above statement given by [redacted] are the only references made by him to investigating officers of Tulare County Sheriff's Office concerning any alleged knowledge that [redacted] had concerning the subject of the instant case, TED COLE. b7D

It is noted in the above statement made by [redacted] himself, that there is no reference to any allegation that the reason for [redacted] killing [redacted] was to protect his daughters from molestation, nor according to Sheriff BEN B. GURR did any such statement come out in either the first or second trial.

[redacted] in the above quoted statement and according to Sheriff GURR on the witness stand during both trials, tried to build up a history of long animosity between himself and [redacted] in order to attribute the actual killing to self-defense.

It should be noted that [redacted] never at any previous time when interviewed by agents of this office or by Tulare County law enforcement officers made any mention that subject TED COLE had changed the appearance of his face or fingerprints by plastic surgery. b7D

No previous mention has ever been made by [redacted] concerning an "ex-governor or high government official" in Oklahoma having assisted the escape of subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz.

A copy of the instant report is being forwarded to the San Francisco Office in view of their interest and possible future investigation in this case.

ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU:
1. One copy composite photograph of subject COLE
2. One snapshot photograph of subject COLE
3. One portrait photograph of DELORES PILGRIM
4. One snapshot photograph of ELBERT NOLTEN HICKSON

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[redacted] advised Special Agent JEROME J. O'DRISCOLL that he is known as [redacted] in view of his past connection with [redacted] Through his extensive contact with gamblers and criminals, SMITH volunteered to assist in locating the subjects without revealing his identity as informant. He voluntarily advised he is a personal friend of [redacted] b7D

It should be noted that the PHILIP COLE, mentioned by [redacted] in his interview with San Francisco agents as being connected with FRED WEAVER COLE and family, is definitely not borne out by facts, as has heretofore been indicated in this report. In addition [redacted] statement to agents of the San Francisco Office concerning the fact that "some Federal man at Farmersville worked with [redacted] and tipped him off to various things" and that this same individual interviewed him [redacted] is entirely unfounded in view of the fact that it was the writer who interviewed [redacted] and the writer had no personal acquaintance with [redacted] b7D

LEADS

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Huntington Park, California: Will conduct investigation set forth in San Francisco teletype dated December 17, 1949.

At Corcoran, California: Will conduct investigation set forth in San Francisco teletype dated December 17, 1949.

At Exeter, California: Will conduct investigation set forth in San Francisco teletype dated December 17, 1949.

At Woodlake, California: Will conduct investigation set forth in San Francisco teletype dated December 17, 1949.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: December 21, 1949

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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PURPOSE:

To advise that Mrs. Pauline Lopez [redacted] b7D and sister of subject Cole, and Mrs. Esther Cole, mother of subject, both denied seeing subjects or being contacted in any way by them since their escape. To date no information has been obtained to substantiate allegations of [redacted]

BACKGROUND:

[redacted] b7D has alleged that subjects are still alive [redacted] Pauline Cole Lopez, subject's sister, Mrs. Esther Cole, mother of subject and one Bill Collins all saw Cole subsequent to his escape. He also alleged that Cole and Roe were engaged in illegal activities in 1943 and that possibly an individual known as [redacted] was driving him around in connection with these activities. While [redacted] is not considered a mental case he is considered mentally unstable and will exaggerate any story he might tell. Bill Collins and his wife, Alta, on interview denied ever having seen subject Cole or ever having heard from anyone who had seen him. Collins said that in 1948 he saw a photograph of Cole in the home of Pauline Lopez which appeared to have been taken since his escape. Mrs. Lopez advised him it was a composite photograph of the subject.

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CURRENT INFORMATION:

By wire of December 6, 1949, the Los Angeles Division advised that [redacted] identified as [redacted] On interview [redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of fugitive's contact with him.

By wire of December 7, 1949, the Los Angeles Division advised that Mrs. Pauline Lopez on interview stated she has no information on Cole and denies ever being contacted by him or hearing indirectly from him since his escape.

The Chief of Police at Exeter, California advised that at one time he thought Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole were engaged in illegal activities but careful watching has never substantiated this suspicion. People visiting the Cole residence and who aroused his suspicion have always been identified

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to his satisfaction. Former employers of Bill Collins advised he and his wife have a good reputation and are considered reliable.

By wire dated December 16, 1949, the Los Angeles Division advised that Mrs. Esther Cole on interview denied ever receiving information from subject since his escape.

The photograph referred to by Bill Collins as possibly being a late photograph of Cole was secured and determined to be a composite photograph.

By wire dated December 17, 1949, the San Francisco Division advised that [redacted] has been further interviewed and insists that his information is correct but has furnished no information which could be substantiated as yet. b7D

By wire dated December 19, 1949, the Oklahoma City Division advised that Cole was convicted at State Court, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 22, 1929, on an armed robbery charge and was sentenced to death by electrocution. This sentence was later commuted to 15 years by former Governor W. J. Holloway, who is presently an attorney of excellent reputation in Oklahoma City and does not answer the description of the ex-Governor who was alleged by [redacted] to have aided subjects in their escape. Henry S. Johnston is the only living ex-Governor who answers the description and he is reported by close friends to be incompetent due to senility.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Investigation has not revealed any information to substantiate the allegations of [redacted]. However the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oklahoma City Divisions are continuing to handle further leads in this case and you will be kept advised of any further developments.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant [redacted] reported by prison psychiatrist Dr. D. G. SCHMIDT, San Quentin Prison to be mentally unstabled. Dr. SCHMIDT believes [redacted] would probably exaggerate any stories he might tell but advised that such stories may have some truth to them. Dr. SCHMIDT stated [redacted] was confined in Central State Hospital at Normal, Oklahoma for observation as to his mental condition from November, 1942 through January 13, 1943 the diagnosis being that [redacted] was a psychopathic personality with criminal tendencies, and a chronic alcoholic without psychosis. [redacted] prison file at San Quentin reflects that he has an excellent work record and that [redacted] thought very highly of him. [redacted] on being re-interviewed has gotten angry at being questioned as to his own background and at re-questioning concerning his statements regarding subjects. [redacted] has adopted the attitude that he is telling the truth but that he is being bothered by re-questioning about the same details and therefore would just as soon forget the whole matter. [redacted] at the present time is still willing to cooperate, however, and furnish additional information concerning descriptions of the subject as well as descriptive information concerning the "Preacher." [redacted] stated that BILL COLLINS who is related to subject COLE through marriage told him that he saw subject COLE at the home of Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE at Woodlake, California about 1941 or 1942. [redacted] stated that BILL BOLLINS knows the identity of the Ex-Governor of

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS (Continued)

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Oklahoma previously referred to. [redacted] advised that in [redacted] "kids" told him that subject COLE was alive and in California. [redacted] refused to elaborate on this statement in any way. [redacted] stated that between 1943 and 1947 he gathered from what FRED COLE said that FRED COLE was visiting subjects and [redacted] believed that he saw subjects at a place near Reno, Nevada as well as a place near Phoenix, Arizona and possibly at a lumber camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains back of Exeter, California and also around Corcoran, California. [redacted] stated that he was told by an FBI Agent that TED JOHNSON, alias Pinhead Johnson lives in Corcoran, California. [redacted] claims to know this individual because he recognized a picture of JOHNSON's wife when it was shown to him by an FBI Agent. [redacted] advised that TED JOHNSON knew subject COLE as they were both confined in the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma at the same time. [redacted] stated that NORMADINE, daughter of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Woodlake, California, may have information concerning subjects. [redacted] claimed that when subject COLE escaped from Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma in the 1930s [redacted], was with subject COLE part of the time and was arrested with him at Dallas, Texas. California Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification records reflect that [redacted] insists that he is telling the truth concerning this matter and claims he reported it because he felt that it would help to get his children away from the bad influence of subject COLE's sister PAULINE COLE and Mrs. FRED COLE. Alcatraz penitentiary authorities advise that the cave on Alcatraz Island was sealed with cement in 1945 after as complete a search as possible for [redacted] was made. They advise that the only reward known to them for apprehension of subjects is the authorized $50 reward automatically issued by Alcatraz which is still in effect. CAUTION. SUBJECTS ARE REPORTED TO GO HEAVILY ARMED AND INTEND TO USE FORCE IF APPROACHED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THEY ARE CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 76-2686.
Bureau letter dated 10/28/49.
Report of SA JAMES C. NEEL dated 11/11/49 at San Francisco.

REFERENCES (Continued)

Bureau teletype to San Francisco dated 11/14/49.
San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 11/14/49.
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San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 11/15/49.
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San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 12/17/49.
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 12/16/49.
Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and San Francisco dated 12/19/49.
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 12/22/49.

DETAILS:

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

The writer has re-interviewed informant [redacted] on a number of occasions and he has been re-questioned concerning various points of his story. He has gotten angry on a few occasions when he was questioned about his past history and his relationship to subject COLE, stating that he did not want his relatives contacted and also he felt that an attempt was being made to trick him into giving information that would prove a Harboring Case against him. On being re-questioned [redacted] has adopted the attitude that he does not like being re-questioned about information he has already given and he stated that he is sorry that he ever spoke of this matter and advised that as far as he was concerned he would just as soon forget the whole thing and say no more about it. b7D

[redacted] insists that he is telling the truth and is still willing to cooperate in any way that he can. [redacted] is able to carry on a conversation and does not appear to be mentally confused when talking. He is not confined at San Quentin as a mental case and his prison file reflects that he has an excellent work record at San Quentin Prison and also that his [redacted] thought very highly of him.

Dr. D. G. SCHMIDT, Chief Psychiatrist at San Quentin Prison, advised that he made a preliminary psychiatric examination of [redacted] when [redacted] This examination was made for the purpose of determining whether or not [redacted] was legally sane. Dr. SCHMIDT ascertained that [redacted] was legally sane but believes that he was mentally unstable and for this reason feels that [redacted] is an

individual who very probably would exaggerate any stories he might tell. He stated that he would consider [redacted] unreliable in this respect but felt that there might be some truth in any statements he might make. Dr. SCHMIDT stated that [redacted] had made some statements to the Psychiatric Department at San Quentin Prison concerning instant case. This was prior to the time that [redacted] reported this matter to this office. [redacted] made the statement that subjects had escaped from Alcatraz on a boat and did not drown as everyone thought they had and he advised that he knew where they were and that they were in Oklahoma. [redacted] claimed that he was confined to the mental hospital at Normal, Oklahoma because he knew that [redacted] and subject COLE had $33,000 that they had obtained in a bank robbery. [redacted] also made the statement [redacted] that he saw subject COLE and he stated that [redacted] was arrested. Dr. SCHMIDT advised that he had received information from the Central State Hospital at Normal, Oklahoma that [redacted] had been confined there for observation as to his mental condition [redacted] at which time he was released. The diagnosis of his mental condition being that he was a psychopathic personality with criminal tendencies and a chronic alcoholic without psychosis. b7D

The Oklahoma authorities also advised that [redacted] had caused considerable trouble around Stroud, Oklahoma and had threatened people with guns and had knifed two negroes. Dr. SCHMIDT advised that up to the present he has only given [redacted] a preliminary psychiatric examination but intends to make a complete examination in the future. He stated that he recently talked to [redacted] again and found him to be in a much less disturbed state of mind than he was when he originally talked to him for the first time. b7D

[redacted] upon being re-interviewed furnished additional descriptive information concerning the subjects which information will be set out at the close of the details of this report. [redacted] stated that he first met subject ROE about 1926 in Stroud, Oklahoma and last saw him prior to 1943 in 1929. At this time [redacted] advised that BILL COLLINS, who is related to subject COLE by marriage in that he is married to the half-sister of subject's mother, Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, knew the ex-Governor of Oklahoma referred to in referenced report and also drove [redacted] to the home of the ex-Governor of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City in 1934 at which time this ex-Governor was given $200 to take to subject COLE who was in jail in Oklahoma City. [redacted] stated that he did not believe that COLLINS knew about the money that was paid to the ex-Governor of Oklahoma or the purpose of the visit. [redacted] advised that the last time that he himself saw the ex-Governor of Oklahoma, referred to above, was about 1935. He stated that he had only seen this individual two or three times in all but advised that Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE, subject COLE's mother, knew him well as she used to live in Oklahoma City also. [redacted] advised that when he last saw this ex-Governor of Oklahoma this individual was an old man about 70 years of age and he was unable to furnish any other information concerning this individual that might identify him. He stated that he later learned from FRED WEAVER COLE, subject

COLE's stepfather that FRED WEAVER COLE and the ex-Governor of Oklahoma were going to or did visit subject COLE at Alcatraz. [redacted] advised b7D that BILL COLLINS' wife was acquainted with the ex-Governor of Oklahoma.

In questioning [redacted] about his relations with subject COLE, [redacted] advised that about the last part of 1933 subject COLE escaped from the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma and came to see him at [redacted] stated that COLE was out of jail after his escape for about 34 days and [redacted] claimed to be with him for about ten days of this period. [redacted] stated that [redacted] At this point [redacted] refused to furnish any more information. It is to be noted that subject COLE was arrested by the Dallas, Texas Police Department on [redacted] as a fugitive from Cushing, Oklahoma - Kidnapping.

Records of the California Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification concerning [redacted] reflect that he was also arrested on January 6, 1935 by the Dallas, Texas Police Department [redacted] charge - Inves. G.P. (Hold). He was indicted on a charge of theft of $50 and charges were later dismissed. [redacted] stated that he had lived [redacted] for a while but refused to give any more information concerning his background. [redacted] advised that after subject COLE had escaped b7D from the State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma, he had kidnapped JOE RUTHERFORD at Cushing, Oklahoma. [redacted] claimed that subsequently FRED WEAVER COLE and Mrs. FRED COLE asked him to kill JOE RUTHERFORD so he couldn't testify against subject COLE. [redacted] refused to do this and because of this Mr. and Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE threatened him and for this reason he has been afraid of them as well as of subject COLE. [redacted] stated that the first person that he ever told that subjects had actually escaped from Alcatraz was Chief VAN SICKLE (PHONETIC) of Stroud, Oklahoma, who was Chief of the Police Department there. [redacted] stated that this individual was deceased and he was unable to recall the date that he told Chief VAN SICKLE of subject's escape. He stated, however, that between 1938 and 1940 Chief VAN SICKLE gave [redacted] a .38 - .40 colt revolver to protect himself against subjects. He claims that DICK MURPHY who was Chief of Police at Stroud, Oklahoma in 1943 was present at this time and knows about this incident.

[redacted] stated that Chief VAN SICKLE was sympathetically inclined b7D towards subject COLE as he knew that subject COLE was not to blame for being a criminal but that it was FRED WEAVER COLE's fault. [redacted] stated that the next individual he told about subject's escape was an FBI man in 1947 while [redacted] He stated that he told this FBI Agent that he knew that subjects were alive but did not furnish any other information. He stated that at this time the FBI Agent showed him a picture of a woman flanked by two men and stated that she was the wife of TED JOHNSON, also known as Pinhead Johnson. [redacted] claims that he recognized the picture of this woman and knew her as well as TED JOHNSON back in Stroud, Oklahoma.

The FBI man told [redacted] that TED JOHNSON's wife had run off with two men and that he thought that the two men might be the subjects. [redacted] claims that he told the FBI man that the two men in the picture were not the subjects. The FBI man told him that TED JOHNSON resided in Corcoran, California. [redacted] advised that TED JOHNSON previously served time with subject COLE at the State Prison, McAlester, Oklahoma in the 1920s, and he believes it was on a charge of robbery. [redacted] stated that he did know if the subjects had contacted JOHNSON. [redacted] described TED JOHNSON as age - in the 40s, height - 5' 8½", weight - 165 pounds, race - white, hair - dark, has a wife and one child age 10 years old, formerly resided at Bristow and Stroud, Oklahoma. [redacted] admitted that he had not seen TED JOHNSON since 1929 or 1930 and stated that he had never seen him at Corcoran, California, and had received all information concerning TED JOHNSON's residence in Corcoran, California from the FBI Agent. [redacted] advised that he did not want to reveal what he knew about the escape of subjects while he was in Oklahoma as he did not want them caught, and he advised that he has only furnished information concerning their escape to the San Francisco Office of the FBI because he feels that it would aid in getting his children away from [redacted] On another occasion [redacted] stated that he did not previously report this matter because he was afraid that he or his family might be harmed. [redacted] advised that BILL COLLINS, who as previously stated is related to subject COLE by marriage, told him that he saw subject COLE subsequent to the escape by subjects from Alcatraz. [redacted] advised that he believed that COLLINS saw subject COLE about 1941 or 1942 while he BILL COLLINS was living with his wife in the home of Mr. and Mrs. FRED WEAVER COLE about 1½ miles from Woodlake, California. b7D

BILL COLLINS said that he was watering vines outside of the house just before dark when subject COLE came up alone and COLLINS recognized him. Subject COLE did not speak to COLLINS and went directly into the house and Mrs. BILL COLLINS shortly thereafter told BILL COLLINS that ETTA meeting Mrs. FRED COLE didn't want anyone in the house. Subject stayed in the house about two hours and then FRED COLE drove subject COLE away. [redacted] claimed that BILL COLLINS did not give him any more information concerning this incident or the appearance of subject COLE. [redacted] advised that BILL COLLINS is not in sympathy with subject and is afraid of being harmed by the subject and the COLE family and probably will not admit that he had seen the subject. b7D

[redacted] stated that he had received information from his "kids" while [redacted] that subject COLE is alive and in California. [redacted] refused to elaborate on this point in any manner.

[redacted] stated that FRED WEAVER COLE between 1943 and 1947 often stated that he was going to see "the boys" and would leave for a few weeks. On other occasions he stated "I have to see son sometime this year."

[redacted] feels sure that FRED COLE was going to see the subject. In 1943 b7D
FRED COLE told [redacted] that he went to a place near Reno, Nevada and stayed about four weeks and [redacted] believes that he met subjects there from what FRED COLE said. He was not able to furnish any specific information as to exactly what FRED COLE said but just referred to general conversations and he stated that FRED COLE never mentioned the subjects by name.

[redacted] advised that MYRON THOMPSON who was recently executed b7D
at San Quentin for his part in the recent Alcatraz riot, and who [redacted] claimed is from Shawnee, Oklahoma, and who knew FRED COLE and subject COLE, told [redacted] that he was with subjects near Reno, Nevada in a hideout and that FRED COLE came to see them. THOMPSON also stated that there were one or two other fugitives present whose identities are unknown to [redacted] In 1944 FRED COLE left saying he was going to some place near Phoenix, Arizona and stated that that was where the hideout was. [redacted] believes that he saw the subjects there although FRED COLE never stated that he had. From 1944 to 1947 FRED COLE told [redacted] at varying times that he saw the boys every week saying that they were around Corcoran. [redacted] believes that he was referring to the subjects and stated that he believed FRED COLE was counterfeiting money near Corcoran, California. [redacted] didn't have any specific information as to his counterfeiting operations but stated that he had seen counterfeit money, in FRED COLE's possession. He advised that he did not know who was in on this counterfeiting operation with FRED COLE nor did he know where the plant was located. He advised that in 1947 he heard that a counterfeiting ring was broken up around [redacted] by the police and for this reason believed that the subjects left this area in 1947. [redacted] had no information as to the persons arrested in this raid. In 1945 or 1946 FRED COLE went to some lumber camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains back of Exeter, California and from what FRED COLE said [redacted] believed that the subjects visited him there and did some gambling. [redacted] stated that FRED COLE never specifically said that he saw the subjects at any of the above places but [redacted] believed that from his talk, that he did.

With regard to the previously mentioned [redacted]
[redacted] stated he believed that this individual was the go between between the b7D
subjects and Mrs. FRED COLE and he stated that he first met this individual in FRED COLE's house in Exeter in 1943 and met him seven or eight times thereafter. He claimed that [redacted] once indicated that he was staying in the Exeter Hotel because he met the Preacher in a store being operated by Mrs. FRED COLE in the same building as the Exeter Hotel and [redacted] indicated that he was staying in the same building. In addition to the description previously furnished concerning [redacted] advised that he believed [redacted] had a full set of false teeth and wears some sort of "order" ring on his left hand and by the word "order" [redacted] meant an organization such as the Elks, etc. [redacted] stated that [redacted] presently

[redacted] and he felt the subjects may frequent this bar. [redacted] advised that he had learned through his children that [redacted] has been travelling to New York City, Kansas City and Cincinnati, Ohio. Because of this he believed she may be handling narcotics for Mrs. COLE. [redacted] advised that Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, aka Mrs. GOLDIE DAWSON, half-sister of subject COLE lives next door to PAULINE COLE in Woodlake, California and has a daughter named NORMADINE who was previously married to a white man, name unknown, and who was subsequently married to a Mexican who has since been deported to Mexico. He stated that NORMADINE was incarcerated in the California Prison for Women at Tehachapi, California and escaped in 1944 and that after her escape Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE helped her by giving her money. Subsequent to her escape FRED COLE told [redacted] that NORMADINE was living about forty miles from Exeter which is about the distance Corcoran, California is from Exeter, according to [redacted] thinks that NORMADINE may know of subject's whereabouts because she had close connections with FRED COLE. He stated that NORMADINE has two children who are kept by Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON and that Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON has seen NORMADINE subsequent to her escape. [redacted] stated that NORMADINE has never been caught. b7D

BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING INFORMANT [redacted] b7D

The following information concerning [redacted] background was taken from his file at San Quentin Prison:

Born:
Father:
Mother:

Informant [redacted]

[redacted] - residence - [redacted]
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] Stockton, [redacted]
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] Residence - [redacted]
[redacted] - deceased
[redacted] - Residence - [redacted]
[redacted] residence -
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] residence - [redacted]

[redacted] residence - [redacted] b7D
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] residence - [redacted]
[redacted] - deceased

Informant [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] - deceased.
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[redacted] age [redacted] years, [redacted]

Employment: [redacted] b7D

It is to be noted that [redacted] stated [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Education: [redacted]

Organizations: [redacted]

The file contained favorable letters concerning Informant [redacted]

She also stated that [redacted] had no spells of odd behavior and she claims b7D
that informant [redacted]

[redacted]

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California, wrote a letter in which he stated he had known informant [redacted]

[redacted]

informant [redacted] is a very truthful and reliable individual and that he trusted informant [redacted] in his affairs and considered him to be a trustworthy man. [redacted] stated that informant [redacted] would aggravate him about his children in that they were trying to take them away from him and that [redacted] was mostly the cause of the trouble and that she separated informant [redacted] and his wife. [redacted] described informant [redacted] as a "hell cat." [redacted] continued by stating that [redacted] did not have a fair trial and that there were lies told in the courtroom by [redacted] but that all of his friends [redacted] would stand behind him. Informant [redacted]

[redacted]

The file reflects that [redacted] was originally [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

This record is as follows:

[redacted] b7D

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to secure a photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted] and forward this picture to San Francisco so that it may be exhibited to informant [redacted] along with a group of pictures to determine if [redacted] can identify this individual as being identical with [redacted] referred to in his statement who was allegedly a friend of the subjects. b7D

January 21, 1950

SAN DIEGO URGENT

THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE - RALPH ROE WAS., FUG., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, EFP. REURTEL JAN. TWENTY INSTANT. IDENT RECORDS REFLECT THOMAS EDGAR PEARSON, FBI NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN ZERO A, ASN THREE NINE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ONE NOT WANTED AND NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, RALPH ROE.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photo of [redacted] obtained. TED JOHNSON, was., previously located Shafter, Calif. Present whereabouts unknown. Photo of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, alleged wife of TED JOHNSON, displayed to [redacted], by U. S. Deputy Marshal, JOSEPH TRACY, Fresno, Calif. Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON interviewed re subjects with negative results. NORMA DEAN AKINS, nee DAWSON, now residing Medford, Oregon. Only Only lumberman to operate Camp Blue Ridge, Exeter, Calif., advised never employed FRED WEAVER COLE. b7D

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686
Report of SA JACK C. SPENCER dated 12-23-49, at Los Angeles
Report of SA JAMES C. NEEL dated 1-9-50, at San Francisco
Los Angeles let to Portland dated 1-18-50
Los Angeles let to San Francisco dated 1-25-50

DETAILS: AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA:

Special Agent JEROME J. O'DRISCOLL obtained a photograph of [redacted] who is known as [redacted], a copy of which was forwarded to the San Francisco Office as an enclosure to referenced letter dated 1-25-50, in order that it might be displayed at San Quentin Prison to Informant [redacted] b7D

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AT CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA:

Chief of Police ROBERT SPRINGER, Postmaster E. J. CRAIGHILL and Deputy Constable EUGENE C. ELY were contacted in an effort to obtain information concerning one TED, with alias "Pinhead", JOHNSON, alleged by informant [redacted] to have resided in the Corcoran, California area and to have been known there. None of the foregoing individuals had ever heard of JOHNSON, nor were they able to furnish any information concerning his possible whereabouts. b7D

AT EXETER, CALIFORNIA:

Chief of Police JOE BORGMAN and Constable RAY AWBRY advised that to their knowledge the only person ever to conduct lumber operations in the mountain section known as Blue Ridge, east of Exeter, and to have maintained a lumber camp was WALTER R. TONILSON.

Mr. TONILSON was contacted by the writer and verified this information. He stated that he had maintained a lumber camp from which he conducted timber operations on Blue Ridge during the summer and fall of 1943. The only persons residing at his camp were his employees, consisting of TOM MOORE, a truck driver, and three Indian woodsmen from the Tule Indian Reservation, whose names he cannot now recall but all of whom were well known to TONILSON. He said he was positive that he had never at any time employed FRED WEAVER COLE of Exeter, California.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, half sister of subject COLE, was interviewed by the writer at Woodlake concerning the subjects with negative results. She stated that her daughter, NORMA DEAN, now resides at Medford, Oregon, where she receives her mail, General Delivery. She stated her daughter's married name is AKINS and that she hass been married for some time to RICHARD AKINS, who also resides at Medford, Oregon. She stated that NORMA DEAN and her husband expected to be in Woodlake during the Christmas - New Years Holiday period but that due to storm conditions, she did not know whether or not her daughter would positively be able to make the trip. Subsequently, it was ascertained by recontact with Mrs. DAWSON that her daughter had not been able to come to Woodlake. This information was furnished to the Portland Office by referenced letter dated January 18, 1950.

AT VISALIA, CALIFORNIA:

It was determined by an examination of the Tulare County Probation Office records that NORMA DEAN DAWSON had first come to their attention in 1940 when she was sent by her father, G. I. DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, at Woodlake. Mrs. COLE sought the

aid of Tulare County probation officers in connection with the management of NORMA DEAN DAWSON, as it was alleged she was an incorrigible child, unmanageable by Mrs. COLE and had stayed out all night on two occasions. Since the original complaint concerning her incorrigibility she had been referred to the Probation Department on numerous occastions of eventually becoming a ward of the Tulare County Juvenile Court. On February 18, 1944, when [redacted] b6 b7C

Probation Officer F. GLEASON CROWELL advised that [redacted] is no longer wanted as an escapee due to the fact that she is now over twenty-one years of age and all process concerning juveniles who are escapees from the California Youth Authority is automatically cancelled if they are not apprehended prior to the time they reach majority.

On December 23, 1949 SA A. K. LAW telephonically contacted JOSEPH TRACY at the Los Angeles Office of the U. S. Marshal's Office. TRACY advised that during the time informant [redacted] b7D TRACY had visited the Tulare County Jail in Visalia, where he had obtained and made copies of a photograph taken from the effects of one MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, who was then serving time in the Tulare County Jail on a drunk and disorderly charge. In this photograph TRACY advised that MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, who effected the dress and appearance of a man, was flanked on either side by two men, one of whom in Deputy Marshal TRACY's opinion, resembled subject TED COLE. TRACY advised agent LAW that he displayed this photograph to informant [redacted] at the time positively stated to TRACY that the individual standing beside MARY LOUISE JOHNSON was not the subject COLE. TRACY further stated that he believed MARY LOUISE JOHNSON to positively be the wife of one TED JOHNSON, with aliases "Spiketop", "Pintop" or "Roundhead", who according to TRACY had been intimately associated with the fugitives ROE and COLE. This had occurred when JOHNSON was allegedly living near Shafter, California. TRACY stated that to his knowledge no one had ever located TED JOHNSON or TED JOHNSON's wife to ascertain whether or not she was identical with the MARY LOUISE JOHNSON appearing in the aforementioned photograph. TRACY indicated that he felt that the man standing at the side of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON resembled subject COLE because of his wide, uptilted

nostrils. TRACY was not sure whether or not he still had a copy of the photograph of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON. He further advised he believed that JERRY LEAKE, a former Kern County Deputy Sheriff, and Chief of Police RILEY of Shafter, California, may have more information concerning the fugitives and their alleged association with TED JOHNSON and JOHNSON's wife.

An examination of the records of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office by the writer revealed that MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, FBI #4531804, had been arrested by the Tulare County Sheriff's office on Nov. 6, 1947, by Deputy Sheriff ANDERSON of Ivanhoe, California, on a drunk and disturbing the peace charge. She was sentenced to serve twenty-five days or fifty dollars fine. She paid $14 and served the balance of her time in the Tulare County Jail at Visalia. A photograph of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON was obtained and was made a part of the instant file. She is described in the records of the Sheriff's Office as follows:

Name:	MARY LOUISE JOHNSON
FBI #:	4531804
Age:	29 years (1946)
Height:	5'6½"
Weight:	149 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Occupation:	Laborer
Birth:	3-17-16, Stillwell, Oklahoma
Scars and Marsk:	None known
Peculiarities:	Usually wears hair short and dresses and looks like a man

Her identification record as obtained from the files of the Sheriff's Office reflects the following information:

Arresting Agency	Name and Number	Charge	Date	Disp.
PD, Ponca City, Oklahoma	MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, #3907	Drunk	2-6-46	To King County
SO, Newkirk, Oklahoma	MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, #4017	Drunk	2-7-47	10 days and costs
SO, Visalia	MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, #18200	Dist. Peace	3-2-46	not given

The arrest on November 6, 1947, was not made a part of the identification record due to the fact that she was not re-printed and photographed.

Constable VERN MARTIN, Dinuba, effected MARY LOUISE JOHNSON's arrest on March 2, 194y. Consequently, he was contacted for information concerning her. He advised that she resided with a relative in an apartment that had been converted from the Kingdom Hall Church in Sultana, California.

AT SULTANA, CALIFORNIA:

The writer interviewed Mrs. CHARLES H. PURCELL, owner and manager of the Sultana Apartments. She stated that MARY LOUISE JOHNSON was her niece by marriage, that she had always been a very queer girl, effecting men's ways and clothing and that to the best of her knowledge she had never been married. JOHNSON, according to Mrs. PURCELL, is her maiden name. She advised that MARY LOUISE JOHNSON returned in early 1938 to Sillwell, Oklahoma, where she is presently believed living with her mother, ADDIE JOHNSON. Mrs. PURCELL said that the girl's father was PETE JOHNSON who had been dead for some time but who prior to his death was a house painter in Stillwell and was quite well known there.

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA:

Special Agent THOMAS F. McKEIGHAN, Jr. reinterviewed Deputy Marshal JOSEPH TRACY, who advised he had been unable to locate a copy of the photograph of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON and two unidentified men. TRACY further advised Agent McKEIGHAN that JOHN WILBUR VOSS, #703875, who was transported by TRACY to Los Angeles on Jan. 28, 1949, following his arrest on an unlawful flight charge in Merced, California, had told him that he had been in Alcatraz at the time subjects ROE and COLE escaped and that word was received in Alcatraz by the inmates that the subjects had picked up their clothes on the other side. TRACY advised that VOSS had been taken to Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlister from Los Angeles and that VOSS told him after he was released from solitary confinement in Oklahoma State Penitentiary that he intended to try to get in touch with subject ROE to persuade him to give himself up before he was killed. VOSS further told TRACY that TED COLE said that if ROE stayed with him, he would surely be killed. TRACY stated VOSS would be serving a life sentence in Oklahoma for armed robbery.

AT SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA:

Special Agent CHESTER C. CRISMAN interviewed Chief of Police J. RILEY and Assistant Chief HANLEY WITCHER, who advised they are acquainted with the JOHNSON family, who have in the past

been allegedly associated with the subjects. They stated that one of the JOHNSON boys, whose alias is Sleepy, and his mother reportedly harbored the subjects prior to their escape from Alcatraz Prison. Chief RILEY said that the other JOHNSON bohs are TED, who goes by thename of "Spiketop", "Pintop", "Roundhead" and "Sharptop" and SAM and JACK JOHNSON. SLEEPY JOHNSON, whose true name is not know, but is believed to be similar to a girl's name, such as SIBIL, probably served time in both Fresno and Kern Counties. He stated he also believed that SAM and JACK JOHNSON likewise had arrest records in those counties. His most recent information concerning the whereabouts of the JOHNSONs is several years old and at that time they were believed to be in the vicinity of Fresno. Chief RILEY informed Agent CRISMAN of the FBI that agents had previously interviewed the entire JOHNSON family regarding the subjects because of information that he, Chief RILEY, had received to the effect that the subjects had visited the JOHNSON family at Shafter subsequent to their escape from Alcatraz. Assistant Chief WITCHER said that at one time SLEEPY JOHNSON told him that he had "something big to tell WITCHER that had been bothering him for a long time". However, WITCHER advised he was never able to get any details concerning this matter from SLEEPY.

The Los Angeles file indicates that the JOHNSON family was interviewed by SA E. G. FITCH on March 27, 1939, at Shafter, California.

In line with the information previously reported by Chief of Police RILEY, this interview failed to substantiate the information alleged that the subjects had visited the JOHNSONs in Shafter, Calif., following their escape from Alcatraz.

ENCLOSURES: TO OKLAHOMA CITY:

One copy of the photograph of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, Tulare County Sheriff's Office #18200.

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THE PORTLAND OFFICE:

At Portland, Oregon:

Will locate and interview NORMA DEAN AKINS, as was previously set forth in referenced letter from Los Angeles to Portland dated 1-18-50.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

At San Quentin, California:

Will display the photograph of "Preacher" to informant REBEL B. CORNETT, as was set forth in referenced letter from Los Angeles to San Francisco dated 1-25-50, enclosing a photograph of "Preacher".

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

At Stillwell, Oklahoma:

Will contact MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, who is the daughter of ADDIE JOHNSON and PETE JOHNSON, deceased, who are allegedly well known in Stillwell. Will, if contacted, obtain from her the photograph mentioned by Deputy U. S. Marshal JOSEPH TRACY and obtain information to identify the two unknown men who appear on either side of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the alleged photograph.

At McAlister, Oklahoma:

Will, if deemed advisable, contact prisoner JOHN WILBUR VOSS and interview him concerning his alleged statements to U. S. Deputy Marshal JOSEPH TRACY to the effect that following subjects' ROE and COLE, escape information was received by Alcatraz inmates that the subjects had "picked up their clothes on the other side".

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SD FILE NO. 76-14

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	2-13-50	12-1,24,27; 2-2-50	FRANK V. SULLIVAN dk

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1471 RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1472	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: THOMAS EDGAR PEARSON, alias Pierson, FBI No. 352870A, reported as resembling Subject ROE. Bureau advises PIERSON not wanted and not identical with Subject ROE.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 76-2686.
Teletype to Bureau dated January 20, 1950.
Teletype from Bureau January 21, 1950.

DETAILS:

Investigation in this case is predicated upon receipt of information from DONATUS G. WILHELM who resides at 1429 Second Avenue, San Diego, California. On December 1, 1949 Mr. WILHELM contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge CALVIN W. EVANS and presented a picture of Subject ROE which was apparently clipped from a Detective Story magazine. At the time, Mr. WILHELM advised he was employed as a solicitor for the Salvation Army and had observed a person who was believed by him to be possibly identical with Subject RALPH ROE.

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On the same day, Major FRANK CAPON, Salvation Army Red Shield Men's Hotel, related that the person in question was TOM PEARSON, who was employed as a dishwasher at the hotel dining room. According to Major CAPON, PEARSON has been employed in this capacity for approximately one and one-half years. At this time, Major CAPON advised he had no immediate

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information available on PEARSON other than to say that he was suffering from a stomach ailment and is on a constant diet. Major CAPON added that it was his belief that PEARSON is not identical with the photograph of RALPH ROE.

During this interview the reporting agent accompanied Major CAPON to the kitchen of the Red Shield Men's Hotel and observed PEARSON. PEARSON, from observation, is described as follows:

Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	160 pounds
Hair:	Dark brown, wavy
Complexion:	Sallow
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars:	Faint small scar approximately 2" above left eyebrow.

In addition to the above description it was noted by the reporting agent that PEARSON's hair is parted on the left side whereas Subject ROE's hair appears to be parted on the right; PEARSON's face appears to be of an oval shape whereas Subject ROE's face appears rather round; PEARSON's eyebrows are thick and in a noticeable arch, whereas Subject ROE's eyebrows appear to be heavy and rather straight; PEARSON has a noticeable thin "Roman nose", whereas Subject ROE's appears to be rather large and straight; PEARSON's lips are thin whereas Subject's lips appear to be rather thick.

At this time, Major CAPON volunteered to obtain a personal history declaration from PEARSON and would make this available to the writer at a later date.

On January 19, 1950 Major CAPON contacted the reporting agent and advised that while obtaining the personal history information from PEARSON he had ascertained that PEARSON was in the Army in World War II from July 4, 1942 to October 12, 1942, and was furnished Serial Number 39847841.

On January 20, 1950 this information was furnished to the Bureau and it was requested that the fingerprints of PEARSON be obtained for comparison with those of Subject RALPH ROE for possible identification. It was also requested that the Bureau advise in the event PEARSON is wanted at the present time.

By teletype dated January 21, 1950 the Bureau advised that records of the Identification Division reflect that THOMAS EDGAR PEARSON,

(alias PIERSON), FBI No. 352870A, Army Serial Number 39847841, is not wanted and is not identical with Subject RALPH ROE.

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During a subsequent interview with DONATUS WILHELM, he advised that he had been released from the California State Penitentiary at San Quentin on parole approximately four months ago and was at that time unemployed. He stated he had been sentenced to San Quentin as a result of a trial for lewd and lascivious conduct.

A check of the records of the San Diego Police Department reflected that on September 23, 1945 WILHELM was sentenced from one year to life for lewd and lascivious acts on the body of a child. The arrest report reflected that these acts were performed on two children of his stepdaughter. The arrest number for WILHELM is San Diego PD No. A-2327. It was further reflected that on July 25, 1949 he was paroled.

Reference is made to San Diego file 61-47 entitled "WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, Sedition". A review of this file reflects that one DONATUS G. WILHELM was possibly identical with complainant in this case, and was reflected as a member of the San Diego branch of the Silver Shirts of America.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	2/13/50	2/2/50	JAMES C. NEEL lmd

TITLE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant [redacted] was unable to identify a photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted] stated that he had no further information concerning subjects. CAUTION: SUBJECTS ARE REPORTED TO GO HEAVILY ARMED AND INTEND TO USE FORCE IF APPROACHED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THEY ARE CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS. b7D

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Bufile 76-2686.
Report of SA JAMES C. NEEL, San Francisco, 1/9/50.
Los Angeles letter to San Francisco, 1/25/50.

DETAILS: By referenced letter, the Los Angeles Office forwarded to this office a photograph of [redacted] alias, [redacted] with the request that this picture be exhibited to informant [redacted] along with a group of other pictures, to determine if [redacted] could identify this individual as being identical with the individual known to him as [redacted] who he claimed was a friend of the subjects. b7D

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At San Quentin, California

On February 2, 1950, the writer reinterviewed informant [redacted] The writer exhibited to [redacted] a group of pictures, among which was the picture of [redacted] alias, [redacted] and [redacted] was unable to

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identify him as being identical with the individual known to him as "The Preacher," who he stated was a friend of the subjects. He stated that he did not know any of the individuals whose pictures were shown to him and also advised that he had no further information to offer concerning the subjects.

ENCLOSURES - LOS ANGELES

One picture of [redacted] alias, [redacted] b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/1/50

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Bufile 76-2686)

Rerep SA JACK C. SPENCER dated 2/7/50 at Los Angeles with lead for the San Francisco Office to display photograph of [redacted] Wa., [redacted] to the informant [redacted] Reference RUC report of SA JAMES C. NEEL dated 2/13/50 at San Francisco, reported the fact that [redacted] was unable to identify this photograph and had no further information concerning subjects. b7D

This investigation is being considered RUC'd by this Office.

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To: COMMUNICATION[illegible]CTION. APRIL 21, [illegible]

Transmit the following message to: LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO, D. F.

THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. BUREAU OF PRISONS HAS ADVISED THAT AN OFFICER FROM THE FCI, TEXARKANA, TEXAS RECENTLY VISITED THE MEXICAN FEDERAL PRISON, MEXICO CITY, AND WAS TOLD BY AN OFFICER NAMED JAYE DUVAU THAT A PRISONER NAMED COLE OR COLJEE, AN ESCAPEE FROM ALCATRAZ, WAS A PRISONER IN THEIR INSTITUTION. POSSIBLE THIS INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT THIS CASE. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY AND ADVISE.

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cc - Oklahoma City

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cc - Foreign Service Desk (Please route through Foreign Service Desk.)

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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 19, 1950

FROM : James V. Bennett, Director,
Bureau of Prisons

SUBJECT: Theodore Cole - Escapee from Alcatraz

I have received word that a Correctional Officer from the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, recently visited the Mexican Federal Prison at Mexico City and while being escorted through the institution by an officer named Jaye DuVau was told that they had a prisoner in their institution who was an escapee from Alcatraz. The Mexican officer thought the name of the escapee was Cole or Coljee.

[redacted]

This is all of the information we have but it is thought possible that the person referred to was Theodore Cole.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: April 27, 1950

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE
I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE
I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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PURPOSE

To inform you that no information has been obtained to substantiate the allegations of [redacted] that subjects are still alive. b7D

BACKGROUND

[redacted] has alleged that subjects, believed to have drowned in the waters outside Alcatraz after their escape in 1937, are still alive and that he has seen them since in 1943 and 1945. He has also alleged that one Bill Collins, Pauline Cole, subject's sister and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole also saw Cole subsequent to his escape. He alleged that Cole and Roe were engaged in illegal activities in 1943 and that possibly an individual known as "The Preacher" was driving them around in connection with these activities.

INVESTIGATION TO SUBSTANTIATE ALLEGATIONS

1. Considerable investigation was conducted by the Bureau in 1943 and 1945 based on the same type of allegations emanating from [redacted] and they could not be substantiated. b7D

2. While [redacted] is not considered a mental case, he is considered mentally unstable exaggerating any story he might tell.

3. Bill Collins, his wife Alta, sister of Mrs. Fred Cole, Pauline Cornett Lopez, subject's sister, Mrs. Fred Cole, subject's mother have all been interviewed and denied having seen the subjects since their escape. [redacted] identified as [redacted] on interview had no knowledge of fugitives contact with him.

4. The Chief of Police, Exeter, California has maintained watch of Cole's residence since subject's escape with negative results. Other investigation in Exeter, California has failed to substantiate allegations of [redacted] that Cole and Roe visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole. All persons who [redacted] claimed had knowledge that they were alive have been interviewed and all deny seeing the subjects except [redacted]

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SAC, Los Angeles

April 26, 1950

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE
I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE
I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Your file 76-362)

Re report of SA Jack C. Spencer, December 23, 1949 at Los Angeles. Referenced report reflects that when Bill Collins was interviewed he stated that while at the home of Pauline Cornett Lopez he was shown a photograph of Ted Cole which Pauline stated was a photograph made up of other photographs. Collins stated that in his opinion the photograph was a relatively recent photograph of Ted Cole. In the same report Mrs. Cole is reported as stating that she had observed the photograph and that Pauline on this occasion stated that the photograph had been taken prior to the subject's escape from Alcatraz. In the same report during the interview of Pauline Cornett Lopez, she showed the interviewing agent two photographs of subject Ted Cole. One, she stated, was a composite photograph, the other, a snapshot which she stated they had obtained from her mother, Mrs. Cole.

A review of the Bureau's files does not reflect that either of these photographs were subsequently shown to Bill Collins in an effort to determine whether either of these photographs was the photograph to which he referred. You should immediately arrange to exhibit these photographs to Collins to determine whether he can identify either of them as being the photograph which Pauline Cornett Lopez claimed was a composite photograph.

Reference is made to report of SA Jack C. Spencer, February 7, 1950 at Los Angeles. The Portland and Oklahoma City office should expedite the leads set out for their office and surep.

The Oklahoma City office should review their file at this time to determine if there are any outstanding leads which should be covered based on the recent allegations of [redacted] to the effect that Cole and Roe were still alive. This matter should receive the prompt attention of the Oklahoma City office.

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PD FILE NO. 76-389

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PORTLAND, OREGON	4-28-50	3/16;4/24/50	WILLIAM SAMUEL BROWN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE - IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE - IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. NORMA DEAN AKINS, Medford, Ore., daughter of Subject COLE's half-sister, declares she cannot recall ever having seen COLE and would not know him if she did. Feels certain he has not contacted any of family, members of which no longer discuss the escape. Expresses fear of [redacted] and asserts he is given to lying and exaggerating. b7D

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DETAILS: As a matter of information, Chief of Police CLATOUS McCREDIE, Medford, Ore., and Sgt. CLYDE FICHTNER, head of the traffic department of the Medford Police, said that Mrs. NORMA DEAN AKINS and her husband, RICHARD D. AIKINS, were known to them because the police had had considerable difficulty with the husband. They exhibited records showing two traffic arrests for AIKINS in 1949 and advised he also had been arrested on a charge of drunken driving and further that he had served a sentence in the Oregon State Penitentiary in connection with "car-stripping" activities.

Mr. and Mrs. AIKINS and their one-year-old daughter now reside at Camp Prescott, an old CCC camp, on the outskirts of Medford. As Mrs. AIKINS later advised, AIKINS is presently unemployed and has had no employment since the fall of 1949.

Mrs. AIKINS was interviewed on April 24, 1950. She is now 23 years old. She stated that as far as she knows she has never seen TED COLE. She added that some time years ago she might have seen him; at least she assumes that during visits among the family she must have at some time or other seen COLE, but that she has no recollection whatsoever of him. She added that she would not

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know him if she were to see him today.

Mrs. AIKINS went on to say that she came with her parents, the DAWSONS, to California in the 1930's when she was very small, and they lived for some years at Bell, Calif. It was here that they were residing when the escape of the subjects occurred, and she can recall a number of officers visiting their home at the time in search of COLE and ROE. Later the family moved to Woodlake, Calif., and has lived there for a number of years.

She pointed out that she and her family live next door to Mrs. PAULINE COLE CORNETT in Woodlake but that the DAWSON family has nothing to do with PAULINE or her family and does not associate with them in any way - chiefly upon the insistence of Mr. DAWSON. Mrs. AIKINS claimed that she did not even know that PAULINE CORNETT is now married to LOPEZ, a fact she could not understand inasmuch as she corresponds regularly with her mother, although she has not visited home for the past two years.

Mrs. AIKINS went on to say that the members of the family with whom she associates never discuss TED COLE. She stated that there was considerable discussion in the family for a time immediately after the escape, but that now the matter is never mentioned. Most of the family, she said, seem to believe that COLE is dead, but that PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ always has maintained that he is alive. His mother, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, she went on, apparently believes in spirits and is constantly endeavoring to contact the spirit of TED COLE, whom she believes is dead. Mrs. AIKINS knew nothing of any visions Mrs. COLE allegedly had seen. She commented that she knew of Mrs. COLE's marriage to HICKSON and her divorce and that now Mrs. COLE is planning to marry again.

Mrs. AIKINS declared further that as far as she knows COLE never has contacted any member of the family, either in person or by message, and that she never has seen anyone around the COLE home whom she believed might be COLE. She claimed no knowledge of ROE whatsoever. She added that of all the members of the family, she believes PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, the sister, the one whom COLE would most likely contact. Mrs. AIKINS has never seen any photo of COLE except some taken when he was very young.

She volunteered the information that she is afraid of [redacted] b7D
[redacted] She described them both as "barbarious and mean". She went on to say that [redacted] does not know what the truth is; that he lies, exaggerates and constantly makes up stories which he tells as truth.

Mrs. AIKINS refused flatly to discuss her escape from the Ventura school for girls in California, any phase thereof or any of her difficulties except to state that she had not gone to the FRED COLES after her escape

and that they had not assisted her. It might be noted that she expressed great admiration for FRED COLE and is very bitter toward [redacted] She maintained that [redacted] always had maintained a grudge against the COLES. b7D

According to Mrs. AIKINS, she and her husband plan to continue to live at Camp Prescott near Medford despite the fact that the husband has no employment and has none in sight. He normally is a fruit worker.

A copy of this report is being designated for the information of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Field Divisions because of the extensive work done by those offices in connection with this matter.

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REFERENCES:

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Reports of SA JAMES C. NELL dated 11-11-49 and 1-9-50 at San Francisco;
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DECODE OF DOUBLE CODE CABLE NUMBER 511 FROM SIS NUMBER 113 DATED APRIL 27, 1950 AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471, EFP. REFERENCE YOUR CABLEGRAM NUMBER 222. FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT SEARCHED THROUGH FEDERAL DISTRICT, JUDICIAL AND FEDERAL POLICE DIVISIONS OF IDENTIFICATION AS WELL AS PRISON RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO OFFICER NAMED JAYE DUVAU AT MEXICAN FEDERAL PRISON. IF ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION DESIRED THE NAME OF OFFICER FROM FCI WHO VISITED HERE WILL FACILITATE SAME ALTHOUGH ABOVE FINGERPRINT SEARCH BELIEVED RELIABLE.

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SAC, Dallas

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Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
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THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

The Bureau of Prisons in Washington advised the Bureau that word had been received that a correctional officer from the FCI, Texarkana, Texas, recently visited the Mexican Federal Prison at Mexico City and while being escorted through the institution by an officer named Jaye DuVau he was told that they had a prisoner in their institution who was an escapee from Alcatraz. The Mexican officer thought the name of the escapee was Cole or Coljee. The above was the only information received from the Bureau of Prisons but they thought it possible that the person referred to was Theodore Cole.

This information was furnished to the Bureau's representative in Mexico City and by cablegram dated April 28, 1950 the Bureau's representative advised that fingerprints of subject were searched through the District, Judicial and Federal Police Division of Identification as well as the prison records with negative results. No officer named Jaye DuVau is at the Mexican federal prison. The Bureau's representative advised that while the fingerprint search was believed reliable it would facilitate investigation if the name of the officer from the FCI could be obtained. You should ascertain from the officials at the FCI, Texarkana, Texas, if any officer from that institution recently visited the Mexican federal prison at Mexico City.

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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reur cable No. 511, dated April 27, 1950.

There is enclosed herewith a self-explanatory memorandum from the Dallas Office dated May 18, 1950. As you will note, this memorandum contains information concerning an interview with F. J. Renne, a prison guard at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas, who made a tour of the Mexican Federal Prison at Mexico City. You should conduct further investigation in an attempt to determine if the prisoner referred to could possibly be the subject Cole in this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 5-18-50

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, Was. - Fug
I. O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, Was. Fug
I. O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Rebulet to Dallas dated May 5, 1950.

Investigation Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas reflected that Mr. F. J. RENZE, Prison Guard, was in Mexico City during month of February 1950.

Mr. RENZE upon interview advised that during the month of February 1950 he and his wife were on a vacation in Mexico at which time he had occasion to make a tour of the Mexican Federal Prison at Mexico City. He advised that during his tour of the prison he met Col. FRANCISCO LINARES who is in charge of the Federal Prison and was granted a request for a guide to take him on a tour of the prison in order that he might observe the condition and manner of incarcerating Federal prisoners as used by Mexican Government.

Mr. RENZE stated that he was assigned a guide who was not able to speak English and was also assigned an interpreter by the name of Dr. JAIME PERSAND RANDER. Mr. RENZE further stated that he had written the name of the guide down and that after referring to this name he believed the name of the guide was JAMIE DURUN whose address is Fresno, #299-8, Mexico DF City. Mr. RENZE stated that during the conversation through the interpreter he was told that a prisoner whose name he believed was pronounced as COOLEE was presently incarcerated in the Mexican Federal Prison and that COOLEE was an excapee from Alcatrez. Mr. RENZE further stated that he was given the impression that COOLEE was at that time in solitary confinement for what charges he did not know but he believes the interpreter had told him COOLEE was in prison for making counterfeit money.

Mr. RENZE further stated that he had requested permission of the Warden at the Federal Correctional Institution at Texarkana to correspond with the interpreter Dr. RANDER who is still in the Mexican Prison and that he was going to write him to try and establish the exact identity of the guide who conducted him on his tour of the prison.

Mr. RENZE stated that should he receive any further information pertaining to this matter he would make this information known to the Warden at the FCI, Texarkana, Texas and request him to notify the Dallas Office.

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cc: Oklahoma City

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY	6-6-50	2-16;5-15,16-50	WELDON C. GENTRY mb

TITLE (1)
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, IO #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JOHN WILBUR VOSS, inmate, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, states TOM LLOYD, now an inmate of Alcatraz, and FLOYD BROWN, presently in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, were present when Subjects attempted escape from Alcatraz. According to VOSS, LLOYD and BROWN saw Subjects disappear under water. MARY LOUISE JOHNSON unable to identify suspect in photo made at Visalia, California, during 1947. CAUTION: SUBJECTS ARE REPORTED TO GO HEAVILY ARMED AND INTEND TO USE FORCE IF APPROACHED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THEY ARE CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA CLARENCE O. HURT:

At McAlester, Oklahoma

JOHN WILBUR VOSS, inmate, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, advised that TOM LLOYD, former partner of RALPH ROE, now an inmate of Alcatraz, and FLOYD BROWN, presently incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, were both aware that ROE and COLE planned their escape, and, according to VOSS, both LLOYD and BROWN watched RALPH ROE jump into the water and saw THEODORE COLE follow into the water immediately thereafter. VOSS said Subjects were only a short distance before they disappeared under the surface of the water. VOSS stated COLE and ROE could not swim very well, and Subjects knew it was a suicidal attempt. VOSS expressed the opinion that both ROE and COLE are dead. He denied receiving information to the effect that inmates ROE and COLE picked up their clothes on the other side.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT O. FRENCH:

At Stilwell, Oklahoma

All efforts to locate or identify MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, ADDIE JOHNSON, or PETE JOHNSON, in the vicinity of Stilwell, Oklahoma, met with negative results.

An examination of the Stillwater, Oklahoma telephone directory reflects that Mrs. ADDIE JOHNSON resides at 1123 Perkins Road in Stillwater.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD:

At Stillwater, Oklahoma

MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, 1123 Perkins Road, was exhibited the photograph of herself and two unknown individuals, which photo was in her possession at the time she was serving a sentence in the Tulare County Jail, Visalia, California, and she said she recalled this picture was taken at a party or social affair participated in by a group of grape pickers in the vicinity of Visalia, California, during the summer or early autumn of 1947. She said she recognized herself appearing in the center of instant photograph but she did not recall immediately the names of the two men appearing on her right and left. She described each as a grape picker and a married man, the man on the right, to the best of her recollection, making his home with his wife and two children at the town of Ivanhoe, which is in the vicinity of Visalia. Miss JOHNSON said she believed this individual might be identified and located through sources of information at the Doby (phonetic), possibly Adobe Cafe, in either Ivanhoe or Visalia. She stated the individual appearing on her left was another fruitworker, living either temporarily or permanently in the vicinity. She said the only identifying fact she could recall concerning this person was that his wife, also present at the instant social affair, objected to this man having anything to do with Miss JOHNSON, when she learned that Miss JOHNSON was in fact a woman. Miss JOHNSON could not recall the names of these two men but said she would attempt to refresh her memory by consulting a collection of old photographs at her home address. She said if she could find the original or other photos showing these individuals, she would be glad to produce them for the FBI. The above interview took place in the company of Miss JOHNSON's mother, Mrs. ADIE JOHNSON, at the Stillwater Police Station.

Miss JOHNSON was interviewed the following day, without her mother, at which time she advised that a search of her belongings had failed to reveal the original or other pictures of instant men. She said she was unable to recall other identifying details concerning these two persons.

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Records of the Stillwater, Oklahoma Police Department, produced by Captain GLENN SHIRLEY, reflect eight different drunk charges against MARY LOUISE JOHNSON from September 29, 1943 to the present. At the time of the first interview with her, she visited the Police station to surrender her driver's permit to the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol on a drunk driving charge. Captain SHIRLEY said that while the mother of MARY LOUISE bears a fairly good reputation in the community, MARY LOUISE does not.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

With reference to information furnished by [redacted] b7D to the effect that the escape of Subjects was arranged for by an ex-Governor of Oklahoma, investigation in Oklahoma City disclosed there is no former Governor who answers the description given by [redacted] of the person who aided Subjects with the exception of former Governor HENRY S. JOHNSTON. JOHNSTON was reported by close friends to be incompetent due to senility. This information was furnished the Bureau and San Francisco Office by teletype.

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LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

At Leavenworth, Kansas

Will interview FLOYD BROWN, presently an inmate at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, relative to information furnished by JOHN WILBUR VOSS to the effect BROWN was present at the time Subjects attempted their escape.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Visalia or Ivanhoe, California

At the Doby (phonetic), possibly Adobe Cafe, and through other appropriate sources of information will attempt to identify the individuals appearing with MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in photo in question.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At Alcatraz Penitentiary

Will interview TOM LLOYD, inmate of Alcatraz, relative to information furnished by TOM WILBUR VOSS to the effect that LLOYD was present at the time of the attempted escape of Subjects.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES C. NEEL, San Francisco, 11-11-49.
Okla. City teletype to Bureau and San Francisco, 12-19-49.
Report of SA JACK T. SPENCER, Los Angeles, 2-7-50.
Letter from Los Angeles, 3-23-50.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 4-26-50.

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LOS ANGELES	6/14/50	5/9,11,19/50	WILLIS G. WILSON je

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE I.O. 1472 THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BILL COLLINS, Merced, California exhibited composite photograph and snapshot of Captioned subject, COLE. COLLINS unable to positively identify either as photograph PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ claimed was a composite photograph but believes composite photograph exhibited might be identical.

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DETAILS: AT MERCED, CALIFORNIA:

Mr. WILLIAM (BILL) COLLINS, 1390 Childs Avenue, was exhibited the composite photograph of captioned subject, COLE, and also the snapshot of COLE to determine whether either of these photographs was identical with the photograph PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ claimed was a composite photograph. COLLINS after viewing the two photographs for some time advised that he was unable to positively identify either of these photographs with the one referred to, but he believed that the composite photograph exhibited resembled the photograph which he saw at the home of PAULINE LOPEZ. He stated that it had been so long ago since he had seen the photograph that he could not recall toomuch about it except that the composite photograph of COLE exhibited by the writer revealed COLE to have had heavy hair and he recalled that the picture shown him at the home of LOPEZ also revealed COLE with heavy hair. He stated to the best of his recollection also that the composite photograph exhibited to him by the writer resembled COLE more than the snapshot. COLLINS further stated that he had no additional information to offer concerning the possible whereabouts of the subject.

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LOS ANGELES	8/1/50	6/30;7/5,6,13/50	ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN BJH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Individuals appearing with MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in photograph taken in 1947 near Ivanhoe, California identified as LEROY STRICKLIN of Visalia, California, and ORVAL D. MAYS of Ivanhoe, California. STRICKLIN and MAYS interviewed. Both admitted identity in photograph and stated taken in 1947 while at a dance at The Mill Grove Dance Hall between Visalia and Ivanhoe, California. STRICKLIN denied knowing MAYS or having met MARY LOUISE JOHNSON before that night. MAYS denied knowing STRICKLIN, and stated he had met JOHNSON who he knew only as GEORGE a few days before while picking grapes at Ivanhoe. STRICKLIN and MAYS both denied any knowledge of persons connected with instant case. Photographs of STRICKLIN and MAYS obtained and descriptions set out.

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DETAILS: The Visalia Police Department has a record of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON reflecting she was arrested by that department on April 5, 1946 on charges of vagrancy, and given fifteen days in the County Jail, nine days suspended. Her address then was 220 North Kipton Street in Visalia, California. No fingerprints or photographs were taken.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Office at Visalia, California has a record of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, their number 18200, reflecting she was arrested April 2, 1946 on charges of disturbing the peace. She was described as a man impersonator, age 29 in 1946, born March 17, 1916.

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The photograph of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON taken in 1947 in the vicinity of Ivanhoe, California, in which she appears standing between two men, was exhibited to Office DEPEW of the Visalia Police Department and Deputy JOSIA of the Tulare Sheriff's Office. Officer DEPEW stated that the man on the left of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the photograph was LEROY STRICKLIN who lives in Visalia, California. Deputy JOSIA identified the man on the right of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the photograph as ORVAL MAYS of Ivanhoe, California.

Records of Tulare County Sheriff's Office and the Visalia Police Department reflect no record of ORVAL MAYS. The Sheriff's Office have a record of LEROY STRICKLIN, their number 10041, which reflects he was born August 3, 1920, has brown hair, blue eyes, 5' 10", tattoos of letters "L-E-F-T" on fingers of left hand, and eagle on left shoulder. A photograph of STRICKLIN was furnished the writer. He was arrested by this department on February 22, 1939 on charges of battery, and on November 21, 1949 on charges of grand theft. He was acquitted on the latter charges.

LEROY EVERETT STRICKLIN was located at the home of his parents in Visalia, California, Post Office Box 1133. Referenced photograph was exhibited to him, and he immediately admitted that he is the person on the left of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the photograph, but he could not recall the name of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, and said he did not know the other man in the photograph. He stated that at the time the photograph was taken he thought that MARY LOUISE JOHNSON was a man, but recalls hearing later that she was merely an impersonator. He could not recall ever seeing her other than the one time when the photograph was made, and had no recollection of any conversation with her at that time. He stated that the photograph was taken at The Mills Grove Dance Hall between Visalia and Ivanhoe, California. He stated that there was then a photograph machine in the dance hall, and that he recalls the three of them getting together for the photograph, but could not recall any circumstances which prompted their having this picture made. STRICKLIN advised that he never spent any time around Ivanhoe or Woodlake, California; that he has never been in the Penitentiary; and that he does not recall having ever heard the names of subjects or the names of persons connected with instant investigation.

He is described as follows:

Name	LEROY EVERETT STRICKLIN
Born	August 3, 1920, Visalia, California
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Height	5' 10"
Weight	145 pounds
Age	30

Complexion	Medium
Build	Slender
Scars and Marks	vaccination scar on left arm, tattoos of letters "L-E-F-T" on fingers of left hand, eagle on left shoulder
Social Security No.	547-20-3238
ASN	3940677 (Discharged for disability on December 29, 1943 at Keesler Field, Mississippi)
Father	CHARLES ELMER STRICKLIN
Mother	DESSIE DELIAH STRICKLIN Post Office Box 1143 Visalia, California
Marital Status	Divorced

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Mrs. ORVAL MAYS, Ivanhoe, California, advised that her husband is presently serving 125 day sentence in the Kings County Jail at Hanford, California for drunk driving. Referenced photograph was exhibited to her, and she identified the person on the right of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the photograph as her husband. She recalled MARY LOUISE JOHNSON, who she stated lived around Ivanhoe during the summer and fall of 1947, and that she was a man impersonator. She, however, knew nothing about the activities or associates of JOHNSON.

Records of the Kings County Sheriff's Office, Hanford, California reflect a record of ORVAL MAYS, their number 38813, who was arrested June 24, 1950 on charges of drunk driving and received a sentence of $250 fine or 125 days in jail. A photograph of MAYS was furnished the writer by the Sheriff's Office.

ORVAL D. MAYS was interviewed at the Kings County Jail, Hanford, California, and referenced photograph exhibited to him. He immediately identified himself as the person appearing on the right of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON in the photograph. He stated this photograph was taken about two years ago at The Mills Grove Dance Hall between Visalia and Ivanhoe, California. He further stated that he did not know the other man in the photograph, and that he had never heard the name of LEROY STRICKLIN. MAYS informed that he knew MARY LOUISE JOHNSON only as GEORGE, and at that time he thought her to be a man. He stated he first met her while picking grapes at Ivanhoe, California, and that he used to see her occasionally at the Adobe Cafe in Ivanhoe, California. MAYS stated that he is not acquainted around Woodlake, California; that he has never been in the Penitentiary; that he does not know subject; and that he does not know the various

persons mentioned in instant investigation. He further stated that he knew of no relatives or associates of MARY LOUISE JOHNSON. He could not recall having ever heard of her mention the subject in instant case.

MAYS is described as follows:

Name	ORVAL DEWEY MAYS
Address	Box 1, Ivanhoe, California
Age	40
Born	December 1, 1909, McAlester, Oklahoma
Height	5' 7½"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Palor
Build	Slender
Scars and Marks	Small scar over left eye, left eye lid droops due to broken cord in eye lid. Tattoo of heart with word "Love" on right forearm.
ASN	39487049 (Served from May 5, 1945 to December 9, 1945, honorable discharge)
Marital Status	RUBY MAYS, wife 3 children Married June, 1938 at Las Vegas, Nevada

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The photographs of LEROY EVERETT STRICKLIN and MARY LOUISE JOHNSON furnished by the Tulare County Sheriff's Office, and the photograph of ORVAL DEWEY MAYS furnished by the Kings County Sheriff's Office are being retained as a part of instant case file in this office.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WELDON C. GENTRY at Oklahoma City, dated June 6, 1950.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	8/10/50	8/3/50	JEWEL A. POPE cms

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FLOYD BROWN, USPLK, was at Alcatraz when subjects escaped. States everyone believed they perished.

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DETAILS: At Leavenworth, Kansas:

FLOYD BROWN, inmate, U. S. Penitentiary, stated he was incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz in 1937 when the captioned subjects attempted their escape from that institution. He stated he worked in the machine shop with COLE and ROE and was quite well acquainted with COLE but knew ROE less intimately. COLE, according to BROWN, was regarded by the other inmates as "stir crazy" and was always "signifying", that is, he was always stating he was going to effect his escape. A great number of the inmates were constantly engaged in "signifying" and very little attention was paid to his remarks. He stated, therefore, he was not aware that ROE and COLE actually intended to escape until the attempt was made. BROWN denied he had actually seen the attempt at escape on the part of COLE and ROE, but stated, of course, it was well known throughout the institution within a few minutes after it happened.

BROWN said it was the consensus of opinion among the inmates after the attempt by ROE and COLE, that they had perished in the water and had not ever reached land. This is based on the statements of some who saw them that they had disappeared in the currents. BROWN stated he personally did not believe that any individual could swim from the island to the mainland.

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BROWN said he spent a total of 9 years at Alcatraz and for a number of years worked on the docks. From his observation of the strong currents he said he is positive in his own mind that no man could ever escape alive from "The Rock" and he has always been of the personal opinion that COLE and ROE died in their attempt to escape.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WELDON C. GENTRY dated 6/6/50 at Oklahoma City.

SAC, Oklahoma City

September 25, 1950

Director, FBI

RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

There is enclosed a copy of a memorandum dated August 30, 1950 received from the Bureau's representative in Mexico City.

cc - Dallas (with copy of incoming)
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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHÉ
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO CITY

Date: August 30, 1950

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico

Subject: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
(Bureau file 76-2686)

ReBulet June 5, 1950.

Referenced letter enclosed a memorandum from the Dallas Office stating that F. J. RENZE, prison guard at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas had, during February, 1950, visited the penitentiary in Mexico, D.F. Mr. RENZE, who was taken on this tour of the penitentiary by JAMIE DURUN, learned through an interpreter that there was a prisoner incarcerated in the penitentiary whose name he believed was pronounced as COOLEE, an alleged escapee from Alcatraz. At this time, according to RENZE, COOLEE was in solitary confinement, charge unknown. Investigation was requested of the Mexico City Office to determine if COOLEE might be identical with THEODORE COLE, IO #1471.

The fingerprints which appear on IO #1471 were searched on two different occasions through the District, Judicial and Federal Police Divisions of Identification, as well as the prison records at the penitentiary in Mexico, D. F., without effecting identification.

Investigation at the penitentiary reflected that JAIME DURAN (identical with the Jamie Durun mentioned above) was a former guard but had resigned his post in March, 1950 to accept the position of librarian in the National Chamber of Deputies, Mexico, D. F.

DURAN was contacted at his home, Calle Fresno #299, Apartment 8, and he advised that he had received several pieces of correspondence from F. J. RENZE, the latter inquiring as to the identity of the individual who had escaped from Alcatraz and was presently confined in the penitentiary in Mexico, D. F. RENZE advised DURAN that he did not catch the correct name of the individual and was requesting data concerning him. DURAN stated that during the time RENZE visited the penitentiary in

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Mexico, D. F., he was assigned to escort RENZE through the prison, together with a prison guard who acted as interpreter. According to DURAN, no mention at any time was made of an individual named COLE or COOLEE; however, RENZE was advised that one EDUARDO DE SHELLY, a Venezuelan by birth and an expert counterfeiter by profession, was detained at the penitentiary. DURAN advised that SHELLY himself had passed around the story that he had been successful in escaping from a Federal prison in the U.S. It was later learned that he had escaped from Atlanta. SHELLY, from time to time, had also made remarks which led several of the other prisoners to believe that at one time he had been confined to Alcatraz; however, no definite information was obtained regarding this point.

A photograph of THEODORE COLE, IO #1471, was exhibited to DURAN and he advised he had never seen this individual or anyone closely resembling his description. Continuing, DURAN stated there are so few U.S. citizens detained in the penitentiary in Mexico, D. F., that he would have recognized COLE immediately since he dealt with that particular cell block containing Americans most of the time he was assigned to the penitentiary.

A check of the indices of the Mexico City Office reflected a closed file on LUIS EDUARDO DE SCHELLY (or SHELLY). This file contains the following letter:

"March 26, 1942
Mexico, D. F.

"Mr. Edward Tyrell
Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service
Federal Building, San Antonio, Texas.

"Dear Mr. Tyrell:

"In accordance with our telephone conversation today I am enclosing herewith photograph and fingerprint card of LUIS EDUARDO de SHELLY, presently being held by the Mexican authorities for the possesion of counterfeiting equipment. There is also inclosed herewith papers taken from subject which appear to be serial numbers of bank notes, a list of addresses of persons in the United States, and a bank wrapper binding one hundred one dollar bills which subject has in his possesion.

Letter to Director, 8-30-50
Re: RALPH ROE, was-FUGITIVE, IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, was-FUGITIVE, IO #1471
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"Persons here in Mexico City who had an opportunity to view the equipment which was taken from San Pietre state that the equipment taken from subject is much more elaborate than that used by San Pietre. Shelly's equipment consists of very expensive photographic equipment, dies, presses, acids, paper, drawing instruments, copper plates (most of them new, but two of them partially engraved), and all the paraphenalia which a man of this nature would use. In the papers taken from subject is a lengthy work in English outlining the methods he was to employ in carrying out his work. Photostatic copies of this material are presently being made and will be available.

"As I stated to you over the telephone this matter seems to be of sufficient importance for you to immediately send one of your agents down here to co-operate with the Mexican authorities. Licenciado Quiroz, of the legal department of the Banco de Mexico, has suggested the services of Mr. Benavides, if he is available, due to his ability to converse in Spanish.

"Sincerely yours,

"Gus T. Jones"

Under date of May 8, 1942, the Bureau forwarded to the Mexico City Office a letter entitled "GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO." This letter quoted an excerpt from the "New York Post" of April 28, 1942 to the effect that Mexican authorities had apprehended three German counterfeiters who had planned to flood Latin America with U.S. currency. Among the individuals mentioned was LUIS SCHELLE, a Venezuelan of German origin.

DURAN, during the course of the interview, advised that SHELLY will probably be released from the penitentiary in Mexico, D.F., in approximately one to three months.

In view of the fact that investigation to date has failed to reflect COLE is presently incarcerated in the penitentiary in Mexico, D.F., no further investigation is contemplated and instant case is being placed in a closed status.

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SAN FRANCISCO	10/19/60	10/11/50	DALE F. NORTON - asg

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, IO 1472 THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, IO 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Records ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY, reflect JACK LLOYD, AZ# 264 was transferred from ALCATRAZ to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, March 30, 1947.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The records at ALCATRAZ ISLAND Penitentiary were checked for information regarding inmate TOM LLOYD and it was determined that there has never been any prisoner at Alcatraz under this name. However, Associate Warden PAUL J. MADIGAN advised that former inmate JACK LLOYD, AZ# 264 was known to him and many of the old time prisoners at Alcatraz as TOM LLOYD.

The file at Alcatraz for JACK LLOYD, AZ# 264 was reviewed. This file reflects that JACK LLOYD, born February 24, 1903, was received from Leavenworth Federal Prison at Alcatraz October 26, 1935. The records indicate LLOYD was serving a 99 year sentence for Bank Robbery - Armed and prior to his incarceration at Leavenworth had served four terms for burglary and larceny in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

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It was further noted, from the file available, that in connection with LLOYD's arrest by Federal authorities for Bank Robbery, that on or about September 10, 1934, LLOYD with RALPH ROE (AZ 260) robbed the Farmers National Bank at Subhur, Oklahoma. LLOYD married INEZ SHEETS at

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Ardmore, Oklahoma, January 16, 1932, and from information previously given to various prison authorities was very fond of INEZ.

JACK LLOYD was transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Pentitentiary March 30, 1947. LLOYD's complete file was also transferred at this time.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Will determine if the wife of JACK (TOM) LLOYD, INEZ SHEETS LLOYD, had ever been interviewed for information concerning ROE and COLE. It is believed that LLOYD might have at some time confided in his wife with regard to ROE and COLE. It is suggested that INEZ SHEETS LLOYD might be of assistance in obtaining information from LLOYD concerning the escape of ROE and COLE, if she can now be located.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT LEAVENWORTH PRISON

Will interview inmate JACK (TOM) LLOYD AZ # 264, Leavenworth # 46152, relative to the information furnished by TOM WILBUR VOSS to the effect that LLOYD was present at the time of the attempted escape of the subjects of this case.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WELDON C. GENTRY, dated 6/6/50 at Oklahoma City.

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KC FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	11-8-50	10-26,30-50	J. BAYARD CARUTHERS NML

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JACK LLOYD, USPLK #46152, unable to furnish details concerning escape.

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DETAILS: At Leavenworth, Kansas

Mr. CARL F. ZARTER, Record Clerk, U. S. Penitentiary, produced the file of JACK LLOYD, USP #46152, FBI #61203. LLOYD was sentenced January 18, 1935 for robbery on September 10, 1934 of the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He was received at the U. S. Penitentiary on January 19, 1935. He was transferred to Alcatraz on October 26, 1935, and was again transferred to Leavenworth on April 2, 1946. His conditional release date is July 5, 2000. He is eligible for parole January 17, 1968. Full term expires January 17, 2034.

JACK LLOYD, USP #46152, advised that he was known as TOM LLOYD. He said that he did not see COLE and ROE escape from Alcatraz. He said that COLE and ROE left from the blacksmith's shop, and at the time of their escape, he, LLOYD, was in the match shop, although he was assigned to the blacksmith's shop. He said that he knew nothing concerning the escape until the escape was discovered, and everyone was called in. He said that he was well acquainted with ROE and that ROE had been sentenced with him for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He said that COLE worked in the blacksmith's shop where he did. He said that ROE was all right mentally, and that he never heard him discuss any escape plans. He said that from his observation he did not believe that it was physically possible for anyone to successfully escape from Alcatraz due to the currents. He said that ROE was in poor health, and he did not believe he was strong enough to swim to the mainland. He said that he knew no one that knew

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details concerning the escape, and that he had not heard anything since the escape pertaining to either COLE or ROE.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA DALE F. NORTON dated 10-19-50 at San Francisco.
Report of SA WELDON C. GENTRY dated 6-6-50 at Oklahoma City.

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	11/25/50	11/22-24/50	HOWARD E. TRENT, JR. ve

TITLE
RALPH ROE, was., I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE;
THEODORE COLE, was., I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential Informant of Indianapolis reported individual known as "Little TEDDY", description unknown, seen in company of ANDREW EDWARD KNIPP at Silver Mirror Bar, Louisville, Kentucky, is reportedly wanted by F.B.I. and possibly identical with ROE or COLE. Inquiry reflects "Little TEDDY" is THEODORE MALCOLM HUGHES, Louisville PD #70294, who, according to fingerprint classification, is not identical with either subject.

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DETAILS: This investigation is based upon information received from the Indianapolis Division and originally furnished by a Confidential Informant to the effect that the informant had been told that an individual, known as "Little TEDDY", last name possibly ROWE or ROE, is seen every night at the Silver Mirror Bar on Third and Walnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, in the company of one ANDY NIPP. The informant stated that his source, which he refused to divulge under any conditions, told him that "Little TEDDY" is badly wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and if "the G-Guys ever get him, he will get two hundred years." The informant could furnish no physical description except that he was white and male.

The informant mentioned the possibility of "Little TEDDY" being identical with an individual who escaped from Alcatraz about ten years ago.

Photographs of subjects COLE and ROE were exhibited to the informant with negative results. The informant was not in a position to exhibit photographs to his source of information for fear of being exposed, but the source indicated that "Little TEDDY" is from Kansas City. Further details could not

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be obtained from the informant.

ANDREW EDWARD KNIPP, according to the files of the Louisville Division, has been known as a gambler for a number of years. He originally worked at Datillos on Preston Highway, just outside of Louisville in Jefferson County, where gambling previously was operated until a recent shut-down. Since Datillos has been closed, KNIPP has been sued in the Jefferson County Circuit Court on a gambling loss at dice amounting to $2,175.00.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] b7D

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Since Datillos has been closed, ANDY KNIPP has frequented various other gambling spots and night clubs in Jefferson County. KNIPP is frequently seen at the Silver Mirror Bar, formerly operated as the Silver Dollar Bar in Louisville. He has no legitimate employment, according to T-1, and has followed gambling all his life. "Little TEDDY" HUGHES is also known to frequent the Silver Mirror and has been seen there in the company of KNIPP.

T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

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Lieutenant ELLIS JOSEPH, Louisville Police Department, Detective Bureau, verified the information that "Little TEDDY" HUGHES is known to "hang out" at the Silver Mirror. Through contact with confidential sources at the Silver Mirror and the Trianon Night Clubs, Lieutenant JOSEPH learned that "Little TEDDY" HUGHES had been seen in the company of ANDY KNIPP. It was Lieutenant JOSEPH's opinion that "Little TEDDY" may have the reputation of being "hot" since it apparently was known in criminal circles that HUGHES was checked by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Jeffersonville, Indiana, just across the river from Louisville in connection with a recent theft from interstate shipment investigation. HUGHES' true name is THEODORE MALCOLM HUGHES.

ANDREW KNIPP was brought into Police Headquarters on November 25, 1950, by Lieutenant JOSEPH in connection with another investigation. KNIPP, at that time, admitted acquaintance and association with "Little TEDDY" HUGHES. Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited to ANDREW KNIPP and KNIPP claimed he had never seen either of these subjects.

Sergeant SHERMAN MILLER, Identification Bureau, Louisville Police Department, advised that "Little TEDDY" HUGHES has Louisville Police Department No. 70894.

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He was last arrested by the Louisville Police Department on August 3, 1948, for disorderly conduct and vagrancy, at which time his home address was shown to be 440 Graham, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Previously, on December 12, 1945, he was arrested for banding together, security warrant and vagrancy. On August 20, 1947, he was arrested on a grand larceny warrant. He has other previous arrests by the Louisville Police Department for vagrancy, prostitution and loitering.

It is to be noted that the report of Special Agent ELDON M. PENN, dated April 21, 1950, at Indianapolis, in the case entitled "WILLIAM OSBORNE BUTLER, was.; et al, Theft From Interstate Shipment" sets forth an inquiry conducted relative to "Little TEDDY" HUGHES and his father, THEODORE HUGHES (now deceased) as possible receivers of stolen property.

The file of the Louisville Division indicated that "Little TEDDY" HUGHES was born January 13, 1923, at Charlestown, Indiana.

The fingerprint classification of THEODORE MALCOLM HUGHES as furnished by Sergeant SIDNEY MILLER is as follows: $\frac{26\ W\ I\ O\ 21}{8\ W\ I\ \ Amp}$

The Police Department records indicate that HUGHES' left hand is partially artificial.

A comparison of the fingerprint classification of HUGHES and subjects of instant case and a comparison of their descriptions reflect that HUGHES is not identical with either subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informant referred to with respect to information furnished by the Indianapolis Division is [redacted] whose reliability is known to the Indianapolis Division.

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T-1 is [redacted]

REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER F. HELLWIG, dated 7/13/45 at Louisville.
Indianapolis teletype to the Bureau, Louisville and Kansas City, dated 11/22/50 captioned "LITTLE TEDDY" INFORMATION CONCERNING

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KANSAS CITY, MO.	4/17/51	3/28/51	J. BAYARD CARUTHERS BCL

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks. reflect whereabouts of INEZ SHEETS NOEL, ex-wife of JACK LLOYD, unknown.

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DETAILS:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

CARL F. ZARTER, Records Clerk, U. S. Penitentiary, produced the file of JACK LLOYD, USP #46152. The file reflects that LLOYD has never corresponded with INEZ SHEETS NOEL since he has been incarcerated at Leavenworth and at the time of his transfer to Leavenworth, he advised the prison authorities that he was divorced from her since 1937 and had not known her whereabouts since that time.

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Report of SA J. BAYARD CARUTHERS dated 11/8/50 at Kansas City.

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	10-16-51	10-7,8,9-51	JOHN S. BUSH sae

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, Was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

R. J. PENN of Gentry, Ark., was in St. Louis, Mo. 10-7-51 and thought he saw COLE on a bus, traveling from St. Louis, Mo. to East St. Louis, Ill. Unsuccessful efforts made to locate individual who was seen by PENN.

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DETAILS: During the evening of October 7, 1951, Mr. R. J. PENN, who stated that his home address is Route No. 3, Gentry, Arkansas, telephonically contacted the St. Louis Office, stating that he was stopping at the Belcher Hotel, Room 263, in St. Louis, Missouri, and would probably leave St. Louis on the following day.

PENN said that in the year 1929, while he was employed as a Deputy Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma, he and one JACK QUAST, who was also employed as a Deputy Sheriff at Tulsa, delivered THEODORE COLE to the State Prison in McAlester, Oklahoma. PENN had not seen COLE since that occasion, but stated he believed he had seen COLE during Sunday afternoon, October 7, 1951, on a bus, which he, PENN, was riding from St. Louis, Missouri to a tavern known as Bowman's, located a short distance from the East St. Louis, Illinois terminus, Eads Bridge, across the Mississippi River.

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PENN was interviewed by the reporting Agent at the Belcher Hotel, and he stated that on Sunday, October 7, 1951, he decided that he would go from the Belcher Hotel in St. Louis to Bowman's Tavern in East St. Louis, Illinois, to watch a baseball game on television. He stated that while on the bus, he noticed an individual who resembled COLE, along with another man and a woman on the bus. PENN said that upon leaving the bus at the stop near Bowman's, which is approximately a ten-minute ride from the Belcher Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, he noted that these two men and the woman left the bus as he did, and that the other man and the woman entered Bowman's Tavern; however, the individual resembling COLE continued walking east and did not enter the tavern. He did not realize that the individual referred to bore a resemblance to COLE until after he, PENN, had entered the tavern. Upon realizing this resemblance to COLE, he walked out of the tavern and looked up and down the street, but the man had disappeared.

It was PENN's opinion that the man who resembled COLE was acquainted with the other man and the woman who entered the tavern, in view of the fact that they had been talking while on the bus. PENN said the man and the woman who entered the tavern remained there for thirty minutes or more, but at that time PENN left the tavern after he learned that the ball game was called off. He then returned to St. Louis, Missouri.

PENN stated that he believed the bartender who was on duty at the time might know the persons whom he had seen; therefore, reporting Agent, accompanied by PENN, went to Bowman's tavern and ascertained that the bartender who was on duty on Sunday had quit his job, but that his name is NORBERT A. KEMP, who resides at 4309 Oakwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, Telephone FIreside 6259.

PENN subsequently accompanied the reporting Agent to KEMP's home, and it was noted that KEMP immediately recognized PENN as having been in Bowman's Tavern on October 7, 1951. After PENN had talked to KEMP for a few minutes, KEMP recalled that a man and a woman, as described by PENN, did enter the tavern at the time PENN did; however, KEMP had never seen this couple before. KEMP said it was his impression that they were just a couple of transient "hoosiers," and he had never seen them in that tavern before, nor had he ever seen the individual described by PENN, who resembled COLE. KEMP said that he had never, to his knowledge, seen anyone who resembled the photographs of COLE.

No additional information could be developed by PENN or the reporting Agent, indicating that an individual resembling COLE had been in the vicinity of the bus terminal at St. Louis, Missouri or Bowman's Tavern at East St. Louis, Illinois.

PENN stated that he would return to his home in Gentry, Arkansas and that if anything further came up concerning the matter, he could be contacted at his home.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Springfield Division, in view of the report that an individual resembling COLE was seen in that district.

One copy of this report is being designated for the Little Rock Division for information, in view of the fact that PENN resides in the state of Arkansas.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: February 13, 1952

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE
I.O. No. 1472
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE
I. O. No. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

A thorough review of the file discloses that all logical leads in this case have been covered and results of investigation submitted in reports to the Bureau. It is noted that no corroborated information has ever been received indicating the whereabouts of either Subject or that they were successful in effecting their escape from Alcatraz from where they disappeared on December 16, 1937.

Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in this case, it is being continued in a pending inactive status UACB.

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RALPH ROE, was. I.O. 1472 - POSITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. I.O. 1471 - POSITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Re Minneapolis let December 19, 1952. b7D

A review of reLet and the information furnished by [redacted] does not reflect that he is in possession of any information of his own knowledge indicating that subjects are alive. It would appear that his statements are a collection of rumors leaving the inference that subjects are alive and living in South America.

As you know, since subject's escape numerous reports have been received indicating that they are alive. No positive information, however, has ever been secured indicating that subjects reached the mainland after their escape.

You should thoroughly review reLet in the light of the previous investigation which has been conducted which would assist in confirming or disproving the rumors on which the information received from the informant is founded. Of course, in setting out leads the identity of the informant should be protected at all times.

1-cc-Minneapolis (76-206)
1-cc-San Francisco

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 19, 1952

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (76-206)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was. I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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[redacted] contact [redacted] on various b7D
occasions as he is carried as a potential criminal informant. WOLF is an [redacted] FBI number [redacted] His record reflects that [redacted]

[redacted] very friendly and cooperative with this office, presently b7D
[redacted]

On [redacted] was recontacted by SA's RICHARD N. b7D
PRANKE, RAYMOND W. JOHNSON, and ARTHUR S. REEDER, he was specifically asked as to whether or not he possessed any information regarding ROE and COLE who escaped from Alcatraz. [redacted] would inform agents regarding his knowledge of this incident but he requested that his name be kept in the STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE, and at no time should any reference be made to the information being furnished by the Minneapolis Office. [redacted] if an agent inadvertently told someone that the information originated from [redacted] that such person would probably know that [redacted] stated that the finger of suspicion would immediately be placed on him. He advised that in regard to the following information he would never care to testify, but he did state that he felt if investigation has not already been conducted along these same lines that the same ought to be done and that results might be obtained which would solve instant case.

[redacted] b7D

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cc: 2 - Oklahoma City (76-348)
2 - San Francisco
1 - [redacted]

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Memo: Director, FBI

12/19/52

Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE

[redacted]

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According t[redacted] informant stated [redacted]

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In regard to [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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The rumor was that [redacted]

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could get this clothing. He also advised that [redacted] b7D

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In regard to [redacted] stated that [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] the rumor was that [redacted]

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[redacted] according to rumor [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

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Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE

[redacted] there was a [redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

The rumor in the [redacted] b7D

According to [redacted] stated that ROE and COLE [redacted]

[redacted] remarked that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

As has been mentioned heretofore it is not known by this office whether or not the above information is already known to the Bureau and interested offices or whether the same has already been investigated or verified.

Accordingly it is being left to the discretion of the Bureau and the Oklahoma City Office, which is the office of origin, to determine whether

Memo: Director, FBI 12/19/52
Re: RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE

any additional investigation should be conducted, and as mentioned heretofore if additional investigation is conducted, the identity of WOLF must be protected at all times.

The thought has also arisen if the Bureau or Oklahoma City Office has any questions which have never been answered that [redacted] might know the answer or could furnish information which might result in obtaining such data.

b7D

If additional investigation is conducted and if any of the above information is verified or if there is already knowledge thereof, it would be appreciated if the Minneapolis Office could be furnished with an extra copy of the communication and designate same for [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
KANSAS CITY	2-6-53	1-7,15,19-53	WILLIAM M. HAWKINS SO

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO 1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 said that JACK LLOYD, inmate, USP, Leavenworth, Ks., had information re subjects. LLOYD denied knowing how subjects planned to escape, what plans they were to follow after escape, and said he was under impression that they had drowned. He said he was not approached to go with subjects. CLARENCE LeROY SPARGUR, St. Joseph, Mo., said he had no indication that subjects were still alive.

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DETAILS The following investigation was conducted by SA W. CLARK FULLER:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

T-1, of unknown reliability, advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] According to T-1, [redacted]

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T-1 stated that [redacted] b7D

T-1 stated that, [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting agent:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

JACK LLOYD, inmate, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, their number 46152, said that he was not approached by ROE and COLE to go with them when they escaped from Alcatraz. He said that he did not know how they planned to escape, what plans they had or what plans they were to follow after escaping. He said that he had never heard that ROE and COLE had gotten away, had never heard that they were in any foreign country, and said that he was always under the impression that they had drowned. LLOYD said that he would not give any information to any official if he had information.

T-2, of unknown reliability, [redacted] b7D

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD E. MARTIN:

AT ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

CLARENCE LeROY SPARGUR, 411 Michigan Avenue, St. Joseph, was questioned concerning his knowledge of the escape of COLE and ROE from Alcatraz.

SPARGUR stated that he was at Alcatraz at that time, and was convinced that COLE and ROE perished in the bay. He said that he had a close friend, whom he named only as "JIM", who knew that COLE and ROE were attempting to escape, and that "JIM" had watched them swim out into the bay for approximately 100 yards, when they disappeared.

SPARGUR also said that he was acquainted with JACK LLOYD, an inmate of Alcatraz, and said that it was his understanding that LLOYD had never attempted to escape with COLE and ROE as he was not athletic enough to attempt to swim to the mainland.

SPARGUR stated that he had never received any indication that either COLE or ROE was still alive.

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It is noted that CLARENCE LeROY SPARGUR said that a person named "JIM", whose full name he would not give, said that he had seen subjects disappear in the bay. It is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office review its files to determine if "JIM" has been previously interviewed, and if not, leads should be set out to interview "JIM" in the event that the Oklahoma City Office deems this advisable.

INFORMANTS

T-1 is [redacted] who requested and implored that his name not be used. b7D

T-2 is [redacted]

REFERENCE

Report of SA J. BAYARD CARUTHERS dated 4-17-51 at Kansas City.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: April 1, 1953

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was. I. O. #1172 - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was. I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to Minneapolis letter to Director, 12/19/52 and Bulet to Oklahoma City, 1/6/53.

A review of the Oklahoma City file discloses the following discrepancies regarding the escape of the subjects as obtained immediately after the escape and set out in the report of SA J. E. THORTON, 12/21/37 at San Francisco and referenced letter from Minneapolis to Director, 12/19/52:

[redacted] PCI of [redacted] furnished the following information regarding the actual escape of the two prisoners: b7D

He advised that ROE and COLE [redacted]

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

This information conflicts with the information set out in referenced report of SA THORTON. According to this report subject COLE was employed in the blacksmith shop as a janitor and had access to all tools in the place. The official immediately in charge of the blacksmith shop was officer JOSEPH B. STEARS, who was also present with the warden and Agent A. W. HARLIN at the time the investigation of the escape route was made. STEARS stated that at that time he

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1 - Minneapolis (76-206)
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made a physical check of his crew at 1:00 pm December 16, 1937, the date of the escape. His crew consisted of six men in the blacksmith shop and 26 in the mat shop where subject ROE was employed. Both shops were located in the same building but in different rooms. STEARS stated at that time that both COLE and ROE were present at the 1:00 pm check and he noted their absence at 1:30 pm, an elapse in time of 30 minutes. He stated he immediately located the Deputy Warden of the penitentiary who came to the blacksmith shop.

It was ascertained at that time that apparently the subjects had escaped through a window of the blacksmith shop from which from personal observation it was ascertained that a section containing three panes of glass had been removed by means of a hacksaw resulting in a hole 18" long and 8 3/4" high. It was further ascertained that after the prisoners escaped through the window in the blacksmith shop they dropped to a catwalk a distance of five or six feet and then to a lower catwalk about six or seven feet down and then to a small gate located in a cyclone fence which was approximately ten feet high which was locked with a Cleveland four-way brass padlock. The padlock was forced by means of a 24" Stillson wrench and the Stillson wrench and padlock were recovered. After forcing the gate, the subjects apparently dropped down a sharp ledge stated in referenced report to be from 20 to 25 feet onto the carcasses of several old tires which had been thrown there after usable parts had been taken.

No mention was made in instant report of any cans such as described in referenced Minneapolis letter being available to the subjects at the time of or prior to their escape. During the investigation according to referenced report, several five gallon cans were in the machine shop. These cans contained thin oil and a check was made which determined that none were missing and that an effort was made at the time of the investigation to pass one of these cans through the opening made by the subjects without success. As to whether or not one gallon varnish cans could be passed through the opening after having been soldered together at least 10 in a group is problematical. There is nothing in the file to substantiate the information given by [redacted] b7D

In view of the discrepancies set out above, it is believed that [redacted] b7D

Further investigation as a result of the information given by [redacted] not believed worthwhile. UACB instant case is being continued in a pending inactive status in the Oklahoma City office.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKIAHOMA CITY	5-19-53	5-14-53	WELDON C. GENTRY TK

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO 1172; THEODORE COIE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO 1171	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information furnished by [redacted] b7D
[redacted] not confirmed by information in file. Thorough file review discloses no outstanding leads.

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DETAILS: Minneapolis advised on December 19, 1952 that PC [redacted] b7D furnished information regarding this escape which after a thorough review of the file was found to be unsubstantiated. The above file review reflected no outstanding leads.

Attempts to identify "JIM", last name unknown, who allegedly saw Subjects drown in their attempted escape, met with negative results. No such person is referred to in the file.

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One copy of this report is being designated for Kansas City inasmuch as investigation has been conducted by that office.

REFERENCE

Minneapolis letter to Bureau, dated 12-19-52.

OC letter to Bureau dated 4-1-53.

Report of WILLIAM M. HAWKINS, at Kansas City, dated 2-6-53.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: February 2, 1954

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was. - FUG., IO 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was - FUG., IO 1471
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OO - Okla. City

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case discloses that all outstanding leads have been covered with no information obtained regarding Subjects.

UACB, this file is being continued in a pending inactive status in the Oklahoma City Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TAMM

DATE: 3/30/54

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, WAS FUG, I. O. 1472,
THEODORE COLE, WAS FUG I. O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 76-2686-1136

We are presently in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits presently on hand, in order that we may weed out those which will serve no useful purpose by being retained. Inasmuch as a great many of these bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that you have the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein. A notation as to the decision rendered should be placed on this memorandum, and it should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Section, room 1113, Identification Building. This memorandum will be filed in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

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SAC, Salt Lake City (76-244) June 28, 1954

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, was.
THEODORE COLE, was.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Inasmuch as there have been no recent submissions to the Laboratory in this case, the specimens listed below, which were submitted by your office, are returned herewith.

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SAC, San Francisco (76-290) June 28, 1954

Director, FBI (76-2686)

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THEODORE COLE, was.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 9/2/54

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH FOX, was. - FUG.
IO# 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was. - FUG.
IO# 1471
EFP

OO: OC

Reference is made to Bulet (Form O-1) dated 8/23/54, which is enclosed herewith. Your attention is directed to Oklahoma City letter dated February 2, 1954 advising that this file was being continued in a pending inactive status UACB.

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case discloses that all outstanding leads have been covered with no information contained regarding the subjects.

No additional information has been received by the Oklahoma City Office since the above date and UACB this file is being continued for a period of one year in a pending inactive status in the Oklahoma City Office.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Oklahoma City (Your file) DATE: August 23, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI 76-2686

SUBJECT: Ralph Lee, was., Fugitive
E.P.I Bank Robbery

(4 The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

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( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

(1 Surep immediately PL.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY
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RALPH ROE, I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO - FUGITIVE, THEODORE COLE, W/S., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE - FUGITIVE, EFP. REBUTEL FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, LAST. AFTER INTERVIEW OF THARP COMPLETED, SA COLLINS IS TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR MILWAUKEE, HIS OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT. IN REPORTING RESULTS OF THARP'S INTERVIEW INCLUDE EXACT TIME SA COLLINS WILL DEPART FOR MILWAUKEE.

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FBI KANSAS CITY 2-26255 11-03 AM MEJ

DIRECTOR AND SACS MILWAUKEE AND OKLAHOMA CITY U R G E N T

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WILLIAM C. COLLINS HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS CITY AND ADVISES

THAT THE SOURCES WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] b7D

[redacted] BY SA COLLINS, BUREAU

REQUESTED TO SUTEL AUTHORITY FOR SA COLLINS TO PROCEED TODAY

TO OKLAHOMA CITY [redacted]

SIMON

Tel to KC, OC 2/26 granted authority

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

RALPH ROE, WAS., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, FUG., THEODORE COLE, WAS., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, FUG., EFP. REBUTELS FEB. TWENTY EIGHT LAST AND OC TEL FEB. TWENTY SEVENTH LAST. THE TOM COLLINS REFERRED TO IN RETELS IS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THOMAS J. COLLINS, FBI NO EIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE SEVEN FOUR, OSP NO THREE TWO THREE SEVEN TWO, WHO WAS IN OSP NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE DASH THIRTY SIX THOMAS J. COLLINS EMPLOYED AS SURVEYOR, TULSA, AN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE DUTCH BAKER UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENT. RECORD AND PHOTO OF THOMAS J. COLLINS.

JOHNSON

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FBI, MILWAUKEE 2-25-55 10-34 AM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KANSAS CITY URGENT

RALPH ROE, WAS, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, FUG., THEO. COLL, WAS, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, FUG., EFP. REBUTEL FEB. TWENTYFOUR LAST. SA WM. C. COLLINS LEAVING MI TEN FORTYFIVE A.M. DATE VIA N. CENTRAL AIRLINES TO CHICAGO, AND TWA TO KANSAS CITY, ARRIVING TWO THIRTYFIVE PM DATE. IN VIEW OF RURAL LOCATION BRONSON, KANSAS, SUGGEST KANSAS CITY MAKE AVAILABLE AUTO FOR USE SA COLLINS IN CONNECTION INSTANT INQUIRY. SA COLLINS HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUTEL. OC ADVISED.

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SAC, KANSAS CITY
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RALPH ROE, I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO - FUG., THEODORE COLE, WAS., I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE - FUG., EFP. RE KANSAS CITY TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE LAST. SA COLLINS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PROCEED MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA RA TO BE MET BY EXPERIENCED MATURE OC AGENT DESIGNATED BY SAC OC. THERE AFTER SA COLLINS AND OC AGENT SHOULD PROCEED FT. GIBSON, OKLAHOMA, FOR DESIRED INTERVIEW OF ALBERT THARP WHICH MUST BE EXHAUSTIVE. BUREAU SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW AND IN EVENT POSITIVE INFO OBTAINED RE LOCATION OF SUBJECTS APPREHENSION MUST BE PERSONALLY SUPERVISED BY SAC, WITH SUFFICIENT AGENT PERSONNEL. RECORDS IDENT REFLECT ONE ALBERT THARP, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH ALBERT THARP REFERRED TO IN INSTANT MATTER, ASSIGNED FBI NUMBER SEVEN TWO ONE ONE EIGHT ONE. PRINTED STATE PEN, MC ALISTER, OKLA, SIX TWENTYNINE TWENTYFOUR, CHARGE "CONJOINT ROBBERY" TWENTYFIVE YEARS. STATE PEN, MC ALISTER, OKLA, RETURNED TWELVE FIVE THIRTYTHREE CHARGE ESCAPED SLANT CONJOINT ROBBERY SLANT. PD LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ELEVEN TWO THIRTYEIGHT CHARGE "VAG - ROAMER."

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RALPH ROE, WAG., I. O. CHI FOUR SEVEN TWO - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, WAG., I.O. CHI FOUR SEVEN ONE - FUGITIVE, EFP. HE LX TIL FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE. INSTRUCT SA COLLINS TO PROCEED ERONSON, KANSAS, AND BY INQUIRY THROUGH SOURCES AVAILABLE TO HIM DETERMINE IF FOX ISLE THERE AND WHEN ALBERT THARP WAS ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECTS ROE AND COLE, NATURE OF THEIR ASSOCIATION, WHERE THARP WAS INCARCERATED, NATURE OF HIS OFFENSE AND PRESENT ADDRESS OF THARP. INSTRUCT SA COLLINS TO IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, CONTACT SAC, KC, AND FURNISH RESULT OF HIS INQUIRY TO BUREAU BY TELETYPE. SA COLLINS TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AT KC. SA COLLINS TO BE ASSIGNED CLOSE SUPERVISION. IF ADVISE BUREAU AND KC WHEN SA COLLINS PROCEEDING ERONSON, KANSAS. INSTRUCT SA COLLINS TO CONTACT SAC KC DAILY RE PROGRESS HIS INQUIRY THAT DIVISION. FOR INFO KC AND CC, SA WILLIAM G. COLLINS, ROD MARCH EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, WAS ADVISED SAC, MI, HE HAD TALKED TO ALBERT THARP, BROTHER OF HIS FATHER, THAT THARP INFORMED SUBJECTS ROE AND COLE KNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH THEM. THARP REPORTED HE HAD SEEN ROE AND COLE IN CC DURING EARLY WAR YEARS AND KNOWS TWO OTHER PERSONS WHO KNOW SUBJECTS AND HAVE SEEN THEM SINCE THEIR ESCAPE. SA COLLINS FEELS HE MAY, THROUGH FURTHER INQUIRY OF THARP, SECURE PERTINENT INFO RE SUBJECTS. SUBJECTS ROE AND COLE ESCAPED ALCATRAZ DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY-FOUR, CC ORIGIN. DUPLICATE NEGATIVE RE ALBERT THARP CH PARIS OR AVAILABLE INFO. AFFORD THIS MATTER CONFIDENTIAL HANDLING.

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NOTE: Subjects Roe and Cole escaped Alcatraz 12/16/37. Both subjects were notorious criminals of the 1930-1935 era. Roe was serving 99 years for bank robbery and Cole 50 years for kidnaping. Roe and Cole have been subjects of intensive investigation to locate as escaped Federal prisoners since 1937. There has been no verification they reached the main land and possibility exists they drowned while attempting escape from Alcatraz Island. Identification Division unable to identify Tharp with Identification Record on basis of available info. Upon receipt of result of SA Collins' further inquiry as requested by this teletype, he will be instructed to interview Albert Tharp for details re his knowledge of subjects Roe and Cole and any indicated further investigation will be immediately initiated. No record Bu indices on Albert Tharp.

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FBI, MILWAUKEE (MI) 2-23-55 11-13 AM CST SP

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, EFP. CONFIRMING MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ASST. DIRECTOR ALEX ROSEN, TODAY. SA,A WM. C. COLLINS EOD MARCH EIGHT, FIFTYFOUR, REPORTED DUTY MI FEB. FOURTEEN, FIFTYFIVE. HE ADVISED ME THIS MORNING THAT WHILE HE WAS ENROUTE ON TRANSFER MI FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND WHILE VISITING HIS FATHER AT BRONSON, KANSAS, HE TALKED TO ALBERT THARP, NEPHEW OF HIS FATHER. DURING CONVERSATION THARP ADVISED HIM HE KNEW RALPH ROE AND THEO. COLE PERSONALLY AND THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THEIR ESCAPE IN THIRTYSEVEN. HE STATED HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECTS AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS GENERALLY ASSUMED SUBJECTS HAD DROWNED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE BUT THAT HE HAD SEEN THEM SUBSEQUENTLY IN OKLA CITY DURING EARLY WAR YEARS. THARP ALSO STATED HE KNEW OF TWO OTHER PERSONS WHO ALSO KNEW SUBJECTS AND HAD SEEN THEM SINCE THEIR ESCAPE. SA,A COLLINS STATED AT TIME THE CONVERSATION MEANT NOTHING TO HIM AS HE WAS NOT AWARE OF RALPH ROE AND THEO. COLE CASE. HE CHECKED INDICES TODAY AND DISCOVERED FACT THESE MEN ARE IO,S AND HE IMMEDIATELY CAME TO ME WITH THIS INFO.

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SA,A COLLINS STATES HIS FATHER, WM. P. COLLINS, RESIDES BRONSON, KANSAS AND KNOWS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ALBERT THARP, WHOM HE BELIEVES PRESENTLY WORKING MUSKOGEE, OKLA., ADDRESS UNKNOWN, IS BRICKLAYER BY TRADE, MEMBER BRICKLAYERS UNION AND DRIVES FIFTYFOUR GRAY FORD V EIGHT PICKUP TRUCK BEARING OKLA. LIC. NO. UNKNOWN. THARP IS FIFTYTWO YRS., FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS. SA,A COLLINS ADVISED HIS FATHER MAY NOT DIVULGE THIS INFO TO ANY SA SINCE IT WAS FAMILY AFFAIR. SA,A COLLINS ALSO FEELS THARP MAY NOT BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH ANY SA OF BUREAU BUT FEELS HE POSSIBLY MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE ALL INFORMATION FROM THARP ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. INDICES MI OFFICE NEGATIVE RE ALBERT THARP. I TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED ABOVE TO ASAC F. P. GRIFFEE, OKLA CITY, WHO ADVISED OKLA CITY INDICES NEGATIVE RE ALBERT THARP. RECOMMENDATION SAC, MI, BUREAU CONSIDER INSTRUCTING SA,A COLLINS PROCEED TO BRONSON, KANSAS AND SECURE ADDRESS OF THARP FROM HIS FATHER, CONSULT WITH SAC, OKLA CITY, AND INTERVIEW THARP FOR COMPLETE INFO IN HIS POSSESSION RE THIS CASE.

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cc: MR ROSEN
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FEBRUARY 28, 1955

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RALPH ROE, WAS., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO, FUGITIVE, THEODORE COLE, WAS., I. O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE, FUGITIVE, EFP. REOCTEL FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. IDENT RECORDS REFLECT THOMAS ROACH COLLINS, FBI NO. FOUR SIX SEVEN SIX NINE NINE RECEIVED SP, MC ALESTER, OKLA., NINE FOURTEEN TWENTYSIX, CHARGE RAPE. PAROLED THREE TEN THIRTYTWO. NUMEROUS SUBSEQUENT ARRESTS OC PD, THEIR NO. ONE SEVEN EIGHT THREE FOUR. MOST RECENT ARREST BY OC PD TWO FIFTEEN FIFTYFOUR, CHARGE VAG. AND INVEST. COLLINS RELEASED TWO SIXTEEN FIFTYFOUR. AT ARREST GAVE RESIDENCE OC. COLLINS PRINTED DEC. FOUR, FORTYTWO, AS APPLICANT, OKLAHOMA AIR CRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT, OC, AND WAS RESIDING EIGHTH AND WESTERN STS., OC. WHEN ARRESTED OC PD TWO THREE, FIFTYTHREE, COLLINS DESCRIBED BORN ONE ELEVEN NINETYSEVEN, TISHOMINGO, OKLA., FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTYSIX LBS., RUDDY COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM BUILD, SMALL SCAR CENTER UPPER LIP. COLLINS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH TOM COLLINS MENTIONED BY THARP. OC CONTACT OC PD IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND IF IDENTICAL INTERVIEW RE ESCAPE AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECTS. CC OF IDENT RECORD COLLINS BEING FORWARDED AMSD.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 1, 1955

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (76-65)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, WAS, FUG., IO 1472;
THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUG., IO 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Rebutel to Oklahoma City and Milwaukee February 28, 1955.

The following investigation was performed by SA(A) William C. Collins of this office:

AT BRONSON, KANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM P. COLLINS were interviewed on February 25, 1955, and advised that ALBERT THARP was a nephew of WILLIAM P. COLLINS, and that the address which they had for him was c/o WILBERT WEAVER, Phone 85, Ft. Gibson, Okla.

Mr. COLLINS stated that ALBERT THARP was born July 17, 1903 near Wiley Post Office, MacDonald County, Missouri, and had lived at Joplin, Mo.; Kansas, Oklahoma; Nowata, Oklahoma and Tulsa, Oklahoma before being sentenced to the Oklahoma State Prison.

Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS stated that it was their belief that THARP and two accomplices had been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Okla., for armed robbery in the late 1920s. Mr. COLLINS stated that he believed the robbery occurred in Tulsa, Okla., since the THARP family was residing in Tulsa at that time, but that the details of the affair were never given to the family, and that he did not know that ALBERT THARP had been imprisoned until several years after he was sentenced. Mr. COLLINS stated that in approximately 1933 ALBERT THARP escaped from the Oklahoma State Prison with another inmate, but was subsequently apprehended, and that he recalls hearing that THARP received an additional eighteen months' sentence for escape. Mr. COLLINS stated that THARP's mother had advised him later that ALBERT THARP had served his full sentence plus the amount given him for escaping.

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Mr. COLLINS advised that he recalls THARP went to Canada soon after the beginning of World War II, and enlisted in the Canadian Army. Mr. COLLINS stated that as near as he could recall, THARP enlisted in early 1942 and was discharged in early 1946. He stated that from details he had heard from other relatives that THARP had served almost his entire enlistment in Europe, and that his military record was good.

Mr. COLLINS advised that Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT THARP were visiting at their home in December, 1954, and that they were discussing California, where Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS had recently vacationed. Mr. COLLINS recalled that the conversation mentioned Alcatraz, and that he had stated he did not see how anyone could possibly escape from such a place. Mr. COLLINS stated that THARP replied he was acquainted with two men who had escaped and were still alive. Mr. COLLINS advised further he recalled that THARP stated that the men had had outside help, and that he had known the men in OSP at McAlester, and subsequently after his release he had seen them in Oklahoma before the men were sent to Alcatraz. Mr. COLLINS stated that he did not recall THARP having stated that he had seen the two men after they escaped from Alcatraz.

Mr. COLLINS recalled that THARP mentioned having met a man after the fugitives escaped who told THARP that the fugitives were alive and in Tulsa and agreed to take THARP to see them. Mr. COLLINS stated he assumed the man was in Tulsa when THARP met him. Mr. COLLINS stated that THARP said he and the man started to see the fugitives, one of whom was supposed to be residing with a relative of the fugitive. Mr. COLLINS stated that THARP said they had just gone a short way when he, THARP, decided he did not want to see the fugitives, since they were "hot", and he was an ex-convict. Mr. COLLINS recalled that THARP stated that subsequently he met another man, who told him that the Subjects were around the area, and had had help in escaping from Alcatraz.

Mr. COLLINS stated that he had no further information concerning the fugitives.

A telephone call was made by Agent Collins to the WILBERT WEAVER residence on February 25, 1955. Agent Collins stated that he was a relative of ALBERT THARP, and would like to "look him up" if he was still living at Ft. Gibson. Mrs. WILBERT WEAVER advised that THARP was residing at Ft. Gibson, and provided Agent Collins with directions to the THARP residence.

AT FT. GIBSON, OKLAHOMA

ALBERT THARP was interviewed from 8:35 A.M. to 9:40 A.M. on February 27, 1955 by SA William C. Collins, and SAs Charles W. Sizemore and Robert O. French of the Oklahoma City Office.

THARP advised that he had known Subjects in the Okalhoma State Prison at McAlester, Okla., but that he had not seen them since they were in the OSP. THARP stated that he got out of the OSP on April 13, 1936. He stated that in 1937, when the Subjects escaped, he was in Bakersfield, Calif. He stated that he recalled reading about the escape in the newspapers at that time. THARP stated that about three months after the escape (at least he said it was still cold, and he recalls being in a snow storm), he came back to Oklahoma. He stated that he rode a freight train into El Reno, Oklahoma, and got off the freight train at the railroad "Y", just on the outskirts of town. THARP stated that there was a group of men there, all on the tramp, who were around a fire, and that he recognized DUTCH BAKER, an ex-convict from OSP. He stated that he and BAKER withdrew from the others and got to talking about the Subjects, since the subject of their escape was quite a current topic. THARP stated that he said he guessed that the sharks had eaten the Subjects. THARP stated that BAKER replied, "No", that they had gotten away and that ROE was living not over three blocks from where they were, and that COLE was staying in Tulsa. THARP stated that BAKER offered to take him to see ROE, and that they started off walking, but that after they had walked about a block, he, THARP, decided that he did not want to see ROE, as he could not help ROE, and he did not want ROE to think that he, THARP, had anything to do with it if ROE was later apprehended. THARP said that he and BAKER figured that Subjects had had outside help in escaping, but that this was strictly speculation on their part, and that BAKER had not made any positive statement to this effect.

THARP stated that he went on to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he contacted TOM COLLINS, a former inmate of OSP. THARP stated that COLLINS is an engineer, and apparently well known in Tulsa, having formerly served as Tulsa County Surveyor. THARP advised he told COLLINS about the information he received from BAKER, and said he wondered if Subjects actually got away. THARP stated that COLLINS said that the Subjects did get away, and that TED COLE's mother had contacted him after the escape and had wanted him, BAKER, to find a place where COLE could hide out.

THARP recalled that there were several newspaper stories in the Tulsa newspapers around 1940 mentioning the Subjects and another unrecalled associate as suspects in some truck hijacking jobs in Texas.

THARP stated that he has had no further contact with BAKER, and that he doesn't know BAKER's whereabouts or his home. THARP stated that he did not know BAKER's first name, and that DUTCH may be a nickname, as was the name "BLAZE", by which BAKER was known in OSP. He stated that he did not know which county sent BAKER to OSP, but that BAKER's charge was sodomy, and that he received an eight-year sentence. THARP stated that BAKER was in OSP during 1934 and 1935.

THARP described BAKER as being approximately 60 years of age (1955), 5 Ft. 9 In. Tall, 170 lbs., bald with a fringe of grey or greying hair around the edges, medium or ruddy complexion, and short and slightly blocky build.

THARP stated that he spent the period of time between 1938 and 1940 back and forth between California and Oklahoma, and that in January, 1941 he went to Canada and joined the Canadian Army and served until November 21, 1945.

THARP stated that he has been in contact with TOM COLLINS on several occasions, but that COLLINS has never indicated he knew anything else about the Subjects. THARP stated that he desired that his identity be protected from COLLINS and BAKER. He stated that he would talk with BAKER, if BAKER can be located. THARP stated that he did not believe that BAKER would give any information to Agents.

THARP stated that he served 12 years and 6 months of a 25-year sentence in OSP for hijacking from Muskogee County, Okla. He stated that his OSP number was 14292.

Notes taken during the interview by SA Collins are being maintained in the 1-A file of Subject case in the Oklahoma City Field Office.

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RALPH ROE, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO - FUG. THEODORE COLE, WAS., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE - FUG., EFP. REMYTEL FEB. TWENTYSEVEN LAST. TOM COLLINS, TULSA COUNTY SURVEYOR AND FORMER INMATE OSP, FBI NO. EIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE SEVEN FOUR, ADVISED HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH COLE, HAVING ARRESTED HIM WHILE COLLINS WAS MEMBER OF TULSA PD PRIOR TO CONVICTION. COLLINS STATES DOES NOT KNOW COLE-S MOTHER, WAS NEVER CONTACTED BY HER OR ANY OTHER PARTY TO ASSIST COLE IN LOCATING PLACE TO HIDE OUT, AND HAS NEITHER HEARD FROM NOR SEEN COLE SINCE COLE-S ALLEGED ESCAPE. COLLINS ~~COLLINS~~ STATES DOES NOT KNOW ROE. LA BEING REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW COLE-S MOTHER.

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cc: Mr. Mohr

NOTE: Subjects Roe and Cole escaped from Alcatraz 12/16/37. There has been no verification they reached the mainland and possibility exists they drowned while attempting escape from Alcatraz Island. SA William C. Collins, EOD 3/8/54, advised SAC, Milwaukee, 2/23/55, his cousin, Albert Tharp, informed he had received information subjects succeeded in their escape from Alcatraz. Tharp is of unknown reliability, having been convicted of armed robbery. Investigation to prove or disprove his allegation being conducted.

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RALPH ROE, IO ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO - FUG., THEODORE COLE, WAS., IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE - FUG., EFP. REBUTEL TO KC AND OC FEB. TWENTY-SIX FIFTYFIVE. ALBERT THARP, FT. GIBSON, OKLA. INTERVIEWED FEB. TWENTY-SEVEN FIFTYFIVE BY SA-S WILLIAM C. COLLINS, CHARLES W. SIZEMORE, AND ROBERT O. FRENCH. THARP ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN SUBJECTS IN OSP, MC-ALESTER, OKLA., BUT HAD NOT SEEN THEM SINCE THEY WERE IN OSP. THARP STATED HE GOT OUT OF THE OSP APRIL THIRTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX. IN NINETEEN THIRTY-SEVEN HE WAS AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. WHEN SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM ALCATRAZ. HE RECALLED READING ABOUT THE ESCAPE IN THE NEWSPAPERS. ABOUT THREE MONTHS LATER , AT LEAST IT WAS STILL COLD WEATHER, THARP COME TO OKLA. HE RODE A FREIGHT TRAIN INTO EL RENO, OKLA. AND GOT OFF AT THE RAIL ROAD Y JUST ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. THERE WAS A GROUP OF MEN THERE, ALL ON THE TRAMP, AND HE RECONIZED DUTCH BAKER, AN EXCON FROM OSP. HE AND BAKER WITHDREW FROM THE OTHERS AND GOT TO TALKING ABOUT SUBJECTS, AND THARP MADE STATEMENT HE GUESSED THE SHARKS HAD EATEN SUBJECTS.. BAKER SAID, "NO", THAT THEY HAD GOT AWAY AND THAT ROE WAS LIVING NOT OVER THREE BLOCKS FROM WHERE THEY WERE AND COE WAS IN TULSA, OKLA. BAKER OFFERED TO TAKE THARP TO SEE ROE AND THEY STARTED BUT AFTER WALKING A BLOCK THARP DECIDED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE ROE, AS HE COULD NOT HELP ROE AND HE DID NOT WANT ROE TO THINK HE HAD ANYTHING TO

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DO WITH IT IF ROE WAS LATER APPREHENDED. THARP SAID HE AND BAKER FIGURED THAT SUBJECTS HAD OUTSIDE HELP. BAKER MADE NO POSITIV E STATEMENT THAT THEY HAD OUTSIDE HELP IN THE ESCAPE AND THIS IS SPECULATION ON THEIR PART. THARP SAID HE WENT ON TO TULSA, OKLA. WHERE HE CONTACTED TOM COLLINS, A FORMER IMMATE OF OSP. COLLINS IS AN ENGINEER AND APPARENTLY WELL KNOWN IN TULSA AND FORMERLY SERVED AS TULSA COUNTY SURVEYOR. THARP ADVISED HE TOLD COLLINS ABOUT THE INFORMATION HE RECEIVED FROM BAKER AND SAID HE WONDERED IF SUBJECTS ACTUALLY GOT AWAY. COLLINS SAID THEY DID GET AWAY, AS TED COLE-S
MOTHER HAD CONTACTED HIM AFTER THE ESCAPE AND WANTED TO KNOW IF COLLINS HAD A PLACE WHERE COLE COULD HIDE OUT. THARP RECALLED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL NEWSPAPER STORIES IN TULSA PAPERS AROUND NINETEEN FORTY MENTIONING SUBJECTS AND ANOTHER UNRECALLED ASSOCIATE AS SUSPECTS IN SOME TRUCK HIJACKING IN TEXAS. THARP HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH BAKER AND DOESN-T KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS OR HIS HOME. HE DID NOT KNOW BAKER-S FIRST NAME AND DUTCH MAY BE A NICKNAME. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT COUNTY SENT BAKER TO OSP, BUT CHARGE WAS SODOMY. BAKER RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF EIGHT YEARS AND WAS IN OSP IN NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR AND NINETEEN THIRTY-FIVE
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HE DISCRIBED BAKER AS BEING APPROXIMATELY SIXTY YEARS OLD PAREN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE PAREN, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE SEVEN NAUGHT LBS., HAIR BALD EXCEPT SLIGHTLY GREY OR WHITE AROUND EDGES, MEDIUM OR RUDDY COMPLEXION, SHORT AND BLOCKY BUILD. THARP SAID HE SPENT THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTY-EIGHT AND NINETEEN FORTY BACK AND FORTH FROM OKLA. TO CALIF. IN JANUARY NINETEEN FORTY-ONE HE JOINED THE CANADIAN ARMY AND SERVED UNTIL NOVEMBER TWENTY-ONE NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE. HAS BEEN IN

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ESTHER COLE, mother of subject COLE, died in 1953. [redacted] b7D [redacted] Mrs. EMMA PAULINE LOPEZ, Sun Valley, California, stated she is convinced subject COLE did not visit his mother. Mrs. LOPEZ, who has been previously interviewed, stated she has no information whatsoever that subjects made good their escape. "DUTCH" BAKER not known to persons contacted.

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DETAILS:

The investigation reported below was conducted by SA ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN:

AT EXETER, CALIFORNIA:

Chief of Police JOE BORGMAN and Judge HAL BROADERS advised on March 7, 1955 that Mrs. ESTHER COLE had been well known to them, as was the rest of their family, but that she died in the summer of 1953. They informed that ESTHER COLE was the mother of subject THEODORE COLE and that her husband was FRED COLE. [redacted] b7D

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Oklahoma city airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/2/55.

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[redacted] SA JACK C. SPENCER, Los Angeles, at the time in about 1949 but they were never able to get any confirmation whatever of this information. [redacted] they stated [redacted] received a letter from [redacted]

Mr. MORRIS ERIKSON, Hadley's Funeral Parlor, advised from his records that Mrs. ESTHER COLE died on July 2, 1953 and was buried at Exeter.

AT VISALIA, CALIFORNIA:

Records of the Visalia Police Department were checked by SA PETTYJOHN on March 8, 1955 and reflect that LETTA VIOLET ANN CORNETT and her sister MABLE ARLENE MC DONALD, alias Red, were picked up for interrogation on August 14, 1952 and were then residing in Room 39 of the California Hotel and also at 1420½ North Court Street. They gave their mother's name as Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ of Woodlake, California. No other pertinent information appeared on the record. Inspector LARRY FRAMPTON, who knew these girls, stated they have not been around Visalia for quite some time.

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T-1, of unknown reliability, [redacted] He related that [redacted] He stated that [redacted] T-1 never heard of [redacted]

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON was located at 255 South Pepper Street, Woodlake by SA PETTYJOHN on March 9, 1955. She receives mail at Post Office Box 133, Woodlake. She informed that she is a sister of subject COLE and confirmed her mother's death on July 2, 1953 at Exeter. Also the address of her sister ETTA

PAULINE LOPEZ at 8450 Omelveny Street, Sun Valley, California. She did not know the present whereabouts of the CORNETT girls. Mrs. DAWSON stated that subject never contacted her, after his escape from Alcatraz, and that she never received any information to the effect that he had contacted anyone or that he is still alive. She stated that she was very close to her mother and with her for two years prior to her death taking care of her and although could not state positively that subject never contacted her she feels positive that he did not as her mother never mentioned it which, if true, she believes she would have confided in her, especially during the last few days of her life. Mrs. DAWSON stated that she never heard of a "DUTCH" BAKER and also never knew subject ROE.

The investigation reported below was conducted by SA ROBERT CLARK STONE:

AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. [illegible] PAULINE LOPEZ and her husband MARTIN LOPEZ, 8450 Omelveny Street, stated on March 31, 1955, that Mrs. LOPEZ is the sister of subject COLE. Mrs. LOPEZ said that Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, who lives at 255 South Pepper Street, Woodlake, California, is a half-sister of Mrs. LOPEZ and subject COLE. These are the only living sisters of the subject. There are three half-brothers who have all died. Mrs. LOPEZ said that she is convinced the subject did not visit his mother after leaving Alcatraz Penitentiary either dressed in women's clothing or otherwise. Mrs. LOPEZ said that she nursed her mother during the past few months of her illness with cancer and was almost constantly in her company. She stated that many statements have been made by [redacted] b7D [redacted] but that all the statements attributed to him in the past have been deliberate falsehoods made in the opinion of [redacted] to cause her discomfort and anxiety. She explained that [redacted]

Mrs. and Mr. LOPEZ were advised of the Harboring Statute and offered their complete cooperation in furnishing to the Los Angeles Office any information concerning the whereabouts of either subject. They stated, however, that they did not know RALPH ROE. They said that they did not know "DUTCH" BAKER, and have no information at this time as to the whereabouts of either subject. They claimed they did not know whether subject COLE made good his escape from Alcatraz.

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TITLE
RALPH ROE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE, IO #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERT THARP, Ft. Gibson, Okla., who was in OSP, McAlester, Okla., with Subjects, advised that about three months after Subjects escaped from Alcatraz, he met "DUTCH" BAKER, another ex-convict from OSP, at El Reno, Okla., and BAKER told him ROE was in El Reno, Okla., and COLE was in Tulsa, Okla. THARP later contacted TOM COLLINS, Tulsa, another ex-convict, OSP, and he advised that COLE's mother had contacted him after the escape of Subjects, and wanted to know if COLLINS had a place where COLE could hide out. THARP does not know whereabouts of BAKER, but states COLLINS still residing in Tulsa. THOMAS J. COLLINS, FBI No. 895574, presently Tulsa County Surveyor, and former inmate of OSP, advised he is acquainted with COLE, having arrested COLE while member of Tulsa PD prior to conviction. COLLINS denies knowing COLE's mother, denies being contacted by anyone regarding COLE, and denies knowing ROE. Attempts to identify "DUTCH" or "BLAZE" BAKER negative.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information received from the Bureau that ALBERT THARP, former inmate of Oklahoma State Penitentiary, had furnished information to relatives of SA WILLIAM C. COLLINS, Milwaukee Office, at Bronson, Kansas, to the effect that THARP met one "DUTCH" or "BLAZE" BAKER, an ex-convict, from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, about three months after the escape of Subjects

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and that BAKER had told him that Subjects had made good their escape; that ROE was at that time in El Reno, Oklahoma, and COLE in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM C. COLLINS of the Milwaukee Office, and SAS CHARLES W. SIZEMORE and ROBERT O. FRENCH:

THARP advised February 27, 1955, that he had known Subjects in the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma, but that he had not seen them since they were in the Oklahoma State Prison. THARP stated that he got out of the Penitentiary on April 13, 1936. He stated that he recalled reading about the escape in the newspapers at that time. THARP stated that about three months after the escape (at least he said it was still cold, and he recalls being in a snow storm), he came back to Oklahoma. He stated that he rode a freight train into El Reno, Oklahoma, and got off the freight train at the railroad "Y," just on the outskirts of town. THARP stated that there was a group of men there, all on the tramp, who were around a fire, and that he recognized "DUTCH" BAKER, an ex-convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He stated that he and BAKER withdrew from the others and got to talking about the Subjects, since the subject of their escape was quite a current topic. THARP stated that he said he guessed that the sharks had eaten the Subjects. THARP stated that BAKER replied, "No," that they had gotten away and that ROE was living not over three blocks from where they were, and that COLE was staying in Tulsa. THARP stated that BAKER offered to take him to see ROE, and that they started off walking, but that after they had walked about a block, he, THARP, decided that he did not want to see ROE, as he could not help ROE, and he did not want ROE to think that he, THARP, had anything to do with it if ROE was later apprehended. THARP said that he and BAKER figured that Subjects had had outside help in escaping, but that this was strictly speculation on their part, and that BAKER had not made any positive statement to this effect.

THARP stated that he went on to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he contacted TOM COLLINS, a former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. THARP stated that COLLINS is an engineer, and apparently well known in Tulsa, having formerly served as Tulsa County Surveyor. THARP advised he told COLLINS about the information he received from BAKER, and said he wondered if Subjects actually got away. THARP stated that COLLINS said that

the Subjects did get away, and that TED COLE's mother had contacted him after the escape and had wanted him, BAKER, to find a place where COLE could hide out.

THARP recalled that there were several newspaper stories in the Tulsa newspapers around 1940 mentioning the Subjects and another unrecalled associate as suspects in some truck hijacking jobs in Texas.

THARP stated that he has had no further contact with BAKER, and that he doesn't know BAKER's whereabouts or his home. THARP stated that he did not know BAKER's first name, and that DUTCH may be a nickname, as was the name "BLAZE," by which BAKER was known in the Penitentiary. He stated that he did not know which County sent BAKER to the Penitentiary, but that BAKER's charge was Sodomy, and that he received an eight year sentence. THARP stated that BAKER was in the Penitentiary during 1934 and 1935.

THARP described BAKER as being approximately 60 years of age (1955), 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 170 lbs., bald with a fringe of grey or greying hair around the edges, medium or ruddy complexion, and short and slightly blocky build.

THARP stated that he spent the period of time between 1938 and 1940 back and forth between California and Oklahoma, and that in January, 1941 he went to Canada and joined the Canadian Army and served until November 21, 1945.

THARP stated that he has been in contact with TOM COLLINS on several occasions, but that COLLINS has never indicated he knew anything else about the Subjects. THARP stated that he desired that his identity be protected from COLLINS and BAKER. He stated that he would talk with BAKER, if BAKER can be located. THARP stated that he did not believe that BAKER would give any information to Agents.

THARP stated that he served 12 years and 6 months of a 25-year sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for hijacking from Muskogee County, Oklahoma. He stated that his OSP number was 14292.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA JESSE L. ORR:

Captain HARRY STEGE of the Tulsa Police Department on February 28, 1955, advised that THOMAS J. COLLINS, commonly known as TOM COLLINS, is presently Tulsa County Surveyor. He stated that COLLINS served a term in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on a charge of Robbery.

Tulsa Police Department records reflect that THOMAS J. COLLINS, FBI #895574, Tulsa PD #11427, was arrested February 14, 1935, on the above Robbery charge. The identification record, which is in the files of the Tulsa Police Department, reflects COLLINS was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary July 6, 1935, to serve a term of five years on a charge of Robbery, OSP #32372.

Tulsa Police Department files reflect COLLINS' mother, ANNIE COLLINS, in 1935 listed address as 524 W. Easton Street, Tulsa.

On March 1, 1955, COLLINS, who is presently Tulsa County Surveyor, was interviewed by SA ORR. COLLINS advised he is acquainted with COLE, having arrested COLE while he, COLEINS, was a member of the Tulsa Police Department, prior to his conviction. COLLINS advised that he does not know COLE's mother and was never contacted by her or by any other person to assist COLE in locating a place to hide out. COLLINS further advised that he had never heard from nor seen COLE since the alleged escape of Subjects. COLE stated that he does not know ROE.

At McAlester, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY B. LOWREY:

VIRGIL CHOATE, Records Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was interviewed on February 28, 1955, in an effort to identify and locate "DUTCH" or "BLAZE" BAKER. The records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary show one CLAUDUS BAKER, OSP #31361, was sentenced from Carter County, Oklahoma, February 25, 1935, to serve nine months for drunk driving, release date August 14, 1935. He is described as: WM, age 30 in 1935, 5' 9", father, R. C. BAKER, Lone Grove, Oklahoma.

The records also disclosed that one J. W. BAKER, OSP #29,560, age 39 in 1934, was received at the Penitentiary April 1, 1934, to serve one and one-half years for receiving stolen property from Greer County, Oklahoma.

It should be noted that the above two BAKERS were the only ones found in the files of the Penitentiary who served sentences during the pertinent period. There were no inmates named BAKER during the pertinent period who served an eight year sentence on a charge of Sodomy as stated by THARP.

H. C. McCLOUD, Warden, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and formerly Chief Guard of the Penitentiary, was interviewed on February 28, 1955, and stated he could not recall a BAKER who went by the name of "DUTCH" or "BLAZE."

HARLAN BROWN, Chief Sergeant of the Guard, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, stated on February 28, 1955, that he had been in the Penitentiary 29 years and could not recall a BAKER with the nickname of "DUTCH" or "BLAZE." Mr. BROWN talked to a number of old-time prisoners and guards in an effort to identify "DUTCH" or "BLAZE" BAKER, with negative results.

Records of the Oklahoma State Crime Bureau, Oklahoma Drivers License Division of the Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, were checked by SA WELDON C. GENTRY on March 1, 2 and 3, April 13 and 14, and May 10 and 12, 1955, with negative results in an attempt to locate a photograph of CLAUDUS BAKER and J. W. BAKER. No photograph of these two inmates was available at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

On June 20 and 21, 1955, a search by SA WELDON C. GENTRY of old files at the Oklahoma State Crime Bureau disclosed two small photographs on fingerprint cards of these two individuals, and enlargements are being made at this time.

Los Angeles advised on April 11, 1955, that investigation had established that Mrs. ESTHER COLE, mother of Subject COLE, died in 1953, and that her husband, FRED COLE, was killed by his son-in-law, REBEL CORNETT, who is presently serving a life sentence at San Quentin Penitentiary in California.

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At Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

After photographs are received from the Oklahoma State Crime Bureau of CLAUDUS BAKER and J. W. BAKER, former inmates of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, will exhibit these photos to ALBERT THARP to determine whether or not one of these individuals is identical with the "DUTCH" or "BLAZE" BAKER who reportedly furnished THARP information concerning the escape of Subjects.

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SAC, Atlanta

THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471, EFP.

The Bureau of Prisons has furnished the Bureau with a letter dated 8/8/55 from Branum T. Thomas to James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C. Thomas, in his letter, states he saw "Ted Cole" this last Spring, that Cole is well known to him, that he, Thomas, was in Oklahoma City when Cole escaped. Thomas states he wishes to see Bennett re this matter.

The Bureau of Prisons advises Thomas is an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, institution number 76389 A, where he is serving a four-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle. It is believed Thomas is refering to captioned fugitive. The matter of the instant letter from Thomas was referred to this Bureau for appropriate attention.

You are instructed to have Thomas interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, in an effort to develop all possible information in his possession concerning fugitive Cole. Handle immediately and advise Bureau results of this interview.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THEODORE COLE, with aliases
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Referral/Consult

For information of Legat, Mexico City.

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Two copies of Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated August 26, 1955, which sets forth the results of interview of Thomas, two copies of Identification Order 1471 relative to subject Cole and two photographs of Cole are furnished herewith to Legat, Mexico City. Legat, Mexico City, is instructed to conduct a thorough and exhaustive investigation relative to the allegations of Branum T. Thomas in an effort to develop information concerning the present location of Theodore Cole. The reliability of Branum T. Thomas is unknown and this investigation should, insofar as possible, endeavor to verify information furnished by Thomas to establish his reliability.

By way of background information, Cole disappeared from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937. Investigation since that date has failed to develop reliable information that Cole has been

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seen since the date of his escape. Bureau of Prison authorities have indicated they believe Cole drowned in San Francisco Bay in his escape attempt.

This matter should be afforded immediate attention and the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

THEODORE COLE, was. - FUG., I. O. 1471, EFP.

Re Buairtel to Atlanta dated 8/17/55.

BRANUM T. THOMAS, Inmate Register #76349-A, USP, Atlanta, Ga., was interviewed 8/24/55 by SA GEORGE H. TREADWELL concerning the allegation he made that he had seen "TED COLE" last spring.

THOMAS stated that while the European Exposition was being held in Mexico City, D.F., during 1954, he was in that city as a fugitive and was staying at the Grand Palace Hotel, Mina Ave., registered as B. T. THOMAS. THOMAS stated he could not recall the date, other than that it was during the European Exposition. He stated that one afternoon during this period he was in the lobby of the Hotel Reforma, Mexico City, with friends; and while in the lobby he observed COLE and an unknown American, accompanied by 2 Mexicans, engaged in conversation.

He stated that he did not recognize COLE, other than the fact that he looked familiar, and that he overheard COLE say in Spanish to an associate that he, THOMAS, was an old friend. Whereupon COLE approached him, and spoke pleasantly, as an old friend, without identifying himself. On making reference to their past acquaintance, he suggested that they meet that evening in the hotel lobby and take in a night club.

THOMAS stated that he did not see COLE again, however, until the Pan-American Games were being held at Mexico City, D. F., and as he recalls, on the date of the game between the American team and Argentine team, he again met COLE by chance at this game. After the ball game, he accompanied COLE to a night club, but still had not recalled the identity of COLE, realizing only that he was someone he had known in the past. According to THOMAS, he was associated

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with COLE for three consecutive days, beginning with the day of the above baseball game.

THOMAS stated that on the second day, COLE handed him $30.00, and said, "Here is the $30.00 I owe you." THOMAS stated he could not remember anything about the money at the time, and that his facial expression conveyed this to COLE, who then said, "I don't think you remember me, but you loaned me $30.00 in Oklahoma many years ago. Does that refresh your memory?" THOMAS stated he did then realize who COLE was, and recalled his past association with him in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

THOMAS related that COLE escaped from the Oklahoma Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, while they were both inmates at that institution; that the escape was accomplished by bribing the man at the gate to let COLE go out in a laundry truck, concealed in a bag of laundry, for which the guard on the gate was paid $500.00 by one GEORGE KIMES, an inmate, now deceased; that this $500.00 was paid as a loan to COLE, and that he, THOMAS, had given COLE $30.00 at the time of the escape, as COLE had no money; and that this was the $30.00 COLE was repaying. THOMAS stated that during this conversation COLE remarked, "Yes, I am TED."

THOMAS went on to relate that during the association with COLE in Mexico City, COLE confided to him that he was in the narcotics business; that he was receiving heroin and cocaine from Ecuador; that he was maintaining residence in Mexico City; Caracas, Venezuela; and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He said COLE exhibited a Mexican passport and an Argentine passport. The Mexican passport, according to THOMAS, was made out in the name of CARLOS LOPEZ. He could not state what name appeared on the Argentine passport.

THOMAS stated that on the last of the three days association with COLE, COLE exhibited to him an envelope he had apparently just received, bearing a San Antonio, Texas, postmark, and that COLE took from the envelope a copy of his, THOMAS', arrest record made by the FBI; that COLE remarked that he had checked up on THOMAS' story that he was a fugitive, and that since the record showed that he

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was wanted, he, COLE, wished to offer him the opportunity to work with him in the dope racket, if THOMAS so desired. COLE told THOMAS he needed a runner to haul the "stuff" into the United States, and would pay him well for his services. THOMAS stated he told COLE that he could not take up his proposition at that time due to his fugitive status, but that he might consider it in the future, and that COLE then told him that if at some future date he wished to communicate with him, he should put an ad in the "News," a newspaper published in English in Mexico City, D.F., and that the ad should read, "The water in San Francisco Bay is fine, but very cold." That this wording should be followed by an address at which he, THOMAS, could be contacted.

COLE is alleged to have also told THOMAS that if he should need money, to contact LAWIS (pho.) GREEN, Dallas, Texas, as GREEN was the man who knew the "right people" that could get in touch with COLE.

THOMAS volunteered the opinion that the fact COLE exhibited his FBI record, apparently received from San Antonio, Texas, that it would indicate that COLE has a contact in the San Antonio, Texas, PD; otherwise he could not have obtained this record.

THOMAS stated positively that this last 3-day meeting referred to above, took place in the early part of 1955 at Mexico City. According to THOMAS, COLE was not staying at the Hotel Reforma during the last contact, but was living at a hotel near Alameda Park, Mexico City. He stated it was a large hotel, with a walk about 50 feet long from the sidewalk to the entrance. He could not give directions as to north or south from the park, but indicated that the hotel is on a street bounding Alameda Park.

THOMAS furnished the following physical description of COLE: Height 5'5"-5'6"; wearing high-heeled Paratroop-type boots, with a 2½ to 3" heel; weight about 150 lbs.; apparent age, approximately 45; hair - gray, straight, partly bald, receding in front; wears sideburns and short mustache; color eyes unrecalled; complexion tan; general appearance of a

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Spaniard or Mexican; speaks "high class" Spanish fluently; alias CARLOS LOPEZ.

The USP, Atlanta, record pertaining to BRANUM T. THOMAS reflects that he was convicted in the USDC, New Hampshire, 7/18/55; sentenced to serve 4 years for ITSMV violation, said sentence to begin as of 6/29/55. His tentative conditional release date is 7/27/58; full term will expire 6/28/59. FBI No. 447372. There are 2 detainers on file against THOMAS, warrants having been received from the Sheriff of Henry County, Virginia, charge of auto theft; and a Probation Violator's Warrant filed by the USM, Shreveport, La.

At the time THOMAS was interviewed, it was made clear to him that no promises or reward of any type could be offered to him for furnishing information.

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Date: November 22, 1955

To: Director, FBI (76-2686)

From: Legat, Mexico (76-56)

Subject: THEODORE COLE, WAS - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1471
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Rebulet August 31, 1955, and Atlanta airtel to Bureau August 26, 1955, containing information furnished by BRANUM T. THOMAS, an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. THOMAS has stated he had seen the subject in Mexico City in the latter part of 1954 or early 1955.

THOMAS further states that he had seen the subject at the time that the European Exposition was held in Mexico City during 1954, at which time he, THOMAS, was staying at the Grand Palace Hotel, Mina Avenue, Mexico City, where he was registered as B. T. THOMAS. Investigation at Mexico City reflects that there was no exposition known as the European Exposition held in Mexico City. However, the German Exposition was held at University City during the late spring of 1954. It is further noted that the hotel probably referred to by THOMAS as the place where he, THOMAS, was registered is the Gran Palas located on Mina Street in Mexico City. However, a check of the register for the year 1954 by Mex-92 failed to reveal the name B. T. THOMAS. As this is a third rate hotel and hotel records of Mexico City are not kept in an orderly fashion, especially by hotels of this category, it is not to be assumed that B. T. THOMAS was not actually registered at this hotel.

THOMAS also states that he saw the subject again during the Pan American Games at Mexico City and that on the date of the baseball game between the American team and the Argentine team he accompanied the subject to a night club after said game. It should be noted that during the Pan American Games baseball was on the program, but the Argentine team did not send a baseball team to these games. It may be possible that THOMAS is referring to a basketball game between the Argentine team and the American team.

In connection with the statement by THOMAS that the subject was staying at a hotel near Alameda Park, Mexico City, which is a large hotel and has a walk of about fifty feet long

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from the sidewalk to the entrance, it should be noted that the only hotel in this vicinity which sits back from the sidewalk a considerable distance is the Hotel Del Prado, which occupies an entire block across from the Alameda Park. It is further noted that this hotel has two thirty-step entrances from the main street, Juarez Avenue. One may also enter the hotel on the street level by walking through a long lobby with business places on each side of the lobby.

Further, in connection with THOMAS' statement that he saw both a Mexican passport and an Argentine passport in the possession of the subject and that the Mexican passport was in the name of CARLOS LOPEZ, it should be noted that it is a general practice in Latin American countries to include for passport purposes the mother's name of the individual seeking a passport. In this case it is noted that the subject, according to THOMAS, listed a given name, CARLOS, and a paternal name, LOPEZ, and did not list a maternal name. It should also be noted that these two names are very common names in Spanish and would be comparable to JOHN SMITH. Inquiry is being made at the Mexican Foreign Office by Mex-92 to determine if a search under the name CARLOS LOPEZ is feasible.

It is suggested that the Oklahoma City review the foregoing information and determine whether a further interview of THOMAS should be conducted by the Atlanta Office in view of the differences noted in the information furnished by THOMAS and the information furnished by the Mexico City Office. Mex-92 is continuing to conduct investigation in this matter at Mexico City.

Three extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal, one to Oklahoma City Office (OC 76-348) and two to the Atlanta Office (AT 76-96).

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Director, FBI (76-2686) DATE: Dec. 8, 1955

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 8/26/55 and letter from Legat, Mexico, to Bureau dated 11/22/55.

It is noted that there are many discrepancies in referenced letter from Legat, Mexico, and re Atlanta airtel, resulting in it being extremely difficult to check the story of BRANUM T. THOMAS, inmate, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, regarding his alleged contact with Subject COLE in Mexico City during 1954. It is also noted that THOMAS stated COLE escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, while COLE and THOMAS were both incarcerated at that institution, COLE escaping by means of being concealed in a laundry bag which was conveyed outside the prison by a laundry truck, and further, that the guard on the gate at that time at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was paid $500.00 by GEORGE KIMES, now deceased.

It is to be noted that GEORGE KIMES is presently alive and is serving a life sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He was contacted by SA HENRY B. LOWREY on 9/7/55, at which time KIMES stated he recalls COLE and assisted in packing COLE into the laundry bag, thus aiding in his escape. He stated, however, that neither he nor anyone else paid $500.00 to the guard to allow the escape and further, he was sure that no guard was in on COLE's escape, the matter being handled entirely by the convicts. KIMES stated he knew both COLE and RALPH ROE while they were in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and that from time to time since their escape from Alcatraz he has heard of them being in different foreign countries. He stated, however, that in his opinion these were all just rumors. KIMES further stated he is certain that if either of the two Subjects are alive, they would not contact any ex-convicts from Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

It is requested that the Atlanta Office re-interview THOMAS and obtain from him specific details of his alleged contact with COLE in Mexico City and if such definite facts are obtained, thereafter set out leads to appropriate offices.

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 6/23/55 at Oklahoma City. Numerous attempts have been made to re-contact ALBERT THARP to determine through photographs whether CLAUDES BAKER or J. W. BAKER is identical with

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the "DUTCH" or "BLAZE", who reportedly furnished THARP information concerning the escape of the Subject. However, THARP has been in a travel status and has not been contacted to date. [redacted] advised she will furnish the address of THARP to the Oklahoma City Office as soon as it becomes known to her and this lead will be covered at that time.

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TITLE RALPH ROE, was., - FUGITIVE
IO 1472;
THEODORE COLE, was., - FUGITIVE
IO 1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERT THARP failed to identify photographs of CLAUDUS BAKER, OSP # 31361, or J. W. BAKER, was., OSP #29560, as ex-convict "BLAZE" BAKER who furnished him information regarding Subjects.

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DETAILS:

At Muskogee, Oklahoma

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT O. FRENCH:

On December 24, 1955, ALBERT THARP contacted SA FRENCH at the Muskogee, Oklahoma, Resident Agency, at which time photographs of CLAUDUS BAKER, OSP # 31361, and J. W. BAKER, OSP # 29560, were exhibited to THARP with a group of other prison pictures. THARP advised that the group of pictures did not contain the photograph of "BLAZE" BAKER, previously mentioned by THARP as the person who furnished information to the effect that Subjects had made good their escape from Alcatraz.

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Photographs of CLAUDUS BAKER and J. W. BAKER were specifically pointed out to THARP, and he again denied that either of the two was identical with "BLAZE" BAKER.

As previously reported, J. W. BAKER and CLAUDUS BAKER were the only two inmates named BAKER who served time at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at the same time THARP was incarcerated there. In view of the above, this case is again being placed in a pending inactive status.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 6-23-55 at Oklahoma City.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Date: January 27, 1956

To: Director, FBI (76-2686)

From: Legat, Mexico (76-56)

Subject: THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1471
EFP

Remylet November 22, 1955, and Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated December 8, 1955.

[redacted] advises that [redacted] has stated that a search of their records for a passport under the name [redacted] without a maternal name would not be feasible in view of the numerous files under that name.

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Referenced Oklahoma City letter sets out a lead for the Atlanta Office to reinterview BRAHUM T. THOMAS. The Mexico City Office will await the results of this re-interview or further instructions from the Bureau, Atlanta, or Oklahoma City Offices.

Two extra copies of this letter are being furnished for the information of the Oklahoma City (76-348) and Atlanta (76-96) offices.

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Date: March 28, 1956

To: Director, FBI (76-2686)

From: Legat, Mexico (76-56)

Subject: THEODORE COLE, Was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

Remylets November 22, 1955, and January 27, 1956.

[redacted] conducted investigation at [redacted] where he displayed Subject's photograph with negative results. Also the records of these hotels were checked but no information was available under the name and aliases of Subject. b7D

Re Mexico City letter of November 22, 1955, advising this office will await the results of the reinterview of Subject or further instructions from the Bureau, Atlanta, or Oklahoma City Offices.

As no further information has been received from the Bureau, this case is being placed in an RUC status, UACB.

Two extra copies of this letter are being furnished for the information of the Oklahoma City (76-348) and Atlanta (76-96) offices.

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W.L.S. OCT-4-

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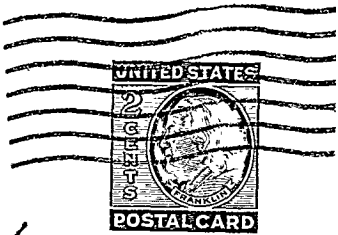

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Re W.L.S.

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Theodore Cole

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FBI, CHICAGO (76-313)

DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
IO 1472
EFP

ReButel 10/17/56.

Residence, 4527 West Congress, Chicago, occupied by LOUIS D. DIXON, wife and daughter. EDWARD COLE occupies room on second floor and has been known by DIXONs since 1933, and has resided at Chicago since birth. Above are only residents of this address.

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SAC, CHICAGO (76-313)

THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
IO 1471
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Reurairtel 10-18-56.

Subject Cole escaped from Alcatraz on December 16, 1937. Reairtel does not state Edward Cole positively eliminated as being identical to subject. It is entirely possible that Dixons, only individuals contacted, could be harboring subject.

When reporting that a suspect is not identical with a fugitive, positive statements such as his fingerprints are different, he has an entirely different physical description etc., should be used. Accordingly, you should insure that Edward Cole referred to in reairtel is not identical with subject. Advise.

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From SAC, CHICAGO (76-313)

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

EDWARD COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
IO 1471, IFP
EFP

ReCG airtel 10/18/56.

EDWARD COLE who resides 4527 West Congress, CG, determined not identical with subject by comparison of fingerprints.

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Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]

Feb. 28, 1957

Dear Sir,

I am a boy of [redacted] and in the [redacted] I was kid-napped Saturday Feb. 16, by a kid-napper named Ervin, as he calls it. He got drunk and told me his real name was Theodore McCole, and he escaped from alcotraze. I escaped from him. He told me if I told anybody about it he would kill me. He has brownish gray hair, and is about 6 ft. tall. He is armed with a 45 colt. He said he lived in Columbus. The Harris County police found me about 2 o'clock sunday morning. He is dangerous and should be behind bars. I said if the law wouldn't help me that I would find him and kill him myself. If you approve of my plan, I will proceed before long. All you have to do is deputize me to assisting him and he will be a dead, or alive prisoner before long. I would be very grateful if you will assist me. Thank you very much. Sincerely Yours

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SAC, ATLANTA (ENCL.)(2)

THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471, EFP.

Enclosed are 2 copies of a letter from [redacted] dated 2/20/57. Correspondent stated he was kidnapped by individual who revealed his real name as "Therdore McCole." This individual advised correspondent he had previously escaped from Alcatraz. GA.

GA. [redacted] -1957

No record found in Bufiles or files of Identification Division concerning "Therdore McCole." Possibility exists, however, correspondent may be referring to above subject who escaped from U.S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz 12/16/37. CAL.

AT immediately verify kidnapping of correspondent with Harris County PD. Thereafter, correspondent should be located, shown photo of subject Cole and thoroughly interviewed to determine whether individual he describes might be identical with subject.

During interview, acknowledge receipt of his communication. Also inform correspondent that location and apprehension of fugitives from justice is matter to be handled by law enforcement officers and that Bureau does not deputize citizens.

This matter should receive expeditious attention.

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CC - 1 - OKLAHOMA CITY (INFO.)(ENCL. COPY OF INCOMING FROM [redacted]

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NOTE: Bufiles negative re correspondent.

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Date: 3/7/57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (76-96)

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, was. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

ReBuairtel 2/27/57 enclosing a copy of letter from [redacted] dated 2/20/57. b6 b7C

On 3/4/57 Harris County Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they found [redacted] on dirt road in [redacted] who told them that he had been kidnapped 2/16/57 by man driving 1955-56 Ford Station Wagon, pink and white. They said [redacted] had an eight-inch dagger in his belt under coat and had been drinking. They said that [redacted] said individual went to Columbus, Georgia and purchased beer and whiskey and that he pointed store out to them but it was closed being 3 a.m. Sunday moring 2/17/57. These officers stated they did not notify this office as their investigation failed to develop any information that would support [redacted] allegations, therefore, dismissed the complaint. b6 b7C

On 3/4/57 [redacted] (just outside of [redacted] stated that [redacted] withdrew from school approximately two weeks ago while in the 7th grade. [redacted] described [redacted] as being dishonest, not trustworthy and a prolific liar. [redacted] considered [redacted] as being a "crackpot" and one prone to seek publicity. b6 b7C

On 3/4/57 [redacted] was located and receipt of his letter to the Director was acknowledged. [redacted] was extensively interviewed in the presence of [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] parents at the outset of interview stated that they did not believe his story as he is prone to lying and being highly imaginative. [redacted] brother [redacted] age [redacted] and sister [redacted] age [redacted] advised that [redacted] as well as they had obtained information concerning subject COLE from a radio program. b6 b7C

[redacted] subsequently admitted that his story is untrue and that he was not kidnapped. [redacted] was shown several photographs among which was a photograph of Subject but he was unable to identify COLE'S photograph, was unable to afford any information of value concerning Subject COLE and stated it was from radio program he obtained the information concerning COLE. b6 b7C

[redacted] was informed the location and apprehension of fugitives from justice are matters to be handled by law enforcement officers and the Bureau does not deputize citizens. b6 b7C

Patrolmen [redacted] Chief [redacted] Detective Division; Chief [redacted] Columbus PD and Chief [redacted] Muscogee County PD all stated that they are familiar with the fact that COLE is still a fugitive; however, they have no knowledge of subject COLE or any individual fitting the description of subject COLE as being in this area. b6 b7C

No further investigation is being conducted, but the following description of [redacted] is being furnished for future reference: white, male, age [redacted] birth [redacted] 5'8", 110 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. [redacted] unemployed at present, parents [redacted] brother [redacted] sister [redacted] b6 b7C

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Reo [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: March 12, 1958

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, was.,FUGITIVE, IO # 1471;
THEODORE COLE, was.,FUGITIVE, IO # 1472
EFP

Inasmuch as a review of the file reflects no outstanding leads, this case is being continued in a pending inactive status for a six months period, UACB.

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SAC, San Francisco

October 10, 1958

Director, FBI

THEODORE COLE, wa.
FUGITIVE, IO 1471
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RALPH ROE, wa.
FUGITIVE, IO 1472
EFP

By radio 10/7/58 San Francisco Police Department, refer Identification, Lt. [redacted] requested copy of fingerprints on Cole and Roe.

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San Francisco contact San Francisco Police Department to determine whether any information has come to the attention of that agency which would be of assistance to the Bureau's investigation to locate these individuals.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/15/58

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (76-290)

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, wa.
FUGITIVE, IO 1471
EFP

RALPH ROE, wa.
FUGITIVE, IO 1472
EFP

Re Director's letter to San Francisco, dated 10/10/58.

Lieutenant [redacted] in charge of the Bureau of Identification, San Francisco Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on 10/14/58 that he has no information whatever as to the whereabouts of either Subject.

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[redacted] stated that his request for copies of the fingerprints of the above Subjects was prompted by the mention of Subjects recently in the local press because of the attempted escape from Alcatraz by AARON WALTER BURGETT, Alcatraz 991, and CLYDE MILTON JOHNSON, Alcatraz 864, on 9/29/58. He checked his files and noted that while a stop card has been in file for many years, this card is simply indexed by name. He felt that in order to have an effective stop he would like to place a fingerprint card for each Subject under the fingerprint classification.

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Office M[illegible]ndum • UNITE[illegible] GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Oklahoma City

DATE: October 23, 1958

FROM : Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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SUBJECT: FUGITIVE MATTERS
OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

RALPH ROE

A review of general fugitive cases in which your office is origin reflects that approximately one-third of such cases involve fugitives whose location has been sought for periods in excess of one year.

Fugitive investigations which have been pending for some time without productive leads must be re-examined to determine which aspects of the case should receive concentrated investigative attention. Solving of such cases cannot be accomplished by mere routine handling. Supervisory and Agent personnel responsible for these cases must be impressed with the need to afford all fugitive cases, and particularly those which have been pending for some time, imaginative and penetrative handling in order to bring about the apprehension of the fugitive at the earliest possible moment.

From a review of fugitive cases in which your office is origin, the following observations are made:

[redacted] was.
FUGITIVE, [redacted]
UFAP - MURDER
Oklahoma City file 88-1100

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[redacted] was.
FUGITIVE, [redacted]
UFAP - MURDER
Oklahoma City file 88-1439

[redacted] was.
FUGITIVE, [redacted]
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Oklahoma City file 26-18282

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Letter to SAC, Oklahoma City

FUGITIVE MATTERS
Oklahoma City Division

The investigations to locate the above IO fugitives have been pending for some time without productive leads. The location of [redacted] has been sought since September, 1952; [redacted] since 1955 and [redacted] since 1956. These investigations should be intensified. In the [redacted] case, investigation should be pressed to promptly resolve whether or not the information furnished by [redacted] regarding his claims that he saw the subject has substance. b6 b7C

With regard to the [redacted] case, although an IO has been issued, no summary report has been submitted with copies to all offices as required in accordance with Bureau instructions. It is further noted that the last report reflected in Bureau files submitted by your office was dated 5/16/58. You should immediately call this to the attention of the Agent and supervisory personnel responsible to insure that the Bureau's instructions relating to prompt reporting are carried out.

RALPH ROE, was.
FUGITIVE, IO 1472
THEODORE COLE, was.
FUGITIVE, IO 1471
EFP
Oklahoma City file 76-348

It is noted that captioned IO fugitives have been sought since December, 1937, since their escape from Alcatraz. Although possibility exists that these persons are deceased, in the absence of positive information to this effect, every effort must be made to resolve these cases at the earliest possible date.

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FUGITIVE,
CRV
Oklahoma City file 76-884

[redacted] has been sought since issuance of a conditional release violator's warrant on September 29, 1943. It is noted

that information has been developed indicating strong possibilities this individual may be deceased. As pointed out in Bulet 8/26/58, you should thoroughly review this matter to insure that all possible investigation is conducted to resolve this case at an early date.

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FUGITIVE
UFAP - ARSON
Oklahoma City file 88-2109

A review of the Bureau file reflects that although unlawful flight process was filed on 4/15/58 at Oklahoma City, to date no report has been submitted by your office. You should immediately advise whether a report has been submitted and, if so, date of report and identity of reporting Agent. In the event no report has been submitted, explanations and any recommendations for administrative action should be submitted.

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FUGITIVE
UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY
Oklahoma City file 88-2163

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FUGITIVE
UFAC - BURGLARY
Oklahoma City file 88-2173

Contacting of relatives should be one of the immediate steps upon the initiation of a fugitive investigation. In the [redacted] case, it is noted that the Federal complaint was filed on 6/30/58; however, contact of subject [redacted] relatives was not begun until 8/8/58. In the [redacted] case, a Federal complaint was filed on 7/9/58 following the escape from Oklahoma State Penitentiary on 7/7/58. However, contacts with the relatives in the Oklahoma City territory to develop background information b6 b7C

was not made until after leads had been set out in Oklahoma City report of 8/11/58. You should insure that all personnel conducting fugitive investigations are reminded of the importance of immediately contacting relatives and associates in fugitive cases to develop background information and possible contact with the fugitive by subject's relatives at the outset of the investigation.

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FUGITIVE
PROBATION VIOLATOR
Oklahoma City file 76-1948

As pointed out in the recent inspection of your office, the last report submitted is dated 12/27/57. By letter dated 4/29/58 you advised that a review was being made of the file. Immediately submit a report.

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FUGITIVE
UFAP - ARMED ROBBERY
Oklahoma City file 88-1865

A review of the file reflects that the last report submitted by your office was dated 4/17/58. This fugitive has been sought since February, 1957, and is considered armed and dangerous. From a review of the file, there appear to be no immediate promising leads to develop subject's whereabouts. As pointed out in the recent inspection of your office, a report should be immediately submitted.

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FUGITIVE
UFAP - BURGLARY
Oklahoma City file 88-1854

File reflects the last report submitted by your office in this case was dated 4/15/58. The file reflects

that this subject has been sought since February, 1957. As pointed out in the recent inspection of your office, a report should be submitted immediately in this case.

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FUGITIVE
UFAP - BURGLARY
Oklahoma City file 88-2048

A review of the file fails to reflect receipt of a memorandum from your office as required by SAC Letter 58-22 (H). This should be done immediately. Particularly, in view of the long criminal record of this individual, including a conviction on a first-degree manslaughter charge and the reported obtaining of firearms by him since his escape, the investigation should be pressed to locate this individual who has been sought since January, 1958.

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FUGITIVE
ITSP
Oklahoma City file 87-3752

A review of the file fails to reflect receipt of a memorandum from your office as required by SAC Letter 58-22 (H). This should be done immediately. It is noted this individual has been sought since December, 1957, and there do not appear to be any promising leads to develop his location. You should insure that a thorough analysis is made of this case to select those avenues of investigation which offer the best possibilities for effecting subject's location and that thereafter intensive investigation is directed along those lines looking towards the early location of the fugitive.

[redacted] was. b6 b7C
FUGITIVE
CGR - LARCENY
Oklahoma City file 70-1003

Letter to SAC, Oklahoma City

FUGITIVE MATTERS
Oklahoma City Division

The file reflects the last report submitted by your office under date 7/31/58 set out leads only for your office at headquarters city. You should insure that this matter is promptly handled and that the Bureau's instructions with regard to prompt reporting are carried out in this case.

[redacted] was - FUGITIVE; [redacted] nee [redacted] was. - FUGITIVE b6 b7C
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Oklahoma City file 87-4210

In view of the extensive activities of these subjects, together with their reported carrying of firearms and earlier participation in armed robberies, the investigation to locate these individuals should be vigorously pursued.

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FUGITIVE
ITSP
Oklahoma City file 88-2871

In view of [redacted] past record and his potential for further criminal activity, every effort should be made to bring about the early location of this individual. Close investigative attention should be afforded the relatives and associates of subject, particularly in view of information developed that he was in the company of [redacted] and [redacted] in Los Angeles at the time he made contact with his half brother. b6 b7C

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FUGITIVE
CRV
Oklahoma City file 76-379

A review of the file reflects that the last report submitted by your office was dated 7/29/58. As noted, this individual has a long record involving various forgery operations

and that he reportedly has been engaged in swindling activities in Mexico. You should closely follow this investigation in an effort to bring about [redacted] early apprehension. A further report should be promptly submitted. b6 b7C

You should immediately call the above to the attention of Agent and supervisory personnel responsible to insure that the Bureau's instructions relating to prompt reporting are being carried out. Where noted, reports should be immediately prepared and the Bureau should be advised as to when reports are to be submitted in each case. If administrative action is indicated, your recommendations should be included.

As office of origin, it is your responsibility to assume complete command of these cases. Periodic file reviews should be made by the office of origin, particularly in the longer and more involved cases for the purpose of setting out points of investigative value which might have been overlooked. Descriptions in investigative reports should be checked for completeness and for the purpose of making sure that widely divergent descriptions do not appear as attributed to the same individual. Discrepancies in descriptive data should be resolved promptly in order that such descriptions will be of the greatest possible investigative value. As office of origin, it is your responsibility to make certain that leads are covered within the deadline periods and those which have immediate possibilities of being productive are afforded top priority. As office of origin, it is your further responsibility to insure that undeveloped leads are checked for the purpose of eliminating illogical or obviously unnecessary investigation and making sure that leads of value which are suggested by the information in the details of reports are fully and properly set out.

Although your office is not office of origin in any Top Ten fugitive investigation, you must share with other offices the responsibility for developing the location of these important Bureau fugitives. All leads in these cases must be given immediate and thorough handling.

Letter to SAC, Oklahoma City

FUGITIVE MATTERS
Oklahoma City Division

With regard to fugitive accomplishments, it is noted that for the first three months of the current fiscal year, your office shows a 22% increase in fugitive apprehensions credited compared with the same period for the previous fiscal year. Insofar as general fugitives are concerned (not including deserter and selective service fugitives), your office shows a 41% increase for the same three months' period. This indicates a favorable trend insofar as your fugitive accomplishments are concerned. Communications received from your office reflect that for the first three months' period of the current fiscal year, an increase also has been noted in the number of unlawful flight complaintswhich have been filed. This increase also represents a favorable trend. You should, through proper liaison, insure that your office continues to receive all possible cases through this source.

While your statistical accomplishments insofar as fugitives are concerned reflect an improvement over the past year, you must not overlook the importance of clearing up the older fugitive cases. Agent and supervisory personnel responsible must be reminded of the need for giving close attention to such cases, to give direction to those cases in which your office is origin and to periodically analyze the investigations being conducted to insure that all possible steps are being taken to bring about the early apprehension of the fugitives involved.

The above should receive your personal attention.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: 12/15/58

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, wa., - FUGITIVE
IO 1472
THEODORE COLE, wa., - FUGITIVE
IO 1471
EFP

ReBulet, dated 10/23/58.

A thorough review of the Oklahoma City file in this case reflects that all logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate the subjects, since their escape from Alcatraz in December, 1937. Since there are no outstanding leads in this case, it is being continued in a pending inactive status for a period of six months UACB.

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URGENT 5-27-59

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 271738

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RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS). [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE SEEKING INFORMATION WHICH HE COULD INCLUDE IN A STORY HE IS PREPARING FOR TRUE MAGAZINE RELATING TO THE ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ OF RALPH ROE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472, AND THEODORE COLE, WAS., FUGITIVE, I.O. [redacted] BUFILE 76-2686. [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS, [redacted] TO OBTA[illegible] AT ALCATRAZ AND CLAIMS TO HAVE TALKED TO THE WARDEN AN[illegible] FICIALS THERE. CLAIMS HE WANTS ONLY GENERAL TYPE INFO[illegible] WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. [redacted] PREVIOUSLY CO[illegible] RE INFORMATION FOR ANOTHER STORY WHICH WAS DENIED. SACRAMENTO FURNISHED BUREAU UNDER ABOVE CAPTION JUNE 27, 1958. BUREAU ADVISED IF PERMISSIBLE TO GIVE PUBLIC TYPE INFORMATION TO [illegible].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: 7/22/59

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1472
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1471
EFP

ReOClet to Bu, 12/16/58.

A thorough review of the Oklahoma City file in this case discloses that all logical investigation has been conducted and that there are presently no outstanding leads. UACB, this case is being continued in a pending inactive status for a period of six months.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FROM: SAC, Oklahoma City (our file 76-348) DATE: 12/19/58

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 76-2686
Ralph Roe - IO#1471 etal - Fug

SUBJECT: EFP. Office of Origin: OC

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 4748

Report submitted Please refer to OC letter 12/15/58 to

Report will be submitted Bureau. At the time this letter was

Reason for delay prepared careful cognizance was taken to Bulet to OC, 10/23/58, captioned "Fugitive Matters" UACB this case will be retained in a P* status for 6 months after which time it will be reopened and leads set out to reconstruct relatives etc. of both subjects.

2. (✓) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (✓) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 2/9/60

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1471
EFP

Re Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 7/22/59.

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case discloses no information has been received and that all logical investigation has been conducted and further that there are presently no outstanding leads.

This case is being continued in a pending inactive status for a period of six months UACB.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

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RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O. 1471
EFP

Re your letter dated 2/9/60.

Advise whether logical relatives, associates and sources have been recontacted before requesting this case be placed in a pending inactive status.

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Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
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I.O. 1471
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ReBulet 2-23-60.

No reply to reBulet can be located at the Bureau. If a reply has not been submitted, one should be submitted immediately. This reply should be submitted before this case is placed in a pending inactive status.

NOTE: Relet request information regarding recent investigation before authority granted to place case in a pending inactive status.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI 76-2686 DATE: 4/6/60

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 76-348

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUG., I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUG., I.O. #1471
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ReBulets 2/23/60 and 4/4/60.

The Oklahoma City file in this matter is in the process of being reviewed. At the conclusion of this review appropriate leads will be set out to recontact logical relatives, associates and sources.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) 5/11/60

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, AKA. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, AKA. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
EFP

Reurlet 4/6/60.

Oklahoma City advise the date it is expected the file review in this case will be completed. There must be no further delay in the completion of this file review. Explanations of responsible personnel will be requested if there is any further delay in handling this matter.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 5-13-60

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471
EFP

ReBulet dated 5-11-60.

A report in this matter is in dictation and will be submitted within five working days.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE I. O. #1471	SA [redacted]	npr b6 b7C
	CHARACTER OF CASE EFP	

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Oklahoma City dated 2-23-60.
Bureau letter to Oklahoma City dated 5-11-60.
Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 5-13-60.

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LEADS

All offices covering leads set out below are requested to recontact the designated relatives or former associates who might logically be contacted by Subjects if their escape attempt was successful. These individuals should be interviewed for any information they may have received regarding the success or failure of Subject's attempted escape and any information regarding Subject's whereabouts.

THE DALLAS OFFICE

AT FT. WORTH, TEXAS

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O-1 to OC #3 7/26/60

PROPERTY OF FBI.—This report is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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Will, through the records of the Ft. Worth Police Department and/or Sheriff's Office, determine the present whereabouts of FLOYD ALLEN HILL, FBI #368007, and interview HILL or set out leads to have him interviewed regarding any information he may have received regarding Subject THEODORE COLE with whom he was formerly associated. It should be noted that HILL corresponded with Subject COLE's mother occasionally prior to her death.

AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

Will locate and interview CHARLES BRACE, a cousin of Subject COLE, 601A Prospect Street, for any information he may have received regarding Subject COLE and/or COLE's escape.

THE DETROIT OFFICE

AT CARSON CITY, MICHIGAN

Will contact JOHN HICKEY who resides with Mr. and Mrs. GUY GOSSETT five miles northeast of Carson City. HICKEY, an uncle of Subject ROE, should be interviewed for any pertinent information he may have received regarding the whereabouts of Subject ROE or COLE and the success or failure of their attempted escape.

THE HOUSTON OFFICE

AT ORANGE, TEXAS

Will interview HENRY and BESS VAIL, sister and brother-in-law of MARIE COLE, Subject COLE's ex-wife. It should be noted that the VAIL's adopted Subject COLE's son, BILLY WYNNE COLE, on 5-5-43.

Will interview HENRY and BESS VAIL regarding any contact or attempt to contact BILLY WYNNE COLE on the part of the Subject COLE.

Will, if advisable, also interview BILLY WYNNE COLE along the same lines.

Will ascertain all information received by the VAIL's and BILLY WYNNE COLE regarding the attempted escape of Subject COLE and/or his present whereabouts.

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THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT HAYES, KANSAS

Will locate and interview GLENN BONNER. It should be noted that GLENN BONNER is reportedly in the oil well servicing business in or near Hayes, Kansas.

Will interview BONNER regarding any information he may have heard or received concerning Subject RALPH ROE, who is his, BONNER's, cousin.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview [redacted] of Subject COLE, who resides at [redacted] It should be noted that [redacted] was formerly [redacted]. b6 b7C

Will, through law enforcement and probation office contacts, locate R. B. REBEL CORNETT, who was sentenced to life at San Quentin in 1947 for killing Subject COLE's step-father, FRED COLE, and who was reportedly paroled in 1959. Will interview CORNETT regarding any information he may have regarding the whereabouts of Subject COLE or the success of his attempted escape from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz on 12-16-37. It should be noted that CORNETT is the divorced husband of PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, Subject COLE's sister. It is noted that REBEL CORNETT has furnished unreliable information in this matter in the past.

Will, through the Los Angeles Police Department records, attempt to locate [redacted] FBI [redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted] a former associate of Subject ROE, and thereafter interview [redacted] regarding any information he may have regarding Subject ROE or his escape. It should be noted that HALL has furnished extensive unreliable information in the past regarding Subject ROE, and he should be questioned very closely regarding any information he gives. b6 b7C

AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, 8450 Omelveny Street, for any information she may have concerning her brother, Subject COLE, or the success or failure of his escape from Alcatraz in December, 1937.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

Will locate Mrs. GOLDA I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, half-sister of Subject COLE, who when last contacted resided 225 S. Pepper Street, and interview her regarding any information she may have received since last contacted regarding Subject COLE and his escape.

It should be noted that DAWSON's husband, GOLDA I. DAWSON, has been employed in the past by the Southwest Optical Company, 210 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, and Siel Optical Company, 318 W. 50th Street, Los Angeles.

Will locate Mrs. WILLIAM (ALTA) COLLINS, a cousin of Subject COLE, and interview her for any information she may have received concerning COLE or the success or failure of his attempted escape.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Will, through DELLA E. ANDREWS, the wife of ROY ROE, also known as JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, residing at 2102 W. Sonoma Drive, attempt to locate ROY ROE, also known as JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, and interview him regarding any information he may have regarding Subject ROE and the success or failure of ROE's attempted escape. It should be noted that ROY ROE listed other relatives also residing at the above address.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT ALPENA PASS, ARKANSAS

Will locate and interview MARIE COLE, ex-wife of Subject COLE, a former prostitute, and her mother, MARTHA WIND, for any information they may have received regarding Subject COLE since last contacted.

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Will attempt to locate BOOTS CUTLER through the Hot Springs Police Department and interview him for any information he may have received regarding Subject ROE. He is reportedly a former associate of ROE.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will interview RAYMOND ROE, brother of Subject ROE. RAYMOND ROE is reported to reside at 3001 E. 100th St. It should be noted that RAYMOND ROE reportedly has a very good reputation and is reported to be financially well off.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

Will locate and interview LOUISE BYRD "BIRDIE" PRUITT, a bondswoman and former associate of Subject ROE, for any pertinent information she may have received regarding ROE since last contacted.

AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA

Will locate and interview Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, aunt, and Mrs. S. E. LEGG, cousin, both of whom reside at the north edge of Duncan on U. S. Highway 81.

AT MANNSVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Will locate and interview members of the F. A. SHEETS family regarding any information they may have regarding Subject ROE. It is noted that ROE, before his incarceration, associated with the SHEETS family.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Subjects attempted to escape from U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on 12-16-37, presumably by trying to swim the channel. Bodies not recovered and no verified reports of Subjects being seen alive since above date.

OC 76-348

All offices receiving copies of this report have conducted extensive investigation in the past and have sufficient background for conducting requested investigation.

A copy of this report is being furnished the San Francisco Office inasmuch as extensive investigation has been conducted and possibly more investigation will be conducted in the future.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WELDON C. GENTRY
Date: 5-19-60

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Field Office File #: OC 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE
I. O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE
I. O. #1471

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: The Oklahoma City file reviewed and leads set out to re-contact logical relatives and former associates of Subjects. Relatives recontacted in the Oklahoma City Division denied receiving any information concerning Subjects since their escape.

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DETAILS:

A thorough review of the file in instant matter reflected the following relatives and associates of Subject THEODORE COLE who would be considered contacts of Subject COLE:

Mrs. BILL (LOTTIE) GROVES is a cousin of Subject COLE. Her husband, BILL GROVES, is deceased, and LOTTIE GROVES remarried and is presently Mrs. S. J. ZAIL, 3554 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles 63, California;

BILLY WYNNE COLE, a son of Subject COLE [redacted] was adopted on May 5, 1943 by HENRY and BESS VAIL, sister and brother-in-law of MARIE COLE, and today Subject's son resides with the VAIL's, last known address being 90 Dewey Place, Navy Addition, Orange, Texas, where VAIL was reportedly employed by the Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., Ship Building Division;

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CHARLES BRACE, a couson of Subject COLE, last known address 601A Prospect Street, Amarillo, Texas;

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, a sister of Subject COLE, last known address 8450 Omelveny Street, Sun Valley, Calif.;

Mrs. WILLIAM (ALTA) COLLINS, a cousin of COLE who resides with her husband and [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. GOLDA I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, half-sister of COLE, whose last known address was 225 S. Pepper Street, Woodlake, California. DAWSON's husband, GOLDA I. DAWSON, according to the file, has in the past been employed by the Southwest Optical Company, 210 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, California, and the Siel Optical Company, 318 W. 50th St., Los Angeles;

MARIE COLE, ex-wife of Subject COLE and reportedly a former prostitute, when last contacted was residing with her mother, MARTHA WIND, at Alpena Pass, Arkansas;

R. B. REBEL CORNETT, former husband of Subject COLE's sister, PAULINE, was released from San Quentin Prison during the summer of 1959 and is reportedly residing in the Los Angeles, Calif. area;

FRED and ESTHER COLE, step-father and mother of Subject COLE, are both deceased. FRED was killed by REBEL CORNETT in 1947, and ESTHER COLE, Subject's mother, died in 1953;

FLOYD A. HILL, FBI #368007, a former convict and apparently a friend of Subject COLE, has corresponded in the past with Subject COLE's mother.

The following investigation was conducted at Stroud, Oklahoma on April 27, 1960:

Efforts to locate relatives of Subject COLE resulted in the contacting of CATHRYN CORNETT, 615 W. Fifth Street, who stated that she was formerly married to CHARLES CORNETT, son of PAULINE and REBEL CORNETT, but that they are divorced. She advised that REBEL CORNETT was paroled from San Quentin in California during the summer of 1959, and is presently in the Los Angeles area, but that she does not know his exact address.

[redacted] also advised that PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ, [redacted] resides in Los Angeles, but that she cannot furnish her exact address. She stated that this address could possibly be obtained from Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE's half-sister, who resides at 225 S. Pepper Street in Woodlake, California. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that it was the general belief among Subject COLE's relatives that he perished in his attempt to escape from Alcatraz. She stated she had heard no one state they had ever heard of him being seen alive after that, except [redacted] REBEL CORNETT, and that he generally exaggerated the facts to a great extent and was very unreliable. b6 b7C

G. A. RUTHERFORD, 920 West Fourth Street, advised that he knew the CORNETT family well, and that he was well acquainted with the COLE family, including Subject COLE. He stated that the family has all moved from the vicinity of Stroud to the West Coast except a cousin of Subject COLE, THELMA REED, who resides on Rural Route #2 out of Stroud about six miles southeast of town.

RUTHERFORD stated that to his knowledge prior to the relatives leaving the vicinity of Stroud, they all accepted the fact that Subject COLE had perished in his attempt to escape from Alcatraz in 1937. RUTHERFORD stated that he has received no information in the past which would indicate Subject is still alive.

THELMA REED, who resides six miles southeast of Stroud, was interviewed and she stated that all of Subject's relatives with whom she had talked since Subject's attempted escape from Alcatraz, believed that he had drowned. She stated that she has received no information indicating that he was able to make good his escape. REED stated that she is a cousin of Subject COLE, and furnished the following information regarding relatives and their present whereabouts:

WILLIAM and ALTA COLLINS reside with their sons, JOHN and LESTER, at Woodlake, California. ALTA COLLINS is a sister of Subject COLE's mother.

REED stated that PAULINE CORNETT LOPEZ resides in Los Angeles, but she did not know her exact address. She

stated that REBEL CORNETT was paroled from San Quentin Prison during the summer of 1959, but that she does not know his present whereabouts.

REED stated that Subject's half-sister, VIOLET DAWSON, still resides at 225 S. Pepper Street, Woodlake, California.

REED stated that LOTTIE GROVES, who is a cousin of Subject COLE, is now Mrs. S. J. ZAIL and resides at 3554 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles 63, California.

She stated that FANNIE BAUGHMAN, another aunt of Subject COLE, is deceased, and that a cousin of Subject COLE, CHARLES BRACE, resides at 601A Prospect Street, Amarillo, Texas.

The file disclosed the following relatives and associates of Subject RALPH ROE, who would be considered logical contacts of Subject ROE:

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, aunt, Duncan, Oklahoma;

Mrs. S. E. LEGG, cousin, Duncan;

GLENN BONNER, cousin, Duncan;

Mrs. EVA MARCH WOLFE, cousin, 1011 Ash, Duncan;

JOHN HICKEY, Carson City, Michigan;

ROY ROE, aka., FBI #42813, address unknown;

JAMES ROE, brother, and common-law wife WANDA STUCKEY, Odessa, Texas;

RAYMOND ROE, brother, Hayes, Kansas;

BOOTS CUTLER, Seminole, Oklahoma, associates;

RAYMOND HENRY "TANG" HALL, associate, Seminole;

PAUL DENTON, associate, Seminole;

LOUISE BYRD PRUITT, associate, Ardmore, Oklahoma;

HAZEL UNDERHILL KELLY, Monett, Missouri, associate;

F. A. SHEETS family, Mannsville, Oklahoma, associate.

AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA Investigation conducted April 26, 1960.

Mrs. EVA MARCH WOLFE, who is an employee of the County Assessor's Office, Stephens County, advised that she had received no information regarding ROE since his attempted escape. She further advised that it is the belief of all of Subject's relatives with whom she comes in contact that Subject ROE perished during his attempted escape.

WOLFE further stated that her mother, LENA KILGORE, who is Subject ROE's aunt, resides with her, WOLFE, at 1011 Ash Street in Duncan, and that KILGORE could furnish information regarding recent addresses of ROE's relatives.

LENA KILGORE was contacted at 1011 Ash and stated that she has never received any information indicating that Subject ROE, her nephew, made good his attempted escape from Alcatraz in 1937. KILGORE stated that it is accepted among the relatives that RALPH ROE is dead. She stated that her sister, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. LEGG on U. S. Highway 81, at the north edge of Duncan, were presently away on a vacation and could not be contacted. She stated that JOHN HICKEY, an uncle of the Subject, resides with his daughter, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. GUY GOSSETT, five miles northeast of Carson City, Michigan. KILGORE stated that GLENN BONNER, Mrs. BONNER's son, resides at Hayes, Kansas, where he purchased an interest in an oil well servicing company formerly owned by RAYMOND ROE, the Subject's brother.

KILGORE stated that RAYMOND ROE sold the above oil well servicing company for a considerable amount of money to GLENN BONNER and others, and that RAYMOND ROE presently resides 3001 E. 100th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Regarding ROY ROE, KILGORE stated that he, ROY ROE, had been in considerable trouble all of his life, and that she nor any of her relatives that she knows, have seen or contacted ROY ROE for the past twenty years. She stated, however, that RAYMOND ROE would be the most likely contact of ROY ROE.

KILGORE stated that another brother of the Subject, JAMES ROE and his common-law wife, WANDA STUCKEY, were both killed when a private plane operated by JAMES ROE crashed at Odessa in 1953. She stated that she attended the funeral of JAMES ROE and his common-law wife, WANDA STUCKEY, at Odessa. It should be noted that the death of JAMES ROE was verified by EVA MARCH WOLFE.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On April 24, 1960 JAKE SIMMS, for twenty-six years Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, and former Director of the Oklahoma State Crime Bureau, advised that he assisted Agents in this office in attempting to obtain information regarding Subjects for some years after their attempted escape. He stated that he knew RALPH ROE before he was convicted and sent to the Federal penitentiary, and that the closest associates of ROE, outside of his relatives, were one BOOTS CUTLER, formerly of Seminole, and who is presently occupied as a small-time gambler at Hot Springs, Arkansas; RAYMOND HENRY "TANG" HALL, FBI #366642, who SIMMS stated is presently in Los Angeles, is a confirmed narcotics addict and "spends half his time in jail on narcotics charges"; HAZEL UNDERHILL, former wife of a notorious Oklahoma outlaw, WILBUR UNDERHILL; PAUL DENTON, presently deceased, a former hoodlum of the Seminole, Oklahoma area; and LOUISE BYRD PRUITT, a bondswoman operating in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

A review of the Oklahoma City file discloses that subsequent to the attempted escape of the Subjects on December 16, 1937 close coverage was maintained on HAZEL UNDERHILL for a period of three years, disclosing no contacts or attempted contacts with Subject by HAZEL UNDERHILL. When last interviewed, she had married SANFORD KELLY of Monett, Missouri, and denied having been contacted by ROE since late in 1933.

In view of the above, no lead is being set out to locate and reinterview HAZEL UNDERHILL KELLY.

On May 3, 1960 the files of the Oklahoma City Police Department were checked and disclosed that ROY ROE, FBI #42813, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #35509, was arrested as JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS by the Oklahoma City Police Department on May 29, 1957 on a bogus check charge, at which time

he gave his address as 2102 W. Sonoma, Stockton, California, and forfeited a $20.00 bond. He listed as relatives a wife DELLA E. ANDREWS, of the same address; [redacted] a daughter [redacted] son, [redacted] daughter, [redacted] son, [redacted] and [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 6/2/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (76-290) ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUG.
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUG, I.O. 1471
EFP
(OO: Oklahoma City)

Rerep of SA WELDON C. GENTRY at Oklahoma City, 5/19/60.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. HUBER on 5/26/60:

AT STOCKTON, CALIF.

JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, 2102 West Sonoma Street, advised that he is not identical with ROY ROE, the brother of RALPH ROE. He stated that he was arrested on 5/29/57 by the Oklahoma City Police Department on a charge of "Bogus Checks", and that he forfeited a $20.00 bond in lieu of serving nine days in jail. He said that he did not know anyone named ROE, but he has used the name ROE, and that except for occasional short periods, he has resided in Stockton since 1939. He was unable to furnish any information as to how he could have been confused with the brother of the Subject, except that when arrested on several occasions, he used the name ROY ROE and ROY ROWE.

The following description of ANDREWS was obtained during this interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	5/5/05, Carson County, Texas
Height	6'1½"
Weight	211 lbs.
Hair	Black (greying)
Eyes	Brown

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Army Serial No.	6323782 (served 1920 to 1923)
Residence	2102 W. Sonoma, Stockton, Calif.
Occupation	Warehouseman, Pittsburgh Steel Company, Stockton, Calif.
Wife	DELLA E. ANDREWS, 2102 W. Sonoma, Stockton, Calif.
Brothers	RAYMOND ANDREWS, Kansas City, Mo. EDDIE ANDREWS, Address unknown; ROBERT ANDREWS, Address unknown
Arrest record	Admits numerous arrests, states served sentence in 1947 at USP, McNeil Island for ITSP (Checks), and in 1927 served sentence at Oklahoma State Penitentiary for auto theft. Served 1 - 10 years as ROY ROE at Texas State Penitentiary.

LEILANI MAUSER, Clerk, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Identification, advised that under SO #24123, JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, aka R.J. WELLS, RUSSELL SIMPSON, R.A. BELMER, ROY ROE, ROY ROWE, was born 5/5/04 at Panhandle, Texas. The Sheriff's Office file shows him as having FBI #42613, and CII identification record shows FBI #42813. He has an extensive criminal record and several arrests under the name ROY ROE.

The Identification Division is requested to ascertain if JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, Army Serial Number 6323782, was fingerprinted at the time of his entry into military service in 1920, and if possible, if ANDREWS is identical with the brother of the Subject. Also, it is requested that an identification record for ANDREWS, FBI #42813 be forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office as an aid for that office to determine if ANDREWS is identical with the brother of Subject ROE.

Investigation continuing in San Francisco Division.

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LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Office of origin is requested to review files in this case for any information which will positively identify JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS as ROY ROE, the brother of the Subject.

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (76-290) 6/15/60

Director, FBI (76-2686) 12/45

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RALPH ROE, aka - FUG.
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUG. I. O. 1471
EFP
(OO: Oklahoma City)

Reurlet 6/2/60.

A search of the Identification Division files disclosed that James A. Andrews re-enlisted in the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, on November 21, 1921, Army serial number R-6323782.

Since no fingerprints or other identifying information was currently submitted regarding the brother of the subject, it has not been possible to determine if he is identical with James Albert Andrews, whose correct FBI number is 42 813.

A copy of his identification record will be forwarded to Oklahoma City as you requested.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 6/27/60

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1471
EFP

CO: OC

Report SA [redacted] dated 5/19/60, at Oklahoma City, and re Bulet to San Francisco dated 6/15/60. b6 b7C

On 6/15/60, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, Duncan, Oklahoma, an aunt of subject ROE, was interviewed by SA [redacted] She advised that GLENN BONNER, her son and a cousin of subject ROE, died three years ago in Redlands, California. Mrs. BONNER was shown a photograph of JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, aka., ROY ROE, RAY ROE, FBI #42313, and stated that ANDREWS is definitely not identical with subject ROE's brother, ROY ROE. Mrs. BONNER stated that ROY ROE, subject ROE's brother, was last heard from by the family in 1942 or ~~1953~~ 1943, at which time he was serving in the U. S. Army and that he has not contacted any of the family to her knowledge since that time. b6 b7C

Mrs. BONNER stated, however, that probably the most likely person ROY ROE, subject ROE's brother, would contact would be another brother, RAYMOND ROE, who resides at 3001 East 100 Street, Seattle, Washington. A lead was set out in referenced report to interview RAYMOND ROE.

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The Seattle Office is requested to interview RAYMOND ROE specifically as to the present whereabouts of his brother, ROY ROE, and also interview him regarding the possible whereabouts of subject RALPH ROE. Thereafter, set out leads to interview ROY ROE.

In view of the above, the San Francisco Office should discontinue any further investigation regarding JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, aka.

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Date 6/30/60

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In Line 9 of Paragraph 2 the date 1953 should be 1943. Oklahoma City copy corrected. Please correct your copies. Seattle, San Francisco and Kansas City Offices being advised.

SAC WESLEY A. GRAPP

Office Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	7/29/60	5/24 - 7/21/60

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

Report made by [redacted]

Typed By: eo b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:
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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/19/60 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C

Letter of San Francisco to Director dated 6/2/60.

Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/7/60, (interoffice).

Detroit letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/10/60 (interoffice).

Dallas letter to Houston dated 6/17/60 (interoffice).

Little Rock letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/13/60 (interoffice).

Bureau letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/15/60.

Seattle letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/23/60 (interoffice).

Oklahoma City letter to Director dated 6/27/60.

Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/28/60 (interoffice).

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Houston letter to Oklahoma City dated 6/30/60 (interoffice).

Houston letter to Oklahoma City dated 7/14/60 (interoffice).

Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 7/13/60 (interoffice).

Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City dated 7/21/60 (interoffice).

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LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

At Modesto, California:

Will attempt through local sources to locate and interview Mrs. WILLIAM (Alta) COLLINS regarding any information she may have relating to Subject COLE or his whereabouts.

THE SEATTLE DIVISION:

At Seattle, Washington:

Will recontact Subject ROE's brother, RAYMOND ROE, 3001 East 100th Street, and attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of ROY ROE, another brother of the Subject, and thereafter set out a lead to interview ROY ROE for any information he may have regarding the whereabouts of Subject RALPH ROE.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

At Wewoka, Oklahoma:

Will, through local sources, attempt to locate and interview BOOTS CUTLER, former associate of RALPH ROE, for any information he may have regarding the whereabouts of Subject RALPH ROE.

At Seminole, Oklahoma:

1. Will, through local sources, attempt to locate BOOTS CUTLER for the same purpose as set out for Wewoka.

2. Will, through local sources, attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of RAYMOND HENRY HALL, aka "Tang" Hall, and interview him for any information as to Subject ROE's whereabouts. It should be noted HALL is a former associate of ROE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] (protect identity) advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

In view of the above and negative attempts to locate members of the SHEETS family, the results of which are set out elsewhere in this report, no further leads are being set out to contact members of the SHEETS family.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 7/29/60

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

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Field Office File No.: OC 76-348

Bureau File No.: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE
I.O. #1471

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Synopsis:

All relatives and former associates of Subjects recontacted to date state they have received no information regarding Subjects since last contacted and all believe Subjects to have died in their attempted escape from Alcatraz on 12/16/37.

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DETAILS:

On June 2, 1960, San Francisco Division advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN F. HUBER on May 26, 1960:

At Stockton, California:

JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, 2102 West Sonoma Street, advised that he is not identical with ROY ROE, the brother of RALPH ROE. He stated that he was arrested on May 29, 1957, by the Oklahoma City Police Department on a charge of "Bogus Checks," and that he forfeited a $20.00 bond in lieu of serving nine days in jail. He said that he did not know anyone named ROE, but he has used the name ROE, and that except for occasional short periods, he has resided in Stockton since 1939. He was unable to furnish any information as to how he could have been confused with the brother of the Subject, except that when arrested on several occasions, he used the name ROY ROE and ROY ROWE.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

The following description of ANDREWS was obtained during this interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	5/5/05, Carson County, Texas
Height:	6'1½"
Weight:	211 lbs.
Hair:	Black (greying)
Eyes:	Brown
Army Serial Number:	6323782 (served 1920 to 1923)
Residence:	2102 W. Sonoma, Stockton, Calif.
Occupation:	Warehouseman, Pittsburgh Steel Company, Stockton, Calif.
Wife:	DELLA E. ANDREWS, 2102 W. Sonoma, Stockton, Calif.
Brothers:	RAYMOND ANDREWS, Kansas City, Mo.; EDDIE ANDREWS, address unknown; ROBERT ANDREWS, address unknown.
Arrest record:	Admits numerous arrests, states served sentence in 1947 at USP, McNeil Island for ITSP (Checks), and in 1927 served sentence at Oklahoma State Penitentiary for auto theft. Served 1 to 10 years as ROY ROE at Texas State Penitentiary.

LEILANI MAUSER, Clerk, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Identification, advised that under Sheriff's Office Number 24123, JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, aka R. J. Wells, Russell Simpson, R. A. Belmer, Roy Roe, Roy Rowe, was born May 5, 1904, at Panhandle, Texas. The Sheriff's Office file shows him as having FBI Number 42613, and CII identification record shows FBI Number 42813. He has an extensive criminal record and several arrests under the name of ROY ROE.

On June 7, 1960, the Kansas City Division furnished the following information:

The following investigation was conducted by SA FINIS Y. SIMS:

At Hays, Kansas:

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On May 27, 1960, Captain [redacted] Kansas Highway Patrol, advised that he had never heard of anyone by the name of GLENN BONNER in the Hays, Kansas, area. b6 b7C

On June 2, 1960, a review of the Hays, Kansas, telephone directory failed to reflect any mention of GLENN BONNER.

ROBERT MAXWELL, Chief of Police, advised on June 2, 1960, that he had never heard of GLENN BONNER.

On June 3, 1960, Mrs. MARY DONNELLY, operator of the Hays Credit Bureau, informed that her records do not contain any mention of GLENN BONNER and that she has been in business for many years in Hays and is familiar with the oil industry, but has never heard of anyone by that name.

At Russell, Kansas:

MILTON GALYARDT, Sheriff, advised on June 2, 1960, that he had never heard of GLENN BONNER in the Russell, Kansas, area.

A review of the Russell telephone directory on June 2, 1960, failed to reflect any information concerning BONNER.

On June 2, 1960, J. EDWARD HANEY, co-owner of the Russell Oil Well Servicing Company, advised that he has resided in Russell, Kansas, for many years and has been in the oil well servicing business in the Hays and Russell, Kansas, areas for the past seventeen years, but has never heard of anyone named GLENN BONNER.

On June 10, 1960, Detroit Division advised as follows:

On May 31, 1960, Mr. JOHN HICKEY, age about 80, an uncle of Subject ROE, Route 1, Carson City, Michigan, was interviewed by SA THOMAS L. BRANNICK and SA ROBERT D. COOPER and advised that he heard through the family that the Subject had tried to escape from Alcatraz many years ago, and it is the firm belief of all the family that the attempt was unsuccessful. Mr. HICKEY stated that to his knowledge none of the family has ever seen the Subject ROE since the attempted escape. Mr. HICKEY was firm in his belief that the attempt to escape was unsuccessful.

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On June 17, 1960, the Dallas Division advised as follows:

On June 3, 1960, [redacted] Identification Bureau, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that his records reflect FLOYD ALLEN HILL, FBI Number 368007, was received at the Texas Prison System at Huntsville on February 26, 1954, from Gregg County, Texas, after receiving a sentence of 75 years for robbery by assault. HILL has Texas Prison System Number 128742 and [redacted] has no information that HILL has been released. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Amarillo, Texas: b6 b7C

On June 1, 1960, [redacted] advised he had no received any information regarding [redacted] Subject COLE, since last contacted by the FBI Agent several years ago. He said he had never been close to the COLE family and had not seen any of them since 1937. He stated he believed COLE was dead since no one had heard from him since the attempted escape. He advised he would contact this office if he should receive any information regarding COLE.

On June 13, 1960, the Little Rock Division advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Alpena, Arkansas, on June 10, 1960: b6 b7C

Mrs. J. H. GREER advised that she was the next door neighbor to MARIA COLE for many years. She stated that MARIA COLE left Alpena, Arkansas, approximately 12 years ago and the last she heard about MARIA COLE was that she was running a boarding house at Pittsburg, Kansas, about four years ago. Mrs. GREER advised that MARIA COLE's mother, MARTHA WYNN, died at Orange, Texas, about three years ago. She stated that MARIA COLE's sister, Mrs. H. E. VAIL, 90 Dewey Place, Orange, Texas, would probably know MARIA COLE's whereabouts.

Mrs. GREER stated that she knew Subject TED COLE and stated that he has never returned or been seen around Alpena, Arkansas, since the supposed jail break.

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[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Hot Springs, Arkansas: b6 b7C

On May 31, 1960, [redacted] Identification Officer, Hot Springs Police Department, advised that the files of his agency contained no information identifiable with BOOTS CUTLER.

BENNY HAZEN, H & H Bonding Company, Hot Springs, advised on May 31, 1960, that CUTLER was traveling with some carnival, name unknown. He advised CUTLER had not worked around Hot Springs for around two years. He advised CUTLER's residence address is 1101 South Ochese, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

On June 15, 1960, the Bureau advised that a search of the Identification Division files disclosed that JAMES A. ANDREWS re-enlisted in the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, on November 21, 1921, Army Serial Number R-6323782, and that since no fingerprints had ever been submitted regarding ROY ROE, brother of Subject, it had not been possible to determine if ROY ROE is identical with JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, FBI Number 42813.

On June 23, 1960, the Seattle Division advised as follows:

Efforts were made to interview RAYMOND ROE, brother of the Subject, on May 31, June 2, and 6, 1960, and June 10, 1960.

On June 14, 1960, RAYMOND ROE, 3001 East 100th Street, Seattle, Washington, advised SA EDWARD G. GOUGH that he and RALPH ROE had been on very close terms up to the date that RALPH ROE was arrested and sent to prison in 1934. He stated that while he never could see his brother's point of view in the life of crime, which he lead, they had discontinued discussing this point or arguing over it for several years prior to the last arrest of his brother. He stated that he feels certain that RALPH ROE must have been drowned in his attempt to escape from prison because he believes he (RALPH) would have made some contact with him if he were alive. RAYMOND ROE said that he has heard nothing from RALPH and that RALPH has never appeared at any family funeral nor has RAYMOND received any unexplained letters or telephone calls over the years since RALPH's escape. RAYMOND ROE stated that he had purchased a 1934 Plymouth automobile for RALPH ROE at Hutchinson, Kansas, about a month prior to the time that RALPH had been arrested for the last time at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He stated that RALPH had given him $180.00, in $20.00 bills, to pay for this car and at this time RALPH was staying

at a hotel in Hutchinson, Kansas, which was where RAYMOND ROE was then living. RAYMOND ROE, after the arrest of RALPH, obtained the car and for a brief period of time kept it in his garage at Hutchinson, Kansas, and then returned it to the finance company. He stated that during the period that the car was in the garage, an unknown individual was seen in the vicinity of the home of RAYMOND ROE and that Mrs. RAYMOND ROE had caught this person in the garage on one occasion, attempting to gain access to the car, possibly for the purpose of searching it in an effort to find loot obtained in bank robberies committed by RALPH ROE.

Mrs. RAYMOND ROE and RAYMOND ROE advised that about a month after RALPH ROE had been arrested at Sulphur, Oklahoma, a girl named HAZEL came to their home in an automobile, accompanied by another woman and driven by a man, whom Mrs. ROE thought resembled the individual who had been hanging around the garage. HAZEL (LNU) was a girl friend of RALPH ROE who had been with him at the time that RAYMOND ROE bought the 1934 Plymouth for RALPH. She requested Mrs. RAYMOND ROE to have RAYMOND contact her at a motel in Hutchinson, Kansas, which is no longer in existence.

RAYMOND ROE contacted her and she presented him with a note, which she said had come from RALPH, which, according to RAYMOND, was written in a type of ink which made it necessary for him to apply a hot iron in order to produce the message.

RAYMOND ROE took the note home to his house, applied the hot iron, and the message was to the effect that RALPH ROE was hiding out in Mexico and wanted RAYMOND ROE to give HAZEL bonds which he had left with RAYMOND and which had been obtained in bank robberies in order that HAZEL might hand them to RALPH ROE.

RAYMOND ROE stated that he was certain that the note was not in the handwriting of RALPH ROE, and it was just an effort on the part of HAZEL to "con" him out of any bonds if he had any.

ROE stated that he did not have any bonds which had been given him as the proceeds of any of the bank robberies committed by his brother. He stated that he destroyed the note and has never again been contacted by HAZEL or any other associate of his brother. He stated that at the time HAZEL gave him the note, he told her that the FBI had maintained a surveillance on

him in an effort to apprehend his brother, and RAYMOND ROE surmised for this reason that HAZEL and her associates left town immediately when he did not respond to the note.

On June 15, 1960, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, Duncan, Oklahoma, an aunt of Subject ROE, was interviewed by SA [redacted] b6 and advised that GLENN BONNER, her son and a cousin of Subject ROE, b7C died three years ago in Redlands, California. Mrs. BONNER was shown a photograph of JAMES ALBERT ANDREWS, aka Roy Roe, Ray Roe, FBI Number 42813, and stated that ANDREWS is definitely not identical with Subject ROE's brother, ROY ROE. Mrs. BONNER stated that ROY ROE, Subject ROE's brother, was last heard from by the family in 1942 or 1943, at which time he was serving in the U. S. Army and that he has not contacted any of the family to her knowledge since that time.

Mrs. BONNER stated, however, that probably the most likely person ROY ROE, Subject ROE's brother, would contact would be another brother, RAYMOND ROE, who resides at 3001 East 100 Street, Seattle, Washington.

On June 28, 1960, the Los Angeles Division advised as follows:

No record identifiable with RAYMOND HENRY HALL, FBI Number 366642, could be located in the records of the Police Department, Los Angeles, California.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department reflect that REBEL BURTON CORNETT, FBI Number 873,441, CII Number 345,363, Los Angeles Police Department Number 484,946-C, was sentenced to San Quentin Prison for murder from Visalia, California, in 1947. He was paroled on June 7, 1959, to expire February 7, 1963, and on June 12, 1959, registered as an ex-convict. He indicated he was reporting to the State Parole Office, 326 Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California. CORNETT listed his address as 6881 Troost Avenue, North Hollywood, California, and his daughters as MABLE, ESTHER, and VIRGINIA, all living in North Hollywood.

On June 24, 1960, Mrs. S. J. ZAIL, 3554 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, a cousin of Subject COLE, advised that she last saw COLE in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the early thirties and before he became involved in the robbery of a bottling plant in Tulsa. She stated that since his alleged attempt to escape from Alcatraz Island in 1937 she has heard nothing to indicate he is alive or that he was successful in the attempt. She said all the relatives believe he died at that time and no one has ever

received any information to the contrary. Mrs. ZAIL advised she has lived in Los Angeles since 1943, has only visited in Oklahoma on one occasion, and her nearest relative is her sister, THELMA REED, of Stroud, Oklahoma.

Mrs. ZAIL advised she had met REBEL CORNETT in Oklahoma and knew that he was subsequently sentenced to prison in California for killing Subject's stepfather, FRED COLE. She stated she would never expect CORNETT to contact her and that she has never met any of his daughters or immediate family. She said she has never maintained contact with any of COLE's relatives who lived at Woodlake, California.

Mrs. GOLDA I. (Violet) DAWSON, 225 South Pepper Street, Woodlake, California, half-sister of Subject COLE, advised upon being recontacted by SA ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN on June 7, 1960, that she has received no information whatsoever regarding Subject COLE and his alleged escape since last contacted by Agents. Mrs. DAWSON stated that to her knowledge Subject COLE has never been in contact with any member of the family since the escape and she personally does not believe him to be alive. She stated that in the event she ever received any information to the effect that COLE is still alive she would immediately contact this office.

Mrs. DAWSON advised that Mrs. WILLIAM (Alta) COLLINS, aunt of Subject COLE, presently lives in Modesto, California, address unknown. She mentioned that Mr. COLLINS is retired and that he and his wife live in a trailer house in Modesto.

On June 30, 1960, the Houston Division advised as follows:

On June 17, 1960, Mrs. HARRY E. VAIL, 4209 North Glenhurst, Orange, Texas, advised SA JAMES L. WILLIAMSON that her sister, MARIE COLE, was formerly married to Subject COLE and that she and her husband adopted BILLY WYNNE COLE, who was the child of MARIE COLE and THEODORE COLE.

She stated that neither she nor, to her knowledge, any member of her family has heard anything about or from Subject COLE and she feels certain that he is dead. She stated that if she ever receives any information concerning COLE, she will notify the FBI.

Mrs. VAIL further stated that her mother, MARTHA WYNN, is dead. She stated her sister (Subject's ex-wife), MARIE COLE, presently resides at 112½ North Main, Joplin, Missouri.

She stated that Subject's son, whom they adopted, was raised under the name BILLY WYNNE VAIL and does not know that he is adopted. She stated she is certain that he does not know anything about Subject. She stated he presently is residing at 1506 West Carter, Orange, Texas, and is married and has three children. She stated that unless it was absolutely necessary that he not be interviewed as it would upset him greatly to learn that he is really an adopted child.

Subject's son, BILLY WYNNE VAIL, not interviewed.

On July 14, 1960, the Houston Division advised as follows:

On June 29, 1960, FLOYD HILL, TDC Number 128742, currently serving a 75-year sentence, was interviewed in the Warden's Office, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

HILL stated he readily recalled the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz on December 16, 1937, inasmuch as he was an inmate there at the time and was a good friend of both Subjects. HILL advised that it is his firm belief that neither Subject successfully swam the channel during this escape and that both were drowned in the attempt. He said that Subject COLE never knew how to swim and that Subject ROE had just been discharged from the Penitentiary Hospital for a bad case of ulcers, prior to their escape attempt. ROE was described as being extremely under weight and weak from this illness. Both Subjects attempted to cross the channel by tying empty gasoline drums around them. at the time of their escape the channel was high and very treacherous. HILL commented that he later learned one of the empty gasoline drums had been found washed on shore but that neither Subject was ever heard from again.

HILL stated that following his discharge from Alcatraz in 1945, he visited COLE's mother, and during this time and others when they corresponded, she always reported that she never had received information from her son. HILL said that COLE worshiped his mother and that if he successfully escaped he would most certainly have contacted her and that she, in turn, would

have confided this to HILL, inasmuch as she knew COLE and HILL were extremely close friends. HILL stated that he was further convinced that both Subjects were dead because neither had the "brains" to stay out of trouble in the "outside world" and that they would most certainly have been arrested within a year if their escape had been successful. HILL also stated that neither would have ever considered leaving the country, inasmuch as their imagination "was too limited."

HILL further added that in his subsequent contacts with many of the criminal elements who knew both Subjects that no one ever reported hearing from either following their escape attempt.

HILL concluded that he is positive both Subjects drowned during their escape and their bodies were carried out to sea in the strong current.

On July 13, 1960, the Los Angeles Division advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JESSE V. McNULTY:

At Sun Valley, California:

On May 27, 1960, attempts were made to locate individuals at 8450 Omelveny Street, without success.

ROBERT KEIM, 8449 Omelveny Street, advised that a LOPEZ family formerly lived across the street from his residence but had moved over three years ago to an unknown location.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, as reviewed on June 9, 1960, by SE JAMES L. MAHAN, reflected that PAULINE LOPEZ, wife of MARTIN LOPEZ, resided at 8450 Omelveny Street, Sun Valley, in 1955 and both she and her husband were employed by the Bendix Aviation, Incorporated, North Hollywood, California.

ADELINE HECK, Personnel Director, Bendix Aviation, Incorporated, 11600 Sherman Way, North Hollywood, California, advised on June 14, 1960, that MARTIN LOPEZ is presently an employee of this company and his residence is listed as 14247 Dyer Street, Sylmar, California.

At Sylmar, California:

MARTIN G. LOPEZ, 14247 Dyer Street, Sylmar, advised on June 29, 1960, he and PAULINE LOPEZ separated about a year ago and that their divorce will soon be final. He said he has not seen her in approximately eight months and had no knowledge of her present address. He contended that during the the years that he was married to PAULINE, she had never discussed her brother, THEODORE COLE, with him. He mentioned he was present when she was interviewed by Bureau Agents about five years ago, which was the only time that the Subject has ever been discussed in his presence.

LOPEZ advised that he is quite confident that his former wife was never in contact with the Subject and that she presumed him to be dead. He stated the only other member of his wife's family that he is acquainted with is VIOLET DAWSON of Woodlake, California, and she also has indicated that she believes the Subject to be deceased.

At North Hollywood, California:

REBEL BURTON CORNETT, 6881 Troost, advised on June 30, 1960, that this is his permanent address and that he is living with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. PETER and MABEL OCHOA. He stated he is presently 65 years of age, has been out of the penitentiary for approximately a year and is on probation out of the State Probation Office in Glendale, California. He mentioned that his ex-wife, PAULINE LOPEZ, is employed at the Cage Casting Company, Van Nuys, California, and that the eight children born during his marriage to PAULINE are all living in the North Hollywood area.

CORNETT advised he and PAULINE were married when Subject THEODORE COLE, her brother, was arrested in 1934 or 1935. They were still living together in Oklahoma when Subjects attempted to escape from Alcatraz in 1937. He said he and PAULINE continued to live together from 1937 until September 27, 1947, when he was arrested for the murder of PAULINE's stepfather.

CORNETT contended that he does not know the source of the rumors that Subject COLE had been successful in his escape from Alcatraz, but emphatically stated he was not the source of any of these rumors. He said he definitely does

not believe it would be possible for the Subjects to have escaped from Alcatraz and that they probably drowned or died in the attempted escape. CORNETT stated he is aware that he has always been suspected of originating the rumors that Subjects successfully escaped. He attributed these suspicions to the fact that in 1933, when Subject COLE escaped from McAlester Prison in Oklahoma, the Subject joined him in Ohio and the two of them were later picked up in 1934 in Dallas, Texas. He stated everyone knew he would shield COLE and that he knew he was under suspicion from the time of the attempted escape in 1937 until he was arrested in 1947. CORNETT advised that he has no reason to believe his ex-wife, PAULINE, or any other member of the family has ever seen COLE and that PAULINE definitely believes Subject is dead and was not successful in the attempted escape.

CORNETT admitted that in the past he had made the statement that if COLE had made good in the escape he probably would show up at some of the relatives' homes in a disguise, such as women's clothing, since his features are easily recognizable and because of his small stature. He stated that any statements concerning such a disguise would have been strictly speculation and not based on any definite knowledge.

CORNETT pointed out that he is in very poor physical condition; he is hardly able to move about and seldom ever leaves this address. He said he wanted it definitely known that in his opinion COLE is dead and that he has never received any information or indication to the contrary. He contended that in the very remote possibility that Subject is not dead and ever contacted him, he would immediately notify this office.

Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, 7806 Ledge Avenue, Sun Valley, California, employed at the Cage Casting, Inc., 7955 Haskell Avenue, Van Nuys, California, was contacted on June 30, 1960. Mrs. LOPEZ said she has been in contact with her ex-husband, REBEL CORNETT, since his release from prison and still believes he is responsible for all the original rumors concerning COLE's successful escape from Alcatraz. She stated she has no further information regarding the Subject since last contacted by Bureau Agents and in fact has not discussed this case with anyone since that time. She emphatically stated she believes COLE to be dead and that she has never had any reason to believe otherwise. She said she has never heard of Subject being in contact with any member of the family, or of anyone ever having any information indicating Subject was alive following his attempted escape. She contended it is the opinion of all members of the family that COLE is dead.

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On July 21, 1960, the Kansas City Division advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ARTHUR N. THOMPSON:

At Joplin, Missouri:

On July 12, 1960, W. W. FULTON, Manager, Joplin Hotel, 112½ Main Street, said that MARIE COLE has been living at the hotel since September 15, 1959, and is employed as a maid at the Connor Hotel. He said that COLE has had no male visitors while at work at the hotel and he was unable to identify photographs of COLE and ROE as anyone he has ever seen.

On July 14, 1960, MARIE COLE, Room 19, Joplin Hotel, advised she was born and reared at Alpena, Arkansas. In 1929, when she was sixteen years of age, Subject COLE and his mother moved to Alpena, Arkansas, from Stroud, Oklahoma, and Mrs. COLE operated a cafe for a short period of time. After knowing COLE for three weeks, she married him, but about a month after their marriage, COLE abandoned her and she has not seen or heard from him since. She said she married COLE on March 16, 1929, at Harrison, Arkansas, and she obtained a divorce from him at Harrison during the same year.

She said COLE is the father of her son BILLY, but to her knowledge he never knew she had this child. She said COLE's mother left Alpena, Arkansas, shortly after COLE abandoned her and she has not seen or heard from her since. She said she did not meet any of COLE's relatives other than his mother but did know he had a sister, VIOLET DAWSON, who resided in California.

She said she lived at Alpena, Arkansas, with her mother until about 1940 when she went to an aircraft school at Little Rock, Arkansas, for two or three months. She then moved to Harrison, Arkansas, and worked and resided at the Harrison Hotel for about two years. She then moved to Joplin, Missouri, worked as a hotel maid and elevator operator and resided at 106½ Main Street. In about 1948 she broke her leg and moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, and lived with her sister, NORENE SCHULTZ, at 305 East 8th Street, and worked at the Bess Hotel. NORENE SCHULTZ is now deceased. In September 1959, she moved back to Joplin.

She said the following are the only living relatives she has:

Mrs. HARRY E. VAIL, sister,
4209 North Glenhurst
Orange, Texas

BILLY WYNNE VAIL, son,
1506 West Carter
Orange, Texas

Mrs. DAVE NIXON, aunt,
MARY INMAN, cousin,
CONRAD NIXON, cousin,
All residing on Route 6
Harrison, Arkansas

She said she has not seen or heard from COLE since he left her at Alpena, Arkansas, in 1929 and is of the opinion he died when he attempted to escape. She said she has never known ROE.

On July 14, 1960, JESSIE WITHERS, 3125½ Main Street, said she has known MARIE COLE and her family since the late 1930s. She said she formerly operated a rooming house at 106½ Main Street and that MARIE COLE roomed with her at this address for a period of five or six years. She said MARIE COLE occasionally talked to her about Subject COLE and always told her she believed he had died in his attempted escape. She said COLE definitely did not contact MARIE COLE when she resided at 106½ Main Street.

On May 26, 1960, the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

At Mannsville, Oklahoma:

ERNEST DRY, merchant, Mannsville, on May 26, 1960, advised that he could not furnish any information regarding the whereabouts of the SHEETS family; however, he stated Mr. and Mrs. F. A. SHEETS had both died over ten years ago and they had a son and daughter, whose names he could not recall, who left Mannsville, Oklahoma, shortly after the death of their parents. Their whereabouts were unknown to him. He stated they were the only relatives of the SHEETS family who lived in or around Mannsville, Oklahoma.

DRY stated he was acquainted with the Subject RALPH ROE, who was arrested near Mannsville, Oklahoma, before being sent to Alcatraz Prison. He has not seen or heard anything of ROE since his alleged escape and could furnish no information regarding any of ROE's relatives or associates.

JOHN LOFTIS, elder citizen of Mannsville, Oklahoma, on May 26, 1960, advised he could furnish no information regarding the SHEETS family and that he was acquainted with Subject RALPH ROE, having known him before he was sent to prison. LOFTIS stated that he had heard nothing of ROE since his alleged escape from prison and did not know any of his former associates or relatives. He said that before ROE was sent to prison he did occasionally associate with F. A. SHEETS, who had been deceased for over ten years.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

At Wewoka, Oklahoma:

On July 5, 1960, Mrs. BEA EVANS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Wewoka, advised she was unable to locate a record in her files regarding BOOTS CUTLER as residing 1101 South Ochese in Wewoka.

Sheriff [redacted] (NA), Seminole, Oklahoma, County, advised on July 5, 1960, that he recalls 15 or 20 years ago a gambler and bootlegger named BOOTS CUTLER who resided in Seminole County; however, NICHOLSON advised he has not seen CUTLER for several years and does not know his whereabouts. b6 b7C

On July 5, 1960, an attempt was made to contact BOOTS CUTLER, 1101 South Ochese Street, but no one could be located at this address at that time.

This address is occupied by CECIL ARGO, former bootlegger during prohibition days in Oklahoma, and probably an acquaintance of CUTLER. ARGO could not be located for interview.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

At Ardmore, Oklahoma:

On May 25, 1960, LOUISE B. PRUITT, Box 757, Route 1, advised she has no new information to offer since last contacted by the FBI. She stated she does not believe that if Subject ROE is still alive he would contact her since, before his arrest and incarceration at Alcatraz, she ran him away from her home on several occasions. She stated, however, she does not believe ROE and the other Subject made good their escape because until her death in 1958 one ELLA JACKSON of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was a good friend of hers and this same ELLA JACKSON was the sweetheart of ROE prior to his arrest. She pointed out that JACKSON was well off financially and theorized that ROE certainly would have contacted her if he had escaped. She said that until her death JACKSON herself was confident that ROE was dead and often so stated to her. She advised that should ROE ever attempt to contact her she would notify the FBI.

At Duncan, Oklahoma:

On May 26, 1960, Mrs. S. E. LEGG, Highway 81, North of Duncan, advised she is Subject ROE's cousin. She said that shortly after his escape from Alcatraz she and her mother, Mrs. BONNER, were contacted by the FBI, and at that time gave them all the information they had on the Subject ROE. She said they have not heard from or about him since that time. She advised her mother has been in contact with the rest of his family from time to time and they all believe he is dead. She stated she and her mother are of the same opinion. She continued her mother is still away on vacation but may be back next week. She said she would tell her the FBI desires to contact her and that she will herself contact the FBI should she hear anything concerning ROE.

On June 2, 1960, Mrs. DOLLY BONNER, Highway 81, North of Duncan, advised that she is Subject ROE's aunt. She said she has no information concerning the Subject other than what she has already given. She advised she has not seen or heard from ROE since his escape, and it is her belief, as well as that of the family, that he is dead. She said if she should see or hear from or about him she would notify the FBI.

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OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	9/30/60	6/22 - 9/27/60

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

Report made by
SA [redacted]

Typed By:
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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/29/60 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C

San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City dated 7/22/60 (interoffice).

Seattle letter to Houston dated 7/25/60 (interoffice).

Houston letter to Oklahoma City dated 8/22/60 (interoffice).

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LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report are being furnished Los Angeles and San Francisco in view of extensive investigation having been conducted there and the possibility of further investigation being conducted by those divisions in the future.

OKLAHOMA CITY

At Ardmore, Oklahoma

(1) Will through local sources locate "BOOTS" CUTLER and interview him for any information he may have regarding the whereabouts of Subjects ROE or COLE, it being noted CUTLER is alleged to be a former associate of Subject ROE.

(2) Will obtain from CUTLER, if possible, information as to the present whereabouts of RAYMOND HENRY "TANG" HALL, and set out a lead for HALL to be interviewed for the same purpose.

At Kellyville, Oklahoma

Will through BILL ROMINE locate and interview BABE HIATT, who reportedly resides on the Slick road, and interview HIATT regarding remarks made by him to COY PIERCE in 1940-42 as set out in this report, indicating that Subjects made good their escape and later resided at Kellyville, Oklahoma.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA WELDON C. GENTRY
Date: 9/30/60

Office: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Title: RALPH ROE,
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE,
I.O. #1471

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis:

Relatives of Subjects deny receiving any information regarding Subjects' success or failure in attempted escape or Subjects' present whereabouts since last contacted. All relatives of Subject state they believe both Subjects died in attempted escape. COY PIERCE, Campbell, Calif., advised one BABE HIATT stated in 1940-42 that Subjects made good their escape and resided thereafter in Kellyville, Okla.

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Details:

On July 22, 1960, the San Francisco Division advised as follows.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

On July 2, 1960, a review of the 1959 Modesto City Directory revealed a listing for W. S. COLLINS, wife ALTA, 717 Seventh Street, Modesto, California.

On July 5, 1960, Mr. LESTER COLLINS, Manager, Allman's Trailer Court, 717 Seventh Street, advised that

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his parents are Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS and that they live in a house trailer at the above trailer court. He also advised that he is a first cousin of Subject COLE. Mr. COLLINS advised he has not seen Subject COLE since COLE's alleged attempt to escape from Alcatraz Island. He stated that he, as well as the rest of the family, is of the belief that COLE is dead.

On July 5, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, 717 Seventh Street, advised they are aunt and uncle of Subject COLE. Both advised they have not seen him since his escape attempt in 1937 and that they likewise have heard nothing concerning him from others in the family. Both stated they are of the belief that COLE is dead.

Mrs. COLLINS stated that COLE is the son of a sister of hers but that she is now deceased. She stated there have, of course, been numerous rumors and much speculation as to what happened to her nephew. She stated that about three years ago an unrecalled person made a statement to the effect that Subject COLE had died in South America. Mrs. COLLINS advised, however, that she did not think there was any foundation to this remark and that she did not pay any attention to it. She stated she is unable to recall now just where she heard the remark.

On July 25, 1960, the Seattle Office advised as follows:

RAYMOND ROE, 3001 East 100th Street, Seattle, Washington, was contacted on July 6 and 18, 1960. On July 18, 1960, he advised SA EDWARD G. GOUGH that the last address he had for ROY ROE, brother of RALPH ROE, Subject of instant investigation, is 8023 Capital Avenue, Houston 12, Texas. RAYMOND ROE explained that ROY ROE used the name of ROY CONNOR and that any correspondence which he has addressed to ROY ROE at this address has been sent to him as ROY CONNOR.

On August 22, 1960, the Houston Office advised as follows:

On August 15, 1960, Mr. ROY CONNOR, also known as ROY ROE (true name) was interviewed in his trailer,

which is located behind the residence at 8023 Capitol Street, Houston, Texas, by SA [redacted] CONNOR advised he has learned nothing from or about Subject since last contacted by the FBI several years ago. CONNOR advised that he is almost certain his brother is dead or he would have contacted one of the relatives by this time. CONNOR advised that he, CONNOR, is an oil field worker and is on the move constantly. He advised he can usually be located through relatives in Oklahoma. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

On August 17, 1960, Sergeant DOUGLAS ARNOLD, Wewoka Police Department, advised he had no knowledge of either "BOOTS" CUTLER or RAYMOND HENRY HALL, also known as "TANG," as former residents of the community.

On August 17, 1960, an effort was made to contact anyone residing at 1101 South Ochese Street, Wewoka; however, no one could then be located at that address.

On September 16, 1960, Mrs. W. C. MITCHELL, 1101 South Ochese Street, advised that "BOOTS" CUTLER was her brother-in-law in that he was married to her sister, ETHEL CUTLER. She added that the CUTLERS currently reside at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mrs. MITCHELL related she could not recall the CUTLERS' specific address, but they undoubtedly were listed in the Ardmore telephone directory.

Mrs. MITCHELL related that "BOOTS" CUTLER has been following the carnival circuit throughout Kansas during the past summer. She stated, however, she felt relatively certain that CUTLER has returned to Ardmore to spend the winter months.

Mrs. MITCHELL concluded that she had no knowledge of Subjects ROE or COLE. She also stated she was not acquainted with RAYMOND HENRY HALL, also known as "TANG."

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

On August 17, 1960, Chief of Police LESTER BUSH, Seminole Police Department, stated that "BOOTS" CUTLER and

"TANG" HALL were known to him by reputation only. He stated these individuals formerly resided in the Seminole and Wewoka, Oklahoma, areas; however, both moved to parts unknown more than 15 years ago. He stated he could suggest only JAKE SIMS, former Seminole Chief of Police, as a person who would possibly know the whereabouts of these two individuals. Chief BUSH advised that SIMS was last known to reside at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. BUSH stated he had heard that HALL died two or three years ago, but he could not recall the source of this information.

On August 17, 1960, Mrs. BETTY SIMS, clerk, Seminole Credit Bureau, advised she could find no information in the credit files regarding a "BOOTS" CUTLER. However, she did state that a record was located on one RAY H. HALL, also known as "TANGLE EYE," and wife GRACE. According to Miss SIMS, this record covered a period of HALL's former residence in Seminole from 1934 to 1950. She advised that HALL's last listed address was reflected as 109 Second Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as of May 13, 1950. SIMS went on to say that credit records characterized HALL as a "bootlegger, dope peddler, car dealer and hotel manager." She related, however, that no background information relative to HALL's family was indicated in the file; therefore, she could not suggest anyone who would possibly know this person's present whereabouts.

On September 27, 1960, Mr. JAKE SIMS, who was contacted through his son, CHARLES SIMS, McCumber Building, Seminole, advised he formerly served as Seminole Chief of Police during the 1930's and 1940's. As a result, he stated, he was familiar with "BOOTS" CUTLER and "TANG" HALL since both were gamblers and confidence men who formerly operated in the community. He stated, however, that CUTLER and HALL both moved from the area about 15 years ago and they have never returned for any length of time. He stated he, SIMS, does not know their present whereabouts. SIMS could suggest no one who could know the whereabouts of HALL or CUTLER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Inspector J. W. HOLT, NA, Oklahoma State Crime Bureau, advised on September 27, 1960, that he knew HALL well and that, although he does not recall the source of his information, HALL has been dead for three or four years. HOLT stated all of HALL's associates have moved from the

Seminole, Oklahoma, area, and could suggest no one who could verify that HALL is dead or the place of death, but he is sure that HALL is dead.

Mrs. IRFEE McCULLOM, Oklahoma Bureau of Vital Statistics, advised on September 27, 1960, she could locate no record in the files regarding the death of a RAYMOND HENRY HALL.

On September 16, 1960, the San Francisco Office advised as follows:

On September 9, 1960, COY PIERCE, 340 Redding Road, Campbell, California, uncle of Lieutenant LOREN PIERCE of the Santa Clara Police Department, advised SA CHARLES J. PRELSNIK that in 1940-42 he resided in the town of Kellyville, Oklahoma, for a short period of time after having returned from California, where he had been residing since 1937. He said that while on this visit he was told by BABE HIATT that he, HIATT, was the cousin of one of two men who had escaped from the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island. PIERCE stated he did not recall the name exactly, but believed RALPH ROE to have been this cousin.

PIERCE stated HIATT told him that the men made their escape by swimming away late at night. Patrol boats passed near them but did not spot them as they swam and ducked their searchlights. They swam to an old pier where they hid from view all of the next day and the following night made their way to shore where they raided a clothes-line to obtain clothing and then rode freight cars to Kellyville. HIATT told PIERCE that as of this time (1940-42) they were, or one of them was, living at Kellyville.

PIERCE stated that HIATT offered to show him where the fugitive was living on the Slick road but he declined the invitation. He said he never throught much about it and when a few days ago, while visiting with his nephew, Lieutenant LOREN PIERCE of the Santa Clara Police Department, he mentioned it to him.

PIERCE stated that BABE HIATT was about 18 years of age at the time and was residing on the Slick road between Slick and Kellyville below the Polecat Bridge in the first house south of the bridge. He stated that HIATT has relatives living in Kellyville. He said he thought that HIATT was telling him the truth.

PIERCE stated that BILL ROMINE, who runs a grocery store in Kellyville, Oklahoma, knew HIATT and would know his whereabouts.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED S. GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY~~ Director (Your file 76-348 DATE: 7/26/60

FROM : ~~Director, FBI~~ SAC Oklahoma City (Bufile and serial 76-2686

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE aka FUGITIVE
IO #1472
THEODORE COLE aka FUGITIVE
IO #1471; EFP

Office of Origin: OC

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 4092

Report submitted .....

Report will be submitted On or before 8-5-60

Reason for delay .....

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2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (X) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY Your file 76-348 DATE 12/16/60

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 76-2686

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka., Fugitive, aka., Fugitive - IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka., Fugitive, IO #1471 Office of Origin: EFP OC

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 4702

Report submitted .....

Report will be submitted 1/13/61

Reason for delay One lead to be covered prior to submission of Report.

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (X) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

January 5, 1961

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
IO, NO. 1472
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE
IO, NO. 1471
EFP

A review of the file in this case reveals that a recent report has not been submitted by your office. If a recent report has not been submitted, one should be submitted promptly.

In view of the extensive investigation which has been conducted in the past, the file should be reviewed for logical investigation and when logical investigation is exhausted this case may be placed in a pending inactive status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	1/12/61	10/5/60-1/12/61

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

Report made by [redacted]

Typed By: vlb b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 9/30/60, at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C
Oklahoma City letter to Kansas City, 11/9/60 (inter-office).
Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City, 12/16/60 (inter-office).
Bureau letter to Oklahoma City, 1/5/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case reflects that all logical investigation has been conducted and all logical relatives and former associates have been recontacted within the past year. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for six months.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: OKLAHOMA CITY
Date: 1/12/61

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Field Office File No.: OC 76-348 Bureau File No.: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Contacts with past acquaintances of Subjects unproductive. Those contacted deny receiving any information from or concerning Subjects since attempted escape. All those contacted believed both Subjects died in the attempt.

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Details:

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY L. McCONNELL on October 31, 1960:

At Kellyville, Oklahoma

EARL HIETT, Rural Route, Kellyville, informed that the individual referred to as "BABE" HIATT, formerly residing on the Slick Road in that community, was identical with his brother, VERNON HIETT, who presently is employed at the Boeing Aircraft Plant, Wichita, Kansas, and resides at Kingman, Kansas, receiving his mail care of General Delivery.

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EARL HIETT stated that he recalled THEODORE COLE when the latter resided and was active in the Kellyville, Oklahoma, area. He further stated that he was acquainted with COY PIERCE, presently of Campbell, California. It was the opinion of EARL HIETT that the conversation and incident recalled by COY PIERCE had to do with the activities and presence of COLE in the Kellyville, Oklahoma, area prior to the time COLE was apprehended and ultimately incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary. According to EARL HIETT, no information had been received by him that COLE had appeared in the Kellyville, Oklahoma, area subsequent to the latter's disappearance over the walls at Alcatraz Penitentiary. According to HIETT, COLE was well known by sight and reputation to the residents of the Kellyville, Oklahoma, area. He stated if COLE had ever returned to Kellyville it certainly would have come to his attention. It was his opinion that it would be impossible for COLE to have concealed himself in the Kellyville, Oklahoma, area for any period of time, no matter how short, without it being known in that community.

On December 16, 1960, the Kansas City Division furnished the following information:

At Wichita, Kansas

SA ELMER R. FLETCHER, on November 23, 1960, ascertained through SHELBY SMITH, Security Department, Boeing Airplane Company, that VERNON HIETT is presently employed at Boeing and living in care of General Delivery, Kingman, Kansas.

On November 28, 1960, VERNON EDGAR HIETT, aka "Babe" Hiett, advised he is related to Subject COLE, but has no information as to his whereabouts and has no recollection of discussing the presence of COLE in Oklahoma since the latter escaped from Federal custody.

HIETT related he graduated from high school in Oklahoma in 1940. He recalled hearing some of the older relatives discussing the fact COLE had been seen around Sapulpa, Oklahoma, following his release from the Penitentiary. HIETT said it was his understanding COLE had been released about this time from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. He acknowledged he might have mentioned this fact to some acquaintance or relative, but he was certain he had never made any statement about COLE following his escape from Federal institution.

Concerning his activities during the period COLE escaped, HIETT said he traveled to San Jose, California, in 1938 to harvest the fruit crop, but stayed in California about three months, following which he returned to his home in Oklahoma. He finished high school in 1940 and shortly thereafter went to Seattle, Washington, where he worked in the shipyards until 1942, after which he returned to Oklahoma and worked for Douglas Aircraft Company in Tulsa during 1942. This information was confirmed from listings on HIETT's application form filed with Boeing.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. HARRISON:

At Ardmore, Oklahoma

On December 21, 1960, HARRY MELVIN BOOTH, aka "Boots" Cutler, 707 Elm Street, Ardmore, advised that he has no recollection of ever knowing the Subjects. BOOTH was unable to identify the photographs of the Subjects as anyone known to him. After reading the information on the IO of each Subject, which indicated a record of arrest at various places in Oklahoma, he suggested that JAKE SIMS, presently House Detective, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, might be able to give some information concerning the Subjects. SIMS was formerly Chief of Police, Seminole and Durant, Oklahoma, and was also an agent for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. According to BOOTH, JAKE SIMS is well acquainted with fugitives from the law over a long period of time and has an exceptional memory for fugitives and information concerning them.

BOOTH stated that he used to be a bondsman at Seminole, Oklahoma, and met a large number of fugitives in connection with this work. The names ROE and COLE sound familiar to him, but other than that, he can give no information concerning Subjects.

BOOTH stated that he is in the business of operating concessions at carnivals, state fairs, etc., and is known in the carnival business as "BOOTS" CUTLER. During this time of the year when there are no carnivals he resides at Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he maintains his home. BOOTH stated that he is very happy to cooperate with the FBI and if he receives any information concerning any of the persons referred to above he will give it to the FBI.

The file reflects that JAKE SIMS, mentioned by BOOTH, has been contacted numerous times regarding Subjects' whereabouts with negative results.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI Date: 2/22/61

From: SAC, Salt Lake City (76-244)

Subject: THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE,
IO #1471;
RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE,
IO #1472
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Due to the opening of the Las Vegas Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. Location of File

( ) Entire file sent to Las Vegas herewith.
( ) File sent to Las Vegas, except one copy of the following serials.
(X) File retained in Salt Lake City but one copy of following serials sent to Las Vegas.
One photograph, COLE; four photographs, ROE; one I.O. each.
Report of SA M. E. GURNEA
Dated 12/28/37 at San Francisco

Report of SA E. SANDBERG
Dated 1/31/39 at Salt Lake City

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B. Office of Origin

( ) Salt Lake City
( ) Las Vegas
(X) Other Office as shown in file Oklahoma City

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 8/9/61

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 1/12/61 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C

A review of the file reveals that extensive and logical investigation has been conducted. Relatives and former associates have been recontacted in the recent past and it does not appear that additional recontact at this time will be productive.

noted UACB this matter will remain pending inactive for an additional six-month period.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) March 12, 1962

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka
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THEODORE COLE, aka
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I.O. 1471
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This matter has been in a pending inactive status since 8/9/61.

Advise status of this investigation in your office and what action, if any, is contemplated.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) 4/4/62

Director, IBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka
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ReBulet 3/12/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686) DATE: April 6, 1962

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO ~~1742~~ 1472
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO 1471
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ReBulet 4/4/62.

The Bureau's attention is called to Oklahoma City letter dated 4/3/62 recommending that this case be continued in a pending inactive status for an additional six months. During the interim of 3/14/62 when Bulet of 3/12/62 was received, and the date of the Oklahoma City letter mentioned above, a careful review of the file was conducted by SA PAUL F. ROWLANDS and it was concluded that no useful purpose would be served in making recontacts at this time.

UACB, this case will be continued in a pending inactive status.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 4-3-62

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) -P*-

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
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IO 1471
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ReBulet 3-12-62 and Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 8-9-61.

The file is presently in a pending inactive status in this office.

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It does not appear that additional contacts with associates and relatives at this time would be productive; therefore, UACB this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional six month period.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-343) 11/26/62

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO 1472
THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO 1471
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This matter has been in a pending inactive status since 4/3/62.

Advise status of this investigation in your office and what action, if any, is contemplated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	11/28/62	11/19 - 23/62

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. # 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

REPORT MADE BY

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SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/19/60 at Oklahoma City
Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/30/60 at Oklahoma City
Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/12/61 at Oklahoma City
0-1 to Bureau dated 11/9/62

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LEADS

ALL OFFICES

Will re-contact the following listed relatives and associates of Subjects ROE and COLE for any information they may have received regarding the success or failure of the Subjects attempted escape and any information regarding Subjects whereabouts. In addition, all offices should contact logical CIs and PCIs for information regarding fate of Subjects.

DALLAS DIVISION

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At Amarillo, Texas

Will locate and interview Subject COLE's cousin, CHARLES H. BRACE, 2909 Tyler.

DETROIT DIVISION

At Carson City, Michigan

Will locate and interview Subject ROE's uncle, JOHN HICKEY, Route 1, Carson City.

HOUSTON DIVISION

At Huntsville, Texas

Will at Texas State Penitentiary, interview FLOYD HILL, former associate of both Subjects at Alcatraz. Will determine if he has heard anything within the last couple of years regarding the fate of the Subjects.

At Houston, Texas

Will locate and interview ROY CONNOR, aka., Ray Roe, (true name), brother of Subject ROE, who lives in a trailer behind the residence at 8023 Capitol Street.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Joplin, Missouri

Will locate and interview Subject COLE's wife, MARIE COLE, whose last known address, as of 1960, was Room 19 of the Joplin Hotel.

At Kingman, Kansas

Will locate and interview VERNON EDGAR HIETT, relative of Subject COLE, whose address is General Delivery, Kingman. It is to be noted that in 1960, HIETT was employed at the Boeing Aircraft Plant in Wichita, Kansas, and at that time resided in Kingman, Kansas.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Woodlake, California

Will locate and interview the half-sister of Subject COLE, Mrs. GOLDA I. DAWSON, 225 South Pepper.

At North Hollywood, California

Will locate and interview the brother-in-law of Subject COLE, REBEL BURTON CORNETT, 6881 Troost.

At Sun Valley, California

Will locate and interview Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, sister of Subject COLE, who lives at 7806 Ledge Avenue. It is to be noted that Mrs. LOPEZ is the former wife of REBEL CORNETT.

At Los Angeles, California

Will locate and interview Mrs. S. J. ZALE, cousin of Subject COLE, 3554 City Terrace Drive.

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

Will locate and interview Subject ROE's brother, RAYMOND ROE, 3001 East 100th Street, Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

At Modesto, California

Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, 717 7th Street. They are the uncle and aunt of Subject COLE, respectively.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Duncan, Oklahoma

Will locate and interview Subject ROE's aunt, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, who resides on Highway 81, North of Duncan.

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At Ardmore, Oklahoma

Will locate and interview LOUISE PRUITT, a former bondswoman and former associate of Subject ROE. Her last known address was Box 757, Route 1, Ardmore.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: OKLAHOMA CITY b6 b7C
Date: NOVEMBER 28, 1962

Field Office File No.: 76-348 Bureau File No.: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, inmates at Alcatraz Prison, Calif., attempted escape from that prison on 12/16/37. Fate or whereabouts of Subjects unknown to date. Oklahoma City file reviewed. Description of Subjects as of 1937 set forth.

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Details:

THE VIOLATION

On December 16, 1937, at 1:00 p.m., six prisoners, including COLE, were returned from the mess hall of Alcatraz Prison to the blacksmith shop by Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE. At the same time, twenty-six prisoners, including Subject ROE, were returned from the mess hall by Junior Officer STEERE to the mat shop which adjoins the blacksmith shop. Officer STEERE has stated that he counted these prisoners when bringing them through the gate into the yard and again checked them when they actually entered their places of employment. This is the usual routine when bringing prisoners from the mess hall to the shops and affords a double check precluding the possibility of prisoners leaving the lines unobserved when marching to work. After

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checking these prisoners into their shops, STEERE returned and observed the prisoners working between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. and although he is of the opinion that ROE and COLE were there at the time, he stated he cannot be positive of that fact.

As the prison rules require that junior officers and guards in charge of work details check their prisoners every thirty minutes, STEERE again checked his prisoners at 1:30 p.m., at which time he discovered that ROE and COLE were missing. He immediately notified the Warden's Office and an immediate search was conducted. The search revealed that three panes of glass in the detention sash of a window in the blacksmith shop had been removed. This detention sash consists of a steel frame made of "T" iron, which is approximately 1½ inches across the top of the "T", the shank being of similar width and ¼ inch in thickness. The sash is so constructed that each individual pane of glass is 5¼ inches by 8¼ inches. By removing two sections of the steel frame and three panes of glass, an aperture of approximately 17½ inches by 8¼ inches was created. Closer examination of the sash revealed that it had been cut with some instrument, apparently a hack saw. Warden J. A. JOHNSTON and Officer STEERE advised that hack saws are used only in the blacksmith shop and are charged out to the men working therein. As Officer STEERE is required to continually inspect five rooms, it is logical to believe that Subject COLE used a hack saw which was charged out to the blacksmith shop, to saw the detention sash at such times as Officer STEERE was inspecting the other rooms, particularly those in the adjoining mat shop.

The window faces the northwest corner of the Island and is immediately above the waterline. There is however, a fourteen foot, heavy, iron-mesh fence on the edge of the cliff to prevent prisoners from running to the edge of the Island and diving into the bay. Between the window where the escape was made and the wire fence, there is a steel catwalk which leads to a lower level at the rear of the mat shop and was used for the purpose of throwing the remnants of the automobile tire casings into the Bay after the good portions had been removed for use in the construction in mats. At the termination of the catwalk is a small gate in the fence which could be opened. Examination of this gate showed that the Subjects had used a large Stillson wrench in twisting the padlock on the gate. This wrench was found at the gate with the broken

padlock. After opening the gate it was possible for the prisoners to jump to a ledge a few feet below and then to either jump into the Bay or to follow a natural ledge which leads to within a few feet of the waterline.

An examination of the shoreline where Subjects apparently entered the water failed to reveal that any articles of clothing had been discarded. They were wearing prison made suits at the time of their escape.

Within ten or fifteen minutes after the escape was discovered, guards were searching this portion of the Island and the prison launch was in the Bay immediately opposite this point. Coast Guard boats were also notified of the escape and the surrounding waters of the Island were thoroughly patrolled. However, on the day of the escape, there was a heavy fog and visibility ranged from 200 to 300 yards. There was also an exceptionally strong current running in the vicinity of the Island, caused by a very high tide, the current being accelerated by flood waters, from the rivers, as there had been heavy rains in the valley. Lighthouse keepers and Coats Guardsmen estimate that the current at the time of the escape had a speed of approximately six knots per hour. They also advised that it would have been almost impossible for a rowboat to have been propelled against the current and suggested that unless a motorboat was rather powerful, it could not have proceeded against the current. The temperature was below normal due to the melting snow on the mountains which also added to the flooded waters. The Bay had an unusual amount of driftwood at the time, but marine observers estimated that if Subjects had attached themselves to driftwood, they would have been carried to sea at least ten miles from the Island. As this was a flooded ebbtide, the returning tide would have returned them only approximately six miles.

Continuous investigation has failed to locate the Subjects or determine their fate.

It is to be noted that Subject RALPH ROE was convicted at Muskogee, Oklahoma, on January 18, 1935, for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma. ROE was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in United States Penitentiary and this was the sentence which he was serving at the time of his escape.

Subject THEODORE COLE was convicted in Federal Court at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on May 20, 1935, on charges of kidnaping and was sentenced to serve a term of 50 years in United States Penitentiary. This was the sentence he was serving at the time of his escape.

RELATIVES AND ASSOCIATES

A review of the Oklahoma City files showed the following relatives and associates of Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE:

CHARLES H. BRACE, cousin of Subject COLE, 2909 Tyler, Amarillo, Texas.

JOHN HICKEY, uncle of Subject ROE, Route 1, Carson City, Michigan.

FLOYD HILL, former associate of both Subjects at Alcatraz, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas.

ROY CONNER, brother of Subject ROE, resides in a trailer behind residence at 8023 Capitol Street, Houston, Texas.

MARIE COLE, former wife of Subject COLE, last known address, as of 1960, Room 19 of the Joplin Hotel, Joplin, Missouri.

VERNON EDGAR HIETT, relative of Subject COLE, address is General Delivery, Kingman, Kansas. HIETT employed for Boeing Aircraft Plant in Wichita, Kansas, in 1960.

Mrs. GOLDA I. DAWSON, half-sister of Subject COLE, 225 South Pepper, Woodlake, California.

REBEL BURTON CORNETT, brother-in-law of Subject COLE, 6881 Troost, North Hollywood, California.

Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, sister of Subject COLE, 7806 Ledge Avenue, Sun Valley, California.

Mrs. S. J. ZALE, cousin of Subject COLE, 3554 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles, California.

RAYMOND ROE, brother of Subject ROE, 3001 East 100th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, uncle and aunt of Subject COLE, 717 7th Street, Modesto, California.

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, aunt of Subject ROE, Highway 81, North of Duncan, Oklahoma.

LOUISE PRUITT, former bondswoman and former associate of Subject ROE, last known address Box 757, Route 1, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

The above listed relatives and associates have been contacted within the last two years but they have shed no light on the fate of the Subjects.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

The following is a description of the Subject as of 1937:

Name	RALPH ROE SUMMARY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Aliases	Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack Mc Carty, Jack Mc Carthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds.
Date of Birth	February 5, 1906
Place of Birth	Missouri
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Tall and Slender
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Chestnut

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Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	Star on left index finger and back of left hand.
Scars and Marks	Large rag cut scar, 2", on left forearm; gun shot wounds on left arm and on right shoulder blade. Small appendix scar.
Characteristics	Has slight "pop-eye" condition in both eyes and has defective vision right eye. Has medical history of treatment for ulcers. Has slight deformaty in lower one third of right leg (tibia). Has a dental bridge for teeth numbers 32, 31, 30, 15, 18, and 19.
FBI Number	~~15727~~ 15757
Identification Order Number	1472
Fingerprint Classification	26 1 R III 4 1 U III 5

SUMMARY

Name	THEODORE COLE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Aliases	Ted Cole, Theadore Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson
Date of Birth	April 6, 1912
Place of Birth	Kansas CALIF
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 pounds OKLA
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	2' scar corner right lip. Small scar middle right cheek. Large 8" scar above knee, left leg. 12" scar left thigh.

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FBI number	229226
Identification	1471
Order number	
Characteristics	Teeth numbers 18 and 31 missing.
Fingerprint	21 17 IM 17
Classification	27 0 16

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As the Bureau will note, a program of recontacting Subjects' relatives and associates is being initiated and the Bureau will be advised of developments.

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OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	1/31/63	12/7/62 - 1/16/63

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RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
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I.O. #1471

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: ako b6 b7C

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REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/62 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C
Kansas City airtel to Oklahoma City dated 12/11/62 (IO).
San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City, 12/13/62 (IO).
Detroit letter to Oklahoma City, 12/18/62 (IO).
Dallas airtel to Oklahoma City, 12/19/62 (IO).
Oklahoma City letter to Kansas City, 12/26/62 (IO).
Houston letter to Kansas City dated 12/28/62 (IO).
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Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City dated 1/2/63 (IO).
Kansas City airtel to Oklahoma City dated 1/4/63 (IO).
Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 1/16/63 (IO).

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 1/16/63, SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD, Oklahoma City, contacted PCI [redacted] and he advised [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] has talked to many "hoods" who knew ROE, but none of them have heard from the Subject, and are of the opinion ROE drowned in his escape attempt.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At North Hollywood, Sun Valley and Los Angeles, California

Will report results of investigation to locate and interview REBEL BUPTON CORNETT, 6881 Troost, North Hollywood; Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, 7806 Ledge Avenue, Sun Valley, and Mrs. S. J. ZALE, 3554 City Terrace Drive, Los Angeles.

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington - Will report results of investigation to locate and interview RAYMOND ROE, 3001 E. 100th Street, Seattle.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Will follow and report results of investigation still pending in auxiliary offices.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Oklahoma City
Date: January 31, 1963

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Field Office File No.: OC 76-348 Bureau File No.: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis:

Contact to date with relatives and acquaintances of Subjects ROE and COLE negative as to fate and whereabouts of Subjects.

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DETAILS:

On December 13, 1962, the San Francisco Division furnished the following information:

The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD H. MOE:

At Modesto, California

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, Trailer #1, Avalon Trailer Park, 717 South 7th Street, were interviewed on December 7, 1962, and furnished the following information:

They have received no information relative to Subjects since last interviewed by the FBI. Ten or fifteen years ago, prior to his incarceration in prison, R. B. CORNET, who they believe is still in San Quentin prison for murder, told them that he had seen COLE somewhere dressed in women's clothing. At that time the COLLINS believed that this was possibly true; however, they no longer believe this. They advised that Subject COLE, who was well known to them as a child, even though a hardened criminal, was a

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"mama's boy" and returned to her whenever possible. Subject COLES' mother died in 1953, and was buried in Exeter, California. Mrs. COLLINS attended the funeral, but the Subject did not show up; nor has anyone heard from the Subject. The COLLINSes are confident that had Subject COLE been alive, he would have maintained contact with his mother, and after the lapse of years would have felt reasonably safe in attending her funeral. Both Mr. and Mrs. COLLINS are of the opinion that Subjects died in their escape attempt.

On December 18, 1962, the Detroit Office advised that the following investigation was conducted on December 10, 1962, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at Carson City, Michigan: b6 b7C

Mr. JOHN HICKEY, Route #1, Carson City, was reinterviewed and advised that he has heard no information whatsoever concerning Subject ROE since last contacted. He reiterated that he felt sure that Subject ROE had drowned in his attempt to escape from Alcatraz. He stated that over the years none of the family have ever heard from Subject ROE, and therefore, concluded that he was dead.

Mr. HICKEY repeated his previous promise that he would immediately notify the Grand Rapids Resident Agency of the FBI should any information come to his attention in regard to the whereabouts of Subject ROE.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD:

At Gene Autry, Oklahoma

Mrs. LOUISE (BIRDIE) PRUITT, Rural Route, advised on December 18, 1962, that she was well acquainted with Subject ROE prior to his being sent to the penitentiary. She stated he grew up around Duncan, Oklahoma. She pointed out that she has heard nothing concerning the Subject since he tried to escape from Alcatraz. She stated she was convinced that he had drowned in the attempt, since no one has heard anything of him since that time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

At Duncan, Oklahoma

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On December 27, 1962, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, 1205 North 10th Street, Duncan, advised she has not heard from her nephew, RALPH POE, since before he went to prison. She further advised she believes he is dead, but in the event he is still alive, doubts he will contact her as they never were real close.

On December 19, 1962, the Dallas Office furnished the following information:

At Amarillo, Texas

On December 17, 1962, CHARLES H. BRACE, 2909 Tyler, advised SA [redacted] that he knows nothing of the whereabouts of his cousin, Subject COLE. BRACE advised he last saw Subject COLE sometime prior to 1928, which was the date he moved to Amarillo, Texas. He stated he feels if COLE is still living, he would have to contact some other of his relatives in order to ascertain his (BRACE's) present address. BRACE advised he felt Subject COLE would be most likely to contact his sister, PAULINE, who he understands resides in California, since COLE and his sister were quite close. BRACE stated he would immediately contact the FBI if he learns of any information concerning Subject COLE, or of any contact by COLE with any members of the family. Previous attempts to contact BRACE were made on December 7 and 15, 1962. b6 b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Kellyville, Oklahoma

On December 18, 1962, JAMES J. HIETT, VERNON HIETT's father, Route #1, advised he has neither seen nor heard from THEODORE COLE since he paid him a visit prior to COLE's arrest in 1957, which resulted in COLE being sentenced to Alcatraz. According to HIETT, COLE's uncle, ERNIE BRACE, address unknown in the state of Colorado, once remarked after COLE's escape that he thought COLE went "underground". HIETT related he does not know what was meant by "underground". He said VERNON HIETT should be able to provide ERNIE BRACE's address as he had recently received a letter from him. According to HIETT, VERNON HIETT, to his knowledge has not seen COLE since he was imprisoned at Alcatraz.

He said VERNON HIETT is currently employed at Heyburn Lake, east of Kellyville.

On December 18, 1962, Mrs. VERNON HIETT, Route #1, Kellyville, advised her husband is presently unemployed. She said they have neither seen nor heard from TED COLE, a relative of her husband, VERNON. However, approximately three years ago they were contacted at the Boeing Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas, where her husband was employed, regarding TED COLE's whereabouts. Mrs. HIETT stated they have not received a letter from ERNIE BRACE and were not aware of his address. She further stated her husband was last contacted by a friend of her husband, BOB WINTERS, who stated TED COLE was related to his wife, ZELA. Mrs. HIETT advised BOB WINTERS is employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company in Kansas and his residence is unknown to her.

VERNON EDGAR HIETT, Route #1, Kellyville, advised he has never met TED COLE, who is his second cousin. He stated about two years ago he was contacted by the FBI regarding COLE and at that time was working at Boeing Aircraft, Wichita, Kansas. According to HIETT, he has never heard anything from any of his relatives indicating COLE is still alive. He advised the only time he said anything was in 1958 to COY PEARCE, a friend, while they were living in California and that all he said was what he had read in the paper.

According to HIETT, a few days ago he received a letter from ALTA COLLINS, Modesto, California, advising that ERNIE BRACE, TED COLE's uncle, was dying and that ERNIE BRACE was living somewhere in the State of Washington.

On December 28,=1962, the Houston Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On December 11, 1962, MARCALINE DUKES, 8007 Capitol Street, Houston, advised that ROY CONNORS had moved his trailer from behind the residence at 8023 Capitol Street about a year ago and she stated she did not know where he had gone, but that J. A. DICKERSON, 7711 Satsuma Street, Houston, might know.

On December 17, 1962, Mrs. J. A. DICKERSON, 7711 Satsuma Street, advised that CONNORS was living at 8219 Mendez Street.

On December 17, 1962, ROY CONNORS, 8219 Mendez Street, Houston, advised that he had received no information relative to his brother, RALPH ROE, since he was last contacted by the FBI. He stated that since neither he nor any of the other members of the family have heard anything from or about the Subject since his

escape from Alcatraz, he feels certain that he must have drowned in the attempt. He stated he would advise the FBI if he receives any information relative to Subject ROE.

On December 26, 1962, the Houston Office advised that on December 21, 1962, FLOYD HILL, Texas Department of Corrections #126742, was reinterviewed by SA ROBERT U. HATT in the Warden's Office, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas. HILL stated that he had no additional information to report since his previous interview and has learned of nothing regarding the fate of either Subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES L. SAWYER, JR., at Joplin, Missouri, on December 12, 1962:

WALTER FLETCHER, Chief of Police, Joplin, Missouri, advised Subject COLE's former wife, MARIE COLE, was residing at 414 Kentucky Avenue.

NORMA MARIE COLE was located and interviewed at 414 Kentucky Avenue, upstairs apartment, and advised she had absolutely no information concerning Subject COLE other than that previously furnished. She stated the marriage between her and COLE lasted only a brief period, not exceeding three or four weeks. During this marriage, she met very few of his relatives and has since forgotten their names. Shortly after this marriage, she obtained a divorce from Subject COLE, although she has continued to use his name. Never has she heard anything regarding the success or failure of the Subject's attempted escape and although she has never heard any positive proof, it was her opinion both Subjects failed in their attempt to escape and were either washed out to sea or eaten by sharks. She stated over the past years, she has attempted not to let it be known she was once married to Subject COLE.

On January 16, 1963, the Los Angeles Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN:

At Woodlake, California

Investigation developed that Mrs. GOLDA I. DAWSON (VIOLET DAWSON) moved from 225 Pepper Street, Woodlake, in September, 1962, to 1530 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. NORTON:

At Pasadena, California

Efforts to locate Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON on December 11, 1962, at 1539 Howard Street, met with negative results. At this time it was ascertained that this address is the Pasadena Nazarene College and that Mrs. DAWSON is presently employed as a dormitory supervisor by the college.

Mrs. ANN LEEBER, Apartment 11, South Goodwin Dormitory, advised that Mrs. DAWSON is out of the city for a few days; however, she will return to the college the latter part of December. To the knowledge of Mrs. LEEBER, Mrs. DAWSON has not had any visitors since arriving at the college.

On December 26, 1962, Mrs. GOLDA (VIOLET) DAWSON advised that she has no information concerning her half-brother THEODORE COLE, and in fact, she has the opinion that she no longer has a brother. She said she had received absolutely no information concerning him, nor to her knowledge had any of the rest of her family. Mrs. DAWSON continued that her husband had died about a year ago and that she had come to the college in September, 1962, to act as a house mother. She indicated that this will be her permanent residence to the best of her knowledge.

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OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	2-27-63	12/11/62 - 2/6/63

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1471

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: cj b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 1-31-63 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C
Seattle letter to Oklahoma City dated 1-31-63 (IO).
Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 2-12-63 (IO).

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The lengthy investigative period is set forth to include investigation conducted by auxiliary offices. Information received from these offices was too late to include in the last report.

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case reflects that all logical investigation has been conducted and all logical relatives and former associates of the Subjects have been re-contacted within the past year. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for six months.

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Date: 2-27-63

Field Office File No.: OC 76-348 **Bureau File No.:** 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Contact with former relatives of Subjects ROE and COLE negative as to fate and whereabouts of Subjects.

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DETAILS:

The Seattle Division advised on January 31, 1963 as follows:

The following investigation was conducted at Seattle, Washington, by SA [redacted] between the period December 11, 1962 and January 18, 1963:

RAYMOND A. (initial only) ROE, retired, 3001 Northeast 100th, Seattle, advised on January 7, 1963 that he was unable to augment in any way the information he has previously furnished the FBI concerning his brother, RALPH. He exphasized that he has heard nothing from or about his brother since last contacted by the FBI in approximately 1960, and he repeated his conviction that RALPH ROE must have drowned in his attempted escape since he believes Subject would have made some contact with him if he were still alive.

In connection with the above interview, the files of the Seattle, Washington Credit Bureau, Police Department, and King County Sheriff's Office were reviewed regarding RAYMOND A. ROE by IC RICHARD K. LUDDEN on December 17, 1962. No record identifiable with ROE was

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was located in the files of the Seattle Police Department or King County Sheriff's Office. Seattle Credit Bureau files contained the following credit report, from the Credit Bureau of Clark County, Vancouver, Washington, which was dated July, 1950: "Mr. ROE has been the owner and manager of Sunset Oil Well Cementing Company, Hays, Kansas, for about five years. Income, $500.00 monthly. He is approximately 43 years of age, and has lived here in Hays, a big share of his life, having been employed for the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company for ten years before he started his own business, approximately five years ago. Left Hays in April, 1948, to make home in Vancouver, Washington. He is of very good reputation and character. Mrs. ROE inherited quite a nice fortune from her parents, and set him up in business. Always took care of obligations as agreed. Nothing detrimental here. Mr. ROE is reported to have sold an in terest for one-half million, still holds interest which pays him an income. Subject reported to be worth $75,000.00. Foregoing from Hays, Kansas, July, 1948." ROE was rated as a very conservative user of credit with prompt and satisfactory pay habits by the Seattle Credit Bureau.

During the course of above interview ROE stated that he has been retired since approximately 1948, at which time he sold all but 20 per cent of his interest in the Sun Okl Well Cementing Company, Hays, Kansas, to his former partner CARL F. HICKEY, who he believes to be now connected with the Globe Oil Well Cementing Company at Hays. He claimed to have started the Sun Company with HICKEY in the early 1940s on a "shoestring". He denied receiving an inheritance of any type from either his or his wife's parents, stating both pair of parents were extremely poor. He claimed that the Sun Company had never been a financial success. He stated that he had received a $3,000.00 dividend last year from the Sun Company, which was the first divident received by him in the past six years. Previously he claimed to have received a $2,000.00 dividend from the company. He stated that he has never been worth $75,000.00 and that it has always been necessary for him and his wife to live most frugal on the money he saved while working in the oil fields.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH B. BACKUS.

AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

On January 4, 1963, Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ was located at her place of employment the Cage Casting Company, 7922 Woodley Avenue. She advised that she is now residing at Apartment 6, 7333 Woodman Avenue, Van Nuys, California, and remarried to MARTIN LOPEZ. She stated she has no information regarding THEODORE COLE. She has not discussed his situation with anyone for several years. She still feels that he must be dead.

She advised that should she ever receive any information about COLE she would notify the FBI.

On January 4, 1963, ROBEL BURTON CORNETT was interviewed at his residence, 10412 A Leoledge, Tujunga, California. He is residing with his son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. PETER and MABEL OCHOA. He is 67 years old and unemployed.

He stated that he has no additional information concerning THEODOLE COLE or RALPH ROE since he was last talked to by FBI Agents over two years ago. He has received no information since that time. He repeated that he feels COLE's and ROE's attempted escape from Alcatraz could not have been successful and they must be dead.

He stated he will be off parole in February of 1963. He plans to take a trip in the summer of 1963 to visit his relatives in Oklahoma. If he goes he will attempt to find out anything he can about COLE and ROE. He said he would advise the FBI if successful in this regard.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

After several unsuccessful attempts to locate Mrs. S. J. ZALE at 3554 City Terrace Drive, Mrs. VELIA MERCADO advised on February 5, 1963, that Mrs. VALE did not live at this address, nor had she resided there for several years.

On February 6, 1963, Mrs. SAM J. ZAIL was located at 3915 Perry Street, Los Angeles. She advised that she has no current or additional information regarding her cousin, TED COLE. She is of the opinion that he is deceased as she has heard nothing from or about him in many years. She advised that she is aware of the FBI interest in COLE and in the event anything whatsoever came to her attention she would immediately contact the Los Angeles Office. She furnished her home telephone number as 261-8015, and advised that the correct spelling of her name is ZAIL.

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I.O. #1471
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(OO: Oklahoma City)

Re O-1 form received at Oklahoma City 6/24/63, and report of SA WILLIAM MICHELSEN dated 2/27/63 at Oklahoma City.

The file in this case is presently in a pending inactive status in this office. It does not appear that additional contacts with associates and relatives at this time would be productive. Therefore, UACB, this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional six-month period.

O-1 form is enclosed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Oklahoma City (Your file 76-348 DATE: June 21-63

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 76-2686

Room No. 1517

SUBJECT: Ralph Kre. aka - fug. ~~ID #1472; Thomas Bates, aka. fug. ID #1471~~ EFF

☐ Post in file and destroy 0-1 *(For SOG use only)*

☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

Case has been P* - letter being submitted (UACB basis) to keep P* for additional 6 months. [illegible] agent.

☑ 2. Date ☐ airtel ☐ letter ☑ submitted ☑ report ☐ letterhead memo ☐ will be submitted

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution

☐ 5. Submit ☐ airtel ☐ letter ☐ report ☐ letterhead memo

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(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file)

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SAC, Oklahoma City

December 13, 1963

Director, FBI (62-122)

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
GENERAL FUGITIVE MATTERS
OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

The Oklahoma City Division is Office of Origin in 49 fugitive cases, 8 of which have been under investigation in excess of 2 years. Of these 8 cases 4 are now Identification Order (IO) fugitives. Every effort is to be made to solve the IO fugitive cases and to decrease the percentage of 2-year-old fugitive cases by affording each special investigative and supervisory attention. Each case file should be reviewed, looking for new avenues of investigation.

For the first quarter of fiscal year 1964, 84 fugitive apprehensions were credited to your division as compared with 76 apprehensions noted for the same period in the prior fiscal year. The number of unlawful flight complaints filed for the period under analysis is 44 compared with 32 complaints credited to your division for the same period of fiscal year 1963. Probation violator cases opened increased by 3 during the mentioned comparable periods.

This review does not include deserter and selective service matters.

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The following are comments concerning several of your fugitive cases:

1 - Oklahoma City (76-348)
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1 - Oklahoma City (26-24995)
1 - Oklahoma City (115-51)
1 - Oklahoma City (88-3196)
1 - Oklahoma City (26-22831)
1 - Oklahoma City (87-6921)
1 - Oklahoma City (88-2841)
1 - Oklahoma City (26-27749)
1 - Oklahoma City (103-243)
1 - Oklahoma City (88-4004)
1 - Oklahoma City (88-3325)

1 - Bureau (76-2686) Cole
1 - Bureau (76-2686) Roe
1 - Bureau (26-289366) Cooper
1 - Bureau (115-478) Dillon
1 - Bureau (26-282709) Keltner
1 - Bureau (26-202547) Norling
1 - Bureau (87-61626) Oakie
1 - Bureau (88-18920) Rogers
1 - Bureau (26-316009) Berry
1 - Bureau (103-814) Bowers
1 - Bureau (88-26604) Noland
1 - Bureau (88-23061) Schultz

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Letter to Oklahoma City
RE: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

With regard to the case entitled, "Theodore Cole, aka - Fugitive; IO 1471; Ralph Roe, aka - Fugitive; IO 1472, EFP," (Oklahoma City file 76-348) (Bufile 76-2686) thoroughly review file for additional investigative leads. Thereafter advise the Bureau of action contemplated.

In the case entitled, "Marion James Cooper, aka - Fugitive, ITSMV; Conspiracy (Auto Theft Ring) WSTA," (Oklahoma City file 26-24995) (Bufile 26-289366) continue to press the fugitive investigation in accordance with leads set forth in SA [redacted] report dated 10-18-63. Promptly submit a report should one not have been prepared subsequent to 10-18-63. In the event leads now outstanding do not cause Cooper's apprehension, consider requesting Bureau authority for Baltimore to contact Source 4 for additional information the source may possess regarding Cooper's whereabouts during 1963. b6 b7C

With reference to the case entitled, "John Gibson Dillon, aka - Fugitive; IO 3499A; WF 289A, Bail Jumper," (Oklahoma City file 115-51) (Bufile 115-478) continue to press an aggressive investigation to effect Dillon's apprehension by Bureau Agents at the earliest possible date.

In the case entitled, "Willard Albert Keltner, aka - Fugitive, UFAP - Obtaining Money by Means of False and Bogus Checks," (Oklahoma City file 88-3196) (Bufile 26-282709) thoroughly review the case file, looking for new leads which may prompt the fugitive's apprehension. Submit a summary report. Develop additional reliable coverage of the fugitive's relatives and associates who may be in contact with Keltner. Investigate toll telephone calls placed to or made by these individuals for data which may be of assistance in determining the fugitive's whereabouts.

Making reference to the case entitled, "Carl Alfred Norling, aka - Fugitive, ITSP; ITSMV; PBV," (Oklahoma City file 26-22831) (Bufile 26-202547) continue to exploit all possible leads resulting from the circular letter disseminated nationally to dance studios. Should this investigative phase not prompt the fugitive's apprehension, consider submitting to the Bureau for review and approval a circular

letter for possible circularization to state motor vehicle operator's license bureaus throughout the United States. Also consider requesting Bureau authority for Baltimore to contact Source 4. Consider again reviewing Norling's Veterans Administration file C-3451554 for information which may assist in locating Norling.

In the case entitled, "Earle Lee Oakie, aka - Fugitive, ITSP," (Oklahoma City file 87-6921) (Bufile 87-61626) should the article in bowling magazines not cause Oakie's apprehension, consider determining whether a similar article could be printed in a bakery management type publication in view of Oakie's past successful employments as a bakery route driver.

With regard to the case entitled, "Robert Richard Rogers, aka - Fugitive, IO 3736, UFAP - Burglary," (Oklahoma City file 88-2841) (Bufile 88-18920) as an IO has recently been issued, promptly prepare and submit a summary report.

The importance of promptly identifying a fugitive with a known fingerprint record, where one exists, cannot be overemphasized. In accordance with instructions set forth in form letter I-374, which form accompanies an identification record, investigation should be conducted at an early date to determine whether a fugitive is identical with the enclosed identification record. The results thereafter must be promptly furnished by letter, Attention: Special Investigative Division. Unless recently done, the identity of the fugitive mentioned in each of the following cases is to be promptly identified with a fingerprint record:

Eugene Berry - Fugitive
ITSMV
Oklahoma City file 26-27749
Bufile 26-316009

Jim Richard Bowers
aka - Fugitive
ITSC
Oklahoma City file 103-243
Bufile 103-814

Dewey Lee Noland
aka - Fugitive
UFAC - Forgery
Oklahoma City file 88-4004
Bufile 88-26604

Letter to Oklahoma City
RE: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Robert L. Schultz
aka - Fugitive;
Mrs. Robert L. Schultz
aka - Fugitive
UFAP - Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses
Oklahoma City file 88-3325
Bufile 88-23061

It is noted you and Agents of your division have been commended for accomplishments during the past recent months. Continue to recommend individuals for commendation when warranted.

Your office has been scored errors of a nonsubstantive nature. As examples, the following are cited:

Oklahoma City file number	Error
88-3632	Character incorrect
26-27050	Not including names of all fugitives in caption of communication

Errors such as these could be eliminated by closer attention to detail.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 12/26/63

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) P*

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

OO: Oklahoma City

Re Bulet dated 12/13/63, entitled "ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW, GENERAL FUGITIVE MATTERS, OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION," and OClet to Bureau, 6/24/63.

The Bureau's attention is called to Oklahoma City letter dated 6/24/63, recommending this case be continued in a pending inactive status for an additional six months. Since referenced Bureau letter was received a thorough review of the file has been conducted by SA [redacted] and it was concluded that no useful purpose would be served in recontacting relatives and associates at this time. b6 b7C

UACB, this case will be continued in a pending inactive status. noted

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (76-2686) DATE: June 8, 1964

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) -P*-

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP
(OO: Oklahoma City)

Re O-1 received at Oklahoma City 6/3/64.

The file in this case is presently in a Pending Inactive status in this office. A thorough review of the file has recently been conducted by SA [redacted] and it was concluded no useful purpose could be served at this time in recontacting relatives and associates of the Subjects. b6 b7C

UACB, this matter will continue in a Pending Inactive status for an additional six-month period.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: 12/14/64'

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) -P*-

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1471
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Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated 6/8/64, and Bulet 11/6/64.

The file concerning the Subjects has recently been reviewed exhaustively by SA [redacted] and it is concluded that at this time no useful purpose would be served in recontacting relatives and associates of the Subjects. There are no other leads which would be productive at this time.

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UACB this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional six months period.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

DATE: 6/17/65

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) P

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1471
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OO:Oklahoma City

Remylet to Bureau dated 12/14/64.

The Oklahoma City Division has recently completed a review of their files concerning the Subjects and at present leads are being prepared for other divisions to recontact relatives of the Subjects.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of these contacts when these leads are completed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	8-12-65	7/21-28/65

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka. - FUGITIVE
IO # 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka. - FUGITIVE
IO # 1471

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: TK b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 6-17-65;
Oklahoma City letter to Los Angeles 7-14-65;
San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City 7-30-65;
Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City 8-2-65;
Dallas letter to Oklahoma City 8-5-65;
Houston letter to Oklahoma City 8-6-65;
Seattle letter to Oklahoma City 8-5-65.

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LEADS: No specific leads are being set out for the individual offices since they have already been set out in referenced Oklahoma City letter to Los Angeles 7-14-65.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

Will follow and report contacts with known relatives and friends of Subjects ROE and COLE.

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1 - Los Angeles (76-362)(Info.)
1 - San Francisco (76-290)(Inof.)
1 - Seattle (76-50)(Info.
2 - Oklahoma City (76-348)

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copies are designated for the auxiliary offices mentioned in referenced Oklahoma City letter to Los Angeles, due to investigation conducted in the past, or investigation presently being conducted by those offices.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 8-12-65

Office: Oklahoma City

Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Contact with relatives and acquaintances of Subjects ROE and COLE negative as to fate and whereabouts of Subjects.

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DETAILS:

At Modesto, California:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Mr. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, Trailer #1, Avalon Trailer Park, 717 South 7th Street, furnished the following information on July 28, 1965:

He has received no information relative to Subjects since date of last interview, and as previously indicated is confident that Subject COLE is deceased or he would have attended his mother's funeral in 1953. He could furnish no additional information.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

At Joplin, Missouri

On July 21, 1965, NORMAN MARIE COLE, who now resides at Apartment #3, 308 Meridian Place, Joplin, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] she has not seen, heard from or received any information concerning either of the Subjects since last contacted. b6 b7C

She said there is no doubt in her mind that the Subjects are dead.

She said her son, BILLY VAIL, age 35, who was the son of Subject COLE, and who was adopted by her sister, Mrs. H. E. VAIL, 4209 N. Glenhurst, Orange, Texas, died on March 7, 1965, at Houston, Texas, and was buried at Orange, Texas.

She said Subject COLE never did see his son.

At Amarillo, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On July 23, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES H. BRACE, 2909 Tyler, advised they have no knowledge of the whereabouts of Subject THEODORE COLE. BRACE further advised he has not had any kind of contact with Subject since prior to 1928, when he moved to Amarillo. He stated, in his opinion, the Subject is not alive. BRACE stated he feels that, in the event the Subject were alive, he would have surely contacted some relative in the past years. He stated, to his knowledge, no relative has ever been contacted by COLE. BRACE stated he would immediately advise the FBI in the event he should learn of any information concerning COLE.

At Houston, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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On July 26, 1965, ROY CONNORS, 8219 Mendez, brother of Subject ROE, advised that he has received no information regarding Subject since last contacted by the FBI, and that he is more certain that his brother drowned during his attempted escape.

At Seattle, Washington

RAYMOND A. ROE, 3001 Northeast 199th Street, Seattle, Washington, advised SA [redacted] on July 27, 1965, that he was unable to furnish any information relative to his brother, RALPH ROE, in addition to that furnished while previously contacted by Agents of the FBI. He stated he was certain his brother, the Subject, was drowned in his attempt to escape from Alcatraz. He also stated he is certain Subject would have contacted him if he were still alive. ROE advised that he would immediately contact the FBI should any information concerning the Subject's fate or location come to his attention.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Duncan, Oklahoma

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At Ardmore, Oklahoma

On July 28, 1965, BIRDIE PRUITT, Rural Route, Ardmore, advised she could furnish no information regarding Subject ROE.

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At Seattle, Washington

RAYMOND A. ROE, 3001 Northeast 199th Street, Seattle, Washington, advised SA DONALD A. GUNNARSON on July 27, 1965, that he was unable to furnish any information relative to his brother, RALPH ROE, in addition to that furnished while previously contacted by Agents of the FBI. He stated he was certain his brother, the Subject, was drowned in his attempt to escape from Alcatraz. He also stated he is certain Subject would have contacted him if he were still alive. ROE advised that he would immediately contact the FBI should any information concerning the Subject's fate or location come to his attention.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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At Duncan, Oklahoma

On July 27, 1965, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, 1205 North Highway 81, advised that she has received no information concerning the Subjects of this case since last contacted. Mrs. BONNER added she is now 81 years of age, in ill health, and would appreciate it if she were not contacted again in the future concerning Subjects.

Mrs. LUCY LEGG, cousin of Subject RALPH ROE, advised on July 27, 1965, that she could provide no information concerning Subject.

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At Ardmore, Oklahoma

On July 28, 1965, BIRDIE PRUITT, Rural Route, Ardmore, advised she could furnish no information regarding Subject ROE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	9/28/65	7/30 - 9/17/65

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY ca b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

EFP

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] 8/12/65 at Oklahoma City. b6 b7C
Detroit letter to Oklahoma City 8/11/65.
Seattle letter to Oklahoma City 8/12/65.
San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City 8/31/65.
Los Angeles airtel to Oklahoma City 8/31/65.
Houston letter to Oklahoma City 9/1/65.
Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City 9/10/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status since all known relatives and associates of the Subjects have been recontacted within the past year. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for six months UACB.

Contact with logical CI's and PCI's in auxiliary offices has been reported with negative results by those offices.

APPROVED Tgs. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - Oklahoma City (76-348)

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These results have not been set forth in this report because they are negative.

UACB, leads to locate FLOYD HILL, former associate of Subjects, are not being set forth at this time since he has spent most of the past years in prison and on all contacts has stated he knows nothing concerning the fates of the Subjects.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Date: 9/28/65

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

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Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Further contacts with relatives of Subjects negative regarding whereabouts. JOHN HICKEY, uncle of Subject ROE, Carson City, Mich., died 8/6/64.

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Details: AT KELLYVILLE, OKLAHOMA

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID W. BRANTLEY:

On July 30, 1965, Mrs. VERNON HIETT, Box 427, advised that THEODORE COLE is unknown to her. She further stated that RALPH ROE is unknown, but in the event any information comes to her attention regarding the Subjects, she will notify the FBI. Mrs. HIETT stated that her husband was out of town and would not return for about two weeks.

On September 17, 1965, VERNON HIETT, Box 427, advised that Subject ROE is unknown to him and Subject THEODORE COLE is either a second or third cousin, recalls seeing COLE once while he, HIETT, was a small boy, but is positive he would not recognize him if he saw him again. HIETT stated that he has neither seen nor heard of the Subjects since last contacted by the FBI, but in the event he did learn any information concerning them, he would advise the FBI.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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AT CARSON CITY, MICHIGAN

On August 5, 1965, SA [redacted] checked the residence at Route 1, Carson City, Michigan, and found no one at the residence. Neighborhood inquiry indicated that JOHN HICKEY died about one year ago. b6 b7C

AT STANTON, MICHIGAN

Inquiry at the office of the County Clerk, Montcalm County, Stanton, Michigan, determined that JOHN G. HICKEY, age 84, died at the Carson City Hospital, Carson City, on August 6, 1964.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On August 5, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. SAM J. VAIL, 3915 Perry Street, advised SA [redacted] that they had no current information concerning their cousin, TED COLE. Mrs. VAIL stated she is still aware of the Bureau's interest in locating COLE, however, she does feel he is dead. Commenting further, she stated that she is certain if he were still alive that some other relative would have heard from him or seen him. She stated she would immediately contact the FBI in Los Angeles should she obtain any information whatsoever concerning COLE's whereabouts. b6 b7C

AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 3, 1965, Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON was contacted. She advised she is employed at the Pasadena Nazarene College, 1539 East Howard.

Mrs. DAWSON advised that she has heard nothing of her half-brother, THEODORE COLE, either personally or through any other relative since last contacted by the FBI regarding him. The last time she was contacted was in December, 1962.

AT SUNLAND, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

After several attempts to locate REBEL BURTON CORNETT, he was contacted on August 19, 1965, at his correct address, rear of 10412 Leo Lang Street, Sunland, California. He advised that he has no word of THEODORE COLE since last contacted by the FBI.

He feels that both COLE and RALPH ROE are dead, but has no evidence of this. He feels that none of the Subjects' relatives or friends have heard of them. He advised that if he ever learns anything, he will notify the FBI.

AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

On August 19, 1965, Mr. MARTIN and Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ were contacted at their residence, 10130 Bromont Street, Sun Valley, California. They both stated that they have heard nothing of THEODORE COLE since they last talked to the FBI. Mrs. LOPEZ feels that her brother is dead. He would be 53 years old now, and she thinks that if he were alive, someone would have heard of him.

AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On August 9, 1965, Mr. J. C. ROBERTS, Chief of Records and Identification, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC), advised that FLOYD HILL, TDC# 128742, was released from TDC custody to custody of the U. S. Marshal, Houston, Texas, on September 10, 1963, and that no information has been received regarding him since that date.

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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOE P. PATTY:

On August 30, 1965, Deputy U. S. Marshal CASEY SLOCOMB, advised that FLOYD ALLEN HILL, U. S. Marshal #03293, was received from TDC, Huntsville, Texas, on September 10, 1963, as a parole violator. On October 11, 1963, he was transferred to the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflect that FLOYD HILL, #80982-L, FBI #368 007, white male, born May 29, 1908, was received last at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, October 12, 1963, as a Mandatory Release violator. He was released on expiration of sentence on August 7, 1964, his destination shown to be Dallas, Texas.

The last correspondence in U. S. Penitentiary file is a letter from SAM MITCHELL, 118 1/2 E. Exchange Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, dated July 31, 1964, explaining that he would see that HILL was given a place to eat and sleep until he could be rehabilitated. The address where he was to reside in Dallas, Texas, following his release from U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, was not shown, however, the following appears in his list of correspondence.

Sister	Mrs. AL VOTH, 10596 Cypress Avenue , Arlington, California
Mother-in-law	Mrs. LOUIS SINGLETARY, 1100 1/2 S. Main, Ft. Worth, Texas
Son	[redacted]
Friend	Miss DORIS QUEEN, 307 E. Brown Street, Cleburne, Texas

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (76-2686) DATE: March 17, 1966

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (P*)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 9/28/65. b6 b7C

The file in this case is presently in a pending inactive status. A thorough review of the file has recently been conducted by SA [redacted] and it was concluded no useful purpose could be served at this time in recontacting relatives and associates of the Subjects. b6 b7C

UACB this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional 6 months period.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
GENERAL FUGITIVE MATTERS
OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

The Oklahoma City Division is office of origin in 48 cases, four of which have been under investigation in excess of two years.

The statistical accomplishments of your office relating to fugitive apprehensions are favorable. For the first eight months of fiscal year 1966 your office has been credited with 128 general fugitive apprehensions as compared with 123 arrests for a similar period in fiscal year 1965. These apprehension statistics do not include selective service and deserter fugitives.

For the first eight month period of fiscal year 1966 your office has been credited with filing 73 unlawful flight complaints as compared with 70 unlawful flight complaints filed during a similar period in fiscal year 1965.

Probation violator cases increased by four during the mentioned comparable periods.

Endeavor to continue these favorable trends.

The importance of promptly identifying a fugitive with a known fingerprint record, where one exists, cannot be overemphasized. In accordance with instructions set forth in form letter I-374, which form accompanies an identification record, investigation should be conducted at an early date to determine

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whether a fugitive is identical with the enclosed identification record. The results, thereafter, must be promptly furnished by letter, Attention: Special Investigative Division. Unless recently done, the identity of the fugitive should be resolved in each of the following cases:

Allen J. Baker, aka - Fugitive, UFAP - Forgery (Oklahoma City 88-5763, Bureau 88-36747) and Betty Stidham - Fugitive, UFAP - Obtaining Money Under False Pretense (Oklahoma City file number not known, Bureau 88-36578).

The following are comments concerning several of your present fugitive cases.

With regard to the case entitled, "Robert Lee Beatty, aka - Fugitive, UFAC - Larceny of Domestic Animals," (Oklahoma City 88-4739, Bureau 88-30633) the file indicates the fugitive's wife has not been interviewed and possibly may be with the fugitive. It appears logical to conduct a thorough discreet investigation to determine her whereabouts in order to apprehend the fugitive. Identify those most inclined to be in contact with either the fugitive or his wife. Toll telephone calls made to and by these individuals are to be prudently investigated. Develop one or several within the fugitive's or his wife's family as confidential sources in order to ascertain the fugitive's location. Prepare and submit an investigation summary report.

In the case entitled "Marion James Cooper, aka - Fugitive, Identification Order number 3842, ITSMV," (Oklahoma City 26-24995, Bureau 26-289366) Cooper obtains menial employment for short-time periods in various parts of the United States. Consider analyzing investigation conducted to date to determine whether Cooper often obtains employment from an agency-type establishment such as mission houses or day-labor employment agencies. Thereafter set out logical leads. Thought should be given to setting out a lead for the St. Louis Office to cause a review of Cooper's United States Marine Corps service record book under Serial Number 841892 for any data which would be of assistance in apprehending the fugitive. This review should include his medical service booklet which may be in his marine service record book. Be alert for information indicating Cooper may have reason to seek treatment at a Veterans Administration hospital. Also determine if his Government service insurance is valid and if so identify the beneficiaries and determine how premiums are paid.

Making reference to the case entitled, "Theodore Cole, aka - Fugitive, Identification Order number 1471; Ralph Roe, aka - Fugitive, Identification Order number 1472, Escaped Federal

Prisoners," (Oklahoma City 76-348, Bureau 76-2686) continue to remain alert for any reliable data indicating the whereabouts of either or both fugitives.

In the case entitled "Jerry Morris Summerlin, aka - Fugitive, Identification Order number 3802; Ellen Fermenda Summerlin, aka - Fugitive, UFAP - Bogus Checks," (Oklahoma City 88-3350, Bureau 88-23007) consider setting out leads in areas frequented by Jerry Morris Summerlin for the Master of Ceremony in taverns featuring western and country music to be contacted in instances where the taverns are geographically close to urban stock yards and major trucking terminals in field office headquarters cities and resident agency headquarters cities. Criminal informants, reliable sources, and local law enforcement agencies covering these locales should be contacted for information concerning the fugitives.

Your office has been scored with errors of a nonsubstantive nature. As examples the following are cited:

OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NUMBER	ERROR
26-27283	Reason for information copies to another office not stated
76-3371	Title incorrectly changed
87-12223	Character incomplete
87-5291	Investigative period incorrect
88-5392	"Fugitive" omitted in title

By closer attention to detail errors such as these could be minimized.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (76-2686) DATE: 9/23/66

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (P*)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO Number 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO Number 1471
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Re Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 3/17/66.

A thorough review has been made of this case recently by SA [redacted] and it is believed at this time no useful purpose would be served in recontacting relatives and associates of the Subjects. No new pertinent information has come to the attention of the Oklahoma City Division during this time. b6 b7C

UACB this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional 6 months period.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 10/21/66

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) -P-

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

Re O-1 from the Bureau dated 10/18/66 enclosed.

As the Bureau was advised by Oklahoma City letter of 9/23/66, no pertinent information has come to the attention of this office as to this case and it was proposed that the case be continued in a pending inactive status. The Bureau will note that this case has been pending since Subjects were missing in 1937 and no affirmative information has ever been determined that they survived their swim from Alcatraz to any point of safety.

It is assumed that the Bureau desires an investigative report and accordingly, this case is being made active as of this date and relatives and acquaintances will again be contacted. It is noted that this will require contacts in several States, and it will not be feasible to submit other than a status report for approximately 60 days. Accordingly, an investigative report will be submitted to reach the Bureau on or about 12/21/66.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	12/20/66	10/21 - 12/14/66

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

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REFERENCES: Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 10/21/66.
Oklahoma City letter to Dallas 10/27/66.
Houston letter to Oklahoma City 11/9/66.
Dallas letter to Oklahoma City 11/28/66.
Kansas City letter to Los Angeles 11/30/66.
Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City 12/2/66.
Okla. City letters (FD-65's) to Bureau 12/8/66.
Kansas City letter to Oklahoma City 12/12/66.
Seattle airtel to Oklahoma City 12/14/66.
Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City 12/15/66.

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

An information copy is being furnished San Francisco since investigation is outstanding to locate Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS,

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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Trailer No. 1, Avalon Trailer Park, 717 South 7th St., uncle and aunt of Subject COLE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

[redacted] was contacted on [redacted] by SA [redacted] He advised he had no information on the whereabouts of the Subjects. b6 b7C b7D

Contact with logical CI's and PCI's in auxiliary offices has been reported with negative result by those offices. These results have not been set forth in this report because they are negative.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted]
Date: 12/20/66

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

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Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Further contacts with relatives and former associate of Subjects negative regarding whereabouts.

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Details: AT KELLYVILLE, OKLAHOMA

On November 22, 1966, VERNON EDGAR HEITT, Manager, Dari-rite Ice Cream Store, advised SA [redacted] he is a distant third cousin of Subject COLE, and he has never seen him. HEITT said he remembers COLE came to his home once when he was a child, but he, HEITT, was not home at the time. He could offer no information that would help to locate COLE.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA GERALD E. PITTS.

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, 1205 North 15, Duncan, Oklahoma, advised on November 16, 1966, that she has no additional information concerning subject, since last contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated that neither herself, nor any member of the family have heard anything about subject, since his escape.

Efforts were made to locate, LOUISE (BIRDIE) PRUITT, R. R. #1, Ardmore, Oklahoma, with negative results, on November 21, 1966.

LOUISE (BIRDIE) PRUITT, advised on December 5, 1966, that she has received no information concerning the subject since his attempted escape. She stated that to her knowledge no one has heard anything about the subject since the time of his attempted escape in 1937.

AT HOUSTON, OKLAHOMA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On November 2, 1966, ROY CONNERS, 8219 Mendez, brother of Subject ROE, advised that he has received no information since last contacted by the FBI which would lead him to believe that Subjects were successful in their attempted escape from Alcatraz. He reiterated that he is certain in his own mind Subjects were not successful in their attempt and that both drowned.

AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]: b6 b7C

On November 15, 1966, unsuccessful attempt was made to contact CHARLES BRACE, cousin of Subject COLE.

On November 22, 1966, CHARLES H. BRACE, 2909 Tyler Street, advised that he had no new information to furnish regarding Subject COLE since last contacted by the FBI in December, 1962. He stated that he believed that COLE was dead. He reiterated that any information coming to his attention regarding the Subject would be immediately furnished to the FBI.

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On November 16, 1966, Mrs. NORMA MARIE COLE, 308 Meridian Place, Joplin, Missouri, advised she last saw her husband THEODORE COLE in 1929 prior to him deserting her. She stated she does not believe he is alive and said even if he were, he would not contact her as he hated her. She said if she had any information regarding her husband, she would be happy to furnish same to the FBI.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on December 13, 1966:

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RAYMOND A. ROE, 3001 Northeast 100 Street, advised he could not provide any additional information than he previously provided when contacted by the FBI.

He said he believes his brother died in his attempted escape.

ROE stated he will immediately notify the FBI if he learns anything concerning his brother's whereabouts.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HECTOR L. PELLEGATTA at Riverside, California:

LOIS VOTH, 10596 Cypress, Riverside, advised on November 16, 1966, FLOYD HILL is her brother. She has not seen him since his release from the Huntsville Penitentiary several years ago.

He has a son, JOHN HILL, who was last known to work for the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas; a daughter, GATHA HILL, now married; and his ex-wife, now Mrs. WALTER STECK. WALTER works for Convair at Ft. Worth, Texas.

She believes FLOYD keeps in touch with his son.

The best way of locating JOHN HILL would be through Mrs. WALTER STECK.

After a negative attempt on November 1, 1966, Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON, half-sister of the subject, THEODORE COLE, was contacted by SA EMMET J. MURPHY at the Colonial Cottage, a dormitory for Pasadena College, 1594 North Allen, Pasadena, California, on November 17, 1966.

She advised that she had not received any information of any kind concerning COLE since last interviewed. She advised that in contact with other relatives, she is positive that none of her relatives have received any information concerning COLE.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On November 21, 1966, Mrs. LOTTIE ZAIL, 3915 Perry Street, was recontacted by SA [redacted] and advised that she had received no information concerning her cousin, THEODORE COLE, since last contacted by FBI agents. She repeated that she is certain he is dead. To the best of her knowledge, none of her other relatives have seen him or been in contact with him in all the years he has been in a fugitive status.

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Mrs. ZAIL agreed to immediately contact the FBI in the event she received any information concerning her cousin, THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE.

After a negative attempt on November 1, 1966, Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON, half-sister of subject THEODORE COLE, was contacted by SA EMMET J. MURPHY at the Colonia Cottage, a dormitory for Pasadena College, 1594 North Allen, Pasadena, California, November 17, 1966.

She advised that she has not received any information of any kind concerning COLE since last interviewed. She advised that in contact with other relatives she is positive that none of her relatives have received any information as to COLE.

The following investigation conducted by SA [redacted]

AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

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On November 23, 1966, Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, 10130 Bromont Street, sister of THEODORE COLE, was recontacted. She stated that she has heard absolutely nothing that would indicate subject is still alive, since last contacted by the FBI. She added that she firmly believes her brother is dead because if he were alive he would surely have contacted someone in the family.

AT SUNLAND, CALIFORNIA

On November 23, 1966, Mrs. JUANITA CORNETT, 10412 Leolang Street, advised she is the wife of FRED CORNETT, who is the son of REBEL CORNETT. She advised that her father-in-law, REBEL CORNETT, is temporarily living nearby at 7707 Apperson Street. She said that she is quite familiar with this matter and from conversations with many members of the family she is certain that none have heard from THEODORE COLE and they believe that he is dead.

On November 23, 1966, Mr. REBEL BURTON CORNETT, 7707 Apperson Street, advised that he has heard nothing concerning the possibility that COLE was alive, since last contacted by the FBI. He said that if he should learn of any information indicating that he was alive, he would advise the FBI.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	2/28/67	12/6/66 - 2/9/67

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471

REPORT MADE BY: A. RAYMOND SWITZER — TYPED BY: psh

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCES: Oklahoma City report of SA [redacted] 12/20/66; San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City, 12/30/66 and 1/23/67

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LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

An information copy is being furnished San Francisco since investigation is outstanding to interview inmate R. V. LOPEZ at San Quentin, California.

ADMINISTRATIVE

By relet dated 12/30/66 the San Francisco Division advised that selected pertinent CI's, San Francisco Division, have

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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been contacted re Subjects with negative results.

The investigative period of this report overlaps the period of referenced Oklahoma City report since results of investigation contained herein was received by the Oklahoma City Division too late for inclusion in that report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: A. RAYMOND SWITZER
Date: 2/28/67

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS, Modesto, California, uncle and aunt of Subject COLE, both died in November, 1965. Their son, LESTER COLLINS, advised that he has had no contact and has received no information concerning Subject COLE since his escape from Alcatraz.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD H. MOE:

AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

Repeated attempts were made to locate the occupants of Trailer No. 1, 717 S. 7th Street, where in the past Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS have been located.

On December 6, 1966, Mrs. LESTER COLLINS, who resides in a house located at 717 S. 7th Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM S. COLLINS both died in November, 1965. She stated that these persons were the parents of her husband, LESTER COLLINS who is a cousin of Subject. She advised that her husband was away and not available for interview.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN J. NORTON:

On December 22, 1966, Mr. LESTER COLLINS, Manager, Avalon Trailer Park, 717 S. 7th Street, advised that he has had no contact and has received no information concerning Subject COLE since his escape from Alcatraz, and very little contact with him prior to his incarceration. COLLINS stated that it is his recollection that COLE frequently wore female clothing in his youth, and would expect him to continue to do so, if he is still alive. COLLINS stated that he does not think COLE is alive, since he did not attend the funeral of his mother. COLLINS said that one of COLE'S close associates was the husband of COLE'S sister, PAULINE, one R. V. LOPEZ, whom COLLINS states was convicted of the murder of the second husband of TED COLE'S mother and who is alleged to be presently serving time at San Quentin, California.

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AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On February 9, 1967, Mrs. ELSIE WILLIAMS, Clerk, Drivers License Section, Department of Public Safety, advised her files contain no record identifiable with either ROE or COLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	4/24/67	1/30 - 3/30/67

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1471

REPORT MADE BY: SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER

TYPED BY: rbs

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REFERENCES:

Oklahoma City report of SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER, dated 2/28/67;
San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City, 3/23/67.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Will interview Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, 10130 Bromont Street, sister of THEODORE COLE, as to the whereabouts of her husband R. V. LOPEZ. It is noted that LESTER COLLINS, cousin of subject COLE, stated that it is his recollection that COLE frequently wore female clothing in his youth and would expect him to continue to do so, if he is still alive.

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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COLLINS stated that he does not think COLE is alive since he did not attend the funeral of his mother. COLLINS said one of COLE's close associates was the husband of COLE's sister, PAULINE, one R. V. LOPEZ, whom COLLINS stated was convicted of the murder of the second husband of COLE's mother and who is alleged to be presently serving time at San Quentin, California.

Will also determine from Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ the degree of association between LOPEZ and subject COLE. Set out appropriate leads to locate and interview LOPEZ.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The investigative period of this report overlaps the period of referenced Oklahoma City report since results of investigation conducted herein was received by the Oklahoma City Division too late for inclusion in that report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER
Date: 4/24/67

Office: Oklahoma City

Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis:

Records, California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California, failed to indicate any information connecting RAYMOND VEGA LOPEZ in any way with subject COLE. Files Vice Detail, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department, contain no record of any female impersonator identifiable with subject COLE.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DALE F. NORTON:

AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON, CALIFORNIA

Mr. WILLIAM SCHILLER, Records Officer, advised on January 30, 1967, he was unable to locate a record at San Quentin Prison for any one named R. V. LOPEZ. He said the records did indicate one RAYMOND VEZA LOPEZ, California State Prison Number A-77041, was at San Quentin Prison in May, 1965, but that LOPEZ is now incarcerated at the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD S. ERICKSON:

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

On March 7, 1967, ROBERT LA PLANT, Identification Officer, California Medical Facility, made available an identification card for RAYMOND VEGA LOPEZ, California Prison Number A-77041. This card disclosed that LOPEZ was born on January 26, 1944 in California, is 5'6" tall, 144 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, single, and currently confined at the California Medical Facility as a sexual psychopath on an indefinite term, having been received in prison on March 13, 1963, from Riverside County.

LA PLANT advised he could locate no other record for a current or former inmate by the name of R. V. LOPEZ, apparently identical to the individual mentioned by Mr. LESTER COLLINS at Modesto, California.

A review of the prison file of RAYMOND VEGA LOPEZ failed to indicate any information connecting him in any way with Subject COLE.

The following investigation was conducted by SA A. RAYMOND SNITZER:

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On March 30, 1967, Lieutenant DON COCHRAN, Vice Detail, Oklahoma City Police Department, advised his files contain no record of any female impersonator identifiable with subject COLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	5/11/67	5/9/67

Title of Case

RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. # 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O.# 1471

Report made by: A. RAYMOND SWITZER

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SUMMARY

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/62.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: A. RAYMOND SWITZER
Date: 5/11/67

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, inmates at Alcatraz Prison, California, attempted escape from that prison on 12/16/37. Fate or whereabouts of Subjects unknown to date. Oklahoma City file reviewed. Description of Subjects as of 1937 set forth.

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Details:

THE VIOLATION

On December 16, 1937, at 1:00 p.m. six prisoners, including COLE, were returned from the mess hall of Alcatraz Prison to the blacksmith shop by Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE. At the same time, twenty-six prisoners, including Subject ROE, were returned from the mess hall by Junior Officer STEERE to the mat shop which adjoins the blacksmith shop. Officer STEERE has stated that he counted these prisoners when bringing them through the gate into the yard and again checked them when they actually entered their places of employment. This is the usual routine when bringing prisoners from the mess hall to the shops and affords a double check precluding the possibility of prisoners leaving the lines unobserved when marching to work. After

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checking these prisoners into their shops, STEERE returned and observed the prisoners working between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. and although he is of the opinion that ROE and COLE were there at the time, he stated he cannot be positive of that fact.

As the prison rules require that junior officers and guards in charge of work details check their prisoners every thirty minutes, STEERE again checked his prisoners at 1:30 p.m., at which time he discovered that ROE and COLE were missing. He immediately notified the Warden's Office and an immediate search was conducted. The search revealed that three panes of glass in the detention sash of a window in the blacksmith shop had been removed. This detention sash consists of a steel frame made of "T" iron, which is approximately 1½ inches across the top of the "T", the shank being of similar width and ¼ inch in thickness. The sash is so constructed that each individual pane of glass is 5¼ inches by 8¼ inches. By removing two sections of the steel frame and three panes of glass, an aperture of approximately 17½ inches by 8¼ inches was created. Closer examination of the sash revealed that it had been cut with some instrument, apparently a hack saw. Warden J. A. JOHNSON and Officer STEERE advised that hack saws are used only in the blacksmith shop and are charged out to the men working therein. As Officer STEERE is required to continually inspect five rooms, it is logical to believe that Subject COLE used a hack saw which was charged out to the blacksmith shop, to saw the detention sash at such times as Officer STEERE was inspecting the other rooms, particularly those in the adjoining mat shop.

The window faces the northwest corner of the Island and is immediately above the waterline. There is, however, a fourteen foot, heavy, iron-mesh fence on the edge of the cliff to prevent prisoners from running to the edge of the Island and diving into the bay. Between the window where the escape was made and the wire fence, there is a steel catwalk which leads to a lower level at the rear of the mat shop and was used for the purpose of throwing the remnants of the automobile tire casings into the Bay after the good portions had been removed for use in the construction in mats. At the termination of the catwalk is a small gate in the fence which could be opened. Examination of this gate showed that the Subjects had used a large Stillson wrench in twisting the padlock on the gate. This wrench was found at the gate with the broken

padlock. After opening the gate it was possible for the prisoners to jump to a ledge a few feet below and then to either jump into the Bay or to follow a natural ledge which leads to within a few feet of the waterline.

An examination of the shoreline where Subjects apparently entered the water failed to reveal that any articles of clothing had been discarded. They were wearing prison made suits at the time of their escape.

Within ten or fifteen minutes after the escape was discovered, guards were searching this portion of the Island and the prison launch was in the Bay immediately opposite this point. Coast Guard boats were also notified of the escape and the surrounding waters of the Island were thoroughly patrolled. However, on the day of the escape, there was a heavy fog and visibility ranged from 200 to 300 yards. There was also an exceptionally strong current running in the vicinity of the Island, caused by a very high tide, the current being accelerated by flood waters from the rivers, as there had been heavy rains in the valley. Lighthouse keepers and Coast Guardsmen estimate that the current at the time of the escape had a speed of approximately six knots per hour. They also advised that it would have been almost impossible for a rowboat to have been propelled against the current and suggested that unless a motorboat was rather powerful, it could not have proceeded against the current. The temperature was below normal due to the melting snow on the mountains which also added to the flooded waters. The Bay had an unusual amount of driftwood at the time, but marine observers estimated that if Subjects had attached themselves to driftwood, they would have been carried to sea at least ten miles from the Island. As this was a flooded ebbtide, the returning tide would have returned them only approximately six miles.

Continuous investigation has failed to locate the Subjects or determine their fate.

It is to be noted that Subject RALPH ROE was convicted at Muskogee, Oklahoma, on January 18, 1935, for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma. ROE was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in United States Penitentiary and this was the sentence which he was serving at the time of his escape.

Subject THEODORE COLE was convicted in Federal Court at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on May 20, 1935, on charges of kidnaping and was sentenced to serve a term of 50 years in United States Penitentiary. This was the sentence he was serving at the time of his escape.

RELATIVES AND ASSOCIATES

A review of the Oklahoma City files showed the following relatives and associates of Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE:

LESTER COLLINS, cousin of Subject COLE, Manager, Avalon Trailer Park, 717 South 7th Street, Modesto, California

VERNON EDGAR HEITT, cousin of Subject COLE, Manager, Dari-Rite Ice Cream Store, Kellyville, Oklahoma

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, aunt of Subject ROE, 1205 North 15th Street, Duncan, Oklahoma

LOUISE (BIRDIE) PRUITT, associate of Subject ROE, Route One, Ardmore, Oklahoma

ROY CONNORS, brother of Subject ROE, 8219 Mendez, Houston, Texas

CHARLES H. BRACE, cousin of Subject COLE, 2909 Tyler Street, Amarillo, Texas

Mrs. NORMA MARIE COLE, wife of Subject COLE, 308 Meridian Place, Joplin, Missouri

RAYMOND A. ROE, brother of Subject ROE, 3001 Northeast 100 Street, Seattle, Washington

Mrs. VIOLA (GOLDA) DAWSON, half-sister of Subject COLE, Colonial Cottage, 1594 North Allen, Pasadena, California

Mrs. LOTTIE ZAIL, cousin of Subject COLE, 3915 Perry Street, Los Angeles, California.

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Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, half-sister of Subject COLE, 10130 Apperson Street, Sunland, California

FLOYD HILL, associate of both Subjects COLE and ROE, Kansas City, Missouri

The above listed relatives and associates have been contacted within the past six months but have shed no light on the fate of the Subjects. All are of the opinion that if Subjects had been successful in their escape attempt from Alcatraz, they would have contacted some member of their families. The consensus is that both Subjects drowned in the waters of San Francisco Bay.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

The following is a description of Subject ROE as of 1937:

Name	RALPH ROE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Aliases	PAUL SULLIVAN, JACK SULLIVAN, J. O. SULLIVAN, JACK MC CARTY, JACK MC CARTHY, RAYMOND ROE, RAYMOND ROWE, J. H. REYNOLDS
Birth	2/5/06 in Missouri
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Tall and slender
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Chestnut
Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	Star on left index finger and back of left hand
Scars and marks	Large rag cut scar, 2", on left forearm; gun shot wounds on left arm and on right shoulder blade. Small appendix scar
Characteristics	Has slight "pop-eye" condition in both eyes and has defective vision right eye. Has medical history of treatment for ulcers.

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Characteristics (cont)	Has slight deformity in lower one third of right leg (tibia). Has dental bridge for teeth numbers 32, 31, 30, 15, 18, and 19
FBI Number	15727
Identification Order Number	1472
Fingerprint Classification	26 1 R III 4 1 U III 5

The following is a description of Subject COLE as of 1937:

Summary

Name	THEODORE COLE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Aliases	TED COLE, THEADORE COLE, RAY JACKSON, ROY JACKSON
Birth	4/6/12 in Kansas
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Scars and Marks	2" scar corner right lip; small scar middle right cheek; large 8" scar above knee, left leg; 12" scar left thigh
FBI Number	229226
Identification Order Number	1471
Characteristics	Teeth numbers 18 and 31 missing
Fingerprint Classification	21 17 IM 17 27 O 16

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
OKLAHOMA CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	6/22/67	5/24/67

TITLE OF CASE
RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

REPORT MADE BY: A. RAYMOND SWITZER
TYPED BY: ca

CHARACTER OF CASE
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6-27

REFERENCES: Oklahoma City Reports of SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER dated 4/24/67 and 5/11/67.
Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City 6/15/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status since all known relatives and associates of the Subjects have been recontacted during the period 11/66 - 5/67. This case is being placed in a pending inactive status for six months UACB.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS
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0-1 to OC
RE: dtrept.
Date sent 9-22-67
By JEZ lcd

Case has been: Pending over one year [X] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [X] No

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0-7 to OC
2-5-68
"correct FBI # for Roe is 15757. I need your records [illegible]"

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: A. RAYMOND SWITZER
Date: 6/22/67

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY

Field Office File #: 76-348

Bureau File #: 76-2686

Title: RALPH ROE;
THEODORE COLE

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, sister of Subject COLE, advised COLE was never an associate of MARTIN GOMEZ LOPEZ. She did not recall that her brother ever wore women's clothing as a youth.

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Details: AT SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES A. SHAW:

On May 24, 1967, Mrs. PAULINE LOPEZ, 10130 Bromont Street, telephone 768-1182, sister of Subject THEODORE COLE was recontacted. She advised that she married MARTIN GOMEZ LOPEZ in 1948 or 1949. They have been separated for the past several years and their divorce was final on October 28, 1966. He currently resides at 14247 Dyer Street, Sylmar, California, telephone 367-1242. To her knowledge he has no arrest record of any note. She said that he had never known her brother, THEODORE COLE, and certainly was never an associate of his. She did not recall that her brother ever wore women's clothing as a youth. She further said that she has heard absolutely nothing concerning her brother and again expressed the opinion that he must be dead or he would have contacted someone in the family by now.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 1/26/68

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) -P*-

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP
(OO: Oklahoma City)

Rerep of SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER dated 6/22/67 and Form O-1 received 1/12/68.

A thorough review has been made of this case by SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER and it is believed at this time no useful purpose would be served in recontacting relatives and associates of the Subjects. No information has come to the attention of the Oklahoma City Division since submission of referenced report.

UACB this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional six months period.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 8/2/68

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) -P*-

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP
(OO: Oklahoma City)

Rerep of SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER at Oklahoma City dated 6/22/67; Oklahoma City letter to Director 1/26/68; and O-1 form dated 7/30/68.

This case was restored to a pending status in the Oklahoma City Division on 6/22/68. A thorough review has again been made of this case by SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER and it does not appear that additional contacts with known relatives and associates would be productive at this time. No logical investigation remains to be conducted and no information regarding the Subjects has come to the attention of the Oklahoma City Division since submission of referenced report.

UACB this matter will be restored to a pending inactive status for an additional six months period.

O-1 form enclosed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (76-2686) DATE: 1/16/69

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) P*

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. # 1471
EFP
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Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau 8/2/68.

A thorough review has again been made of this case by SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER, and it is believed that no useful purpose would be served in recontacting relatives and associates of the subjects at this time. No information has come to the attention of the Oklahoma City Division concerning subjects since the submission of the last investigative report by the Oklahoma City Division. UACB, this matter will continue in a pending inactive status for an additional six month period.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) 7/23/69

Director, FBI (76-2686)

THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1471
EFP

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1472
EFP

Re Oklahoma City letter 1/16/69 placing captioned investigations in a pending inactive status.

Oklahoma City, if not already done, should make captioned investigations pending and recontact all relatives of these subjects. If all contacts prove negative both investigations should be redesignated as pending inactive for a period of one year and the Bureau advised of such action.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) 11/19/69

Director, FBI (76-2686)

THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
EFP

ReBulet 7/23/69 concerning captioned investigation.

Oklahoma City advise if recontacts with relatives of subject prove negative and if case presently in a pending inactive status for a period of one year.

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EX-103

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

12/3/69

Director, FBI (76-2686)

THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
EFP

ReBulets 7/23/69 and 11/19/69 concerning the recontact of subjects' relatives and if such proved negative to place captioned case in a pending inactive status for a period of one year with the Bureau to be advised when such action taken.

A search of Bureau files does not reveal that Oklahoma City has advised the Bureau whether the captioned matters are presently in a pending inactive status and whether the recontact of relatives was unproductive. Oklahoma City advise immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (76-2686) DATE: 12/8/69

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (P*)

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP;
RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
EFP

ReBulet, 12/3/69.

Investigation completed. Recontact with all relatives negative. UACB, Oklahoma City placing this case in pending inactive status for period of one year.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 1/5/71

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (P*)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO #1471
EFP
OO: Oklahoma City

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director, 12/8/70.

A thorough review of this case has been made in the Oklahoma City Division. It does not appear that recontact with relatives and acquaintances of subjects would be productive at this time. No information regarding the whereabouts of subjects has come to the attention of the Oklahoma City Division since submission of referenced letter. There are no leads outstanding.

UACB this matter will be restored to a pending inactive status for a period of one year.

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SAC, Omaha

8/18/71

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE, IO# 1472
EFP

Re Bureau telephone call 8/17/71.

This confirms that Bureau of Criminal Inv., Des Moines, Iowa, on 8/17/71 made inquiry through NCIC concerning Ralph Roe, DOB 2/5/06, who may be identical with captioned individual. Identifying data on subject: DOB 2/5/06, 6', 170 pounds, grey eyes.

Handle.

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NOTE: * Information received by Simpson from White, furnished to Jeff Boggan, 8/17/71.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 8/23/71

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (76-166)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE aka -
FUGITIVE
IO #1472
EFP
OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

Re Bureau telephone call of 8/17/71 and Bureau letter dated 8/18/71.

Mr. LEONARD S. MURRAY (NA), Assistant Director, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that the Identification Division of the BCI was going through some old records, noted that ROE was an old IO, and made inquiry through NCIC instead of a test inquiry. MURRAY advised that his department had no information whatsoever concerning the whereabouts of ROE.

In the future, BCI will make a test inquiry on such matters.

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RE: status of subjs
Date sent 2-11-72
By JEG

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 7/18/73

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (P*)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO # 1472
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO # 1471
EFP
OO: Oklahoma City

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director, 1/5/71.

This case made pending and review made. Recontact of relatives and acquaintances accomplished with negative results regarding subjects. This case again being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of one year.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 9/27/74

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) - C -

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP
OO: Oklahoma City

Remylet dated 7/18/73.

Subjects were discovered missing from Alcatraz Prison at approximately 1:30 P.M., 12/16/37. Both Subjects were observed to be working in their respective shops between 1:00 and 1:30 P.M., just prior to escape. Extensive investigation instituted almost immediately after the discovery failed to locate subjects. It has been determined on the day of the escape there was an exceptionally strong current running in the vicinity of the island, caused by a very high tide, and accelerated by flood waters from rivers emptying into San Francisco bay. Lighthouse keepers and Coast Guardsmen estimate the current at 6 knots per hour. It has been estimated if subjects had flotation gear or attached themselves to driftwood it would have been impossible for them to propel themselves to the shore. It has been estimated they would have been carried out to sea approximately 10 miles on the ebb tide and the returning tide would have carried them back only 6 miles. These experts were of the opinion it would have been impossible to propel a row boat against this current.

Review of this file indicates all known associates and relatives have been recontacted on many occasions without any indication they have been in contact with or heard of subjects. On many occasions, it has been necessary to conduct fugitive type investigations to locate these relatives and associates, resulting in the unproductive expenditures of Agent time and Bureau funds.

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Review of the background of both subjects gives a strong indication they would have continued their criminal activities if they were on the street. No fingerprint cards have been submitted to indicate an arrest since their disappearance from Alcatraz. Review of the file and the details of conditions at the time of their escape from Alcatraz Island strongly indicates both Subjects were swept out to sea and would have succumbed to the cold water, sea life or both. It is also noted, Subject ROE was born 2/5/06 and Subject COLE was born 4/6/12, making them 68 and 62 years of age respectively at this time.

In view of the above and in the interest of saving Agent time and funds, UACB, no further active investigation will be conducted to determine the fate of subjects.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348) 10/11/74

ST-110 REC-123 - 1287

Director, FBI (76-2686)

RALPH ROE, AKA
FUGITIVE
I.O. # 1472
THEODORE COLE, AKA
FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471
EFP
OO: Oklahoma City

Reurlet dated 9/27/74.

The Bureau agrees that there is no active investigation to be conducted at the present time looking towards the location of the subjects or determination of their fate; however, it is not agreed that the case should be closed as referred communication indicates.

It is to be noted, in this case, Identification Orders are outstanding. These should be continued as effective stops in the records of various police agencies should any information be developed concerning these individuals and, therefore, no purpose would be served in cancelling them at this time. Other appropriate stops also should continue in existence.

In similar cases, we have followed the practice of retaining the cases in pending-inactive status and closing the case at the time the 80th birthday would have been reached.

Accordingly, you are authorized to place this case in pending-inactive status with a logical review of the file to be conducted at yearly intervals and an appropriate communication sent to the Bureau indicating this has been done together with any other action which at the time may be appropriate.

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STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 11/3/75

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348)(P*)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka-FUGITIVE
IO #142;
THEODORE COLE, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #1471
EFP

OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

ReBulet, 10/11/74.

During the preceding twelve month period, several individuals with the names and aliases of subjects have been interviewed as a result of existing stops regarding subjects. Review of the file indicates all known relatives contacted were cooperative on their last interview and stated they would notify the FBI if they received information concerning subjects. Therefore, it is recommended these individuals not be recontacted at this time and this case is again being placed in a pending inactive status for a period of one year.

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Mr. Moore

1/12/78

F. X. O'Brien

1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Ingram
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1 - Mr. Connolly
1 - Mr. Meder
1 - Mr. Ash
1 - Mr. Boyton

ELIGIO WILLIAM TUCKER, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1273
LFP
CO: CLEVELAND

THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1471
LFP
CO: OKLAHOMA CITY

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1472
LFP
CO: OKLAHOMA CITY

BENJAMIN SAKOVITZ, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1548
CTAP - MURDER
CO: SAN FRANCISCO

WILLIAM DENSKI, aka
FUGITIVE
IO #1710
LFP
CO: CLEVELAND

76-2686 -

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that the Identification Orders (IO) on the five captioned subjects be canceled.

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Memorandum O'Brien to Moore
RE: ELICIE WILLIAM TUCKER, aka

SYNOPSIS: Subjects Tucker, Cole, Roe, and Denski are Federal prisoners who escaped between 1931 and 1940. They are not currently charged with a violation of the Escape and Rescue Act, therefore, are only being sought as escapees. If still alive, their respective ages would be 71, 65, 71, and 78. It is highly probable that Cole and Roe drowned while attempting their escape from Alcatraz on 12/16/37. Investigation has failed to develop any positive information regarding the whereabouts of Tucker and Denski who escaped in 1931 and 1940 respectively. On 9/5/36, San Francisco obtained UFAP - Murder process on subject Sakovitz, born 8/24/09, based on local authorities charging him with the murder of an officer aboard a ship docked in California, and on 9/14/38, he was made the subject of IO #1548. Sakovitz was arrested on 5/13/43 in North Africa and was being returned to the U. S. via ship; however, when the ship docked in New York on 10/18/43, it was reported he had been missing for several days. His whereabouts since that time has not been established and it is not known if he successfully escaped or jumped overboard at sea and drowned. The local murder and Federal UFAP process still remain outstanding. Since all investigation has been exhausted in these five cases they have been maintained in a pending inactive status for a considerable number of years with fugitive stops maintained in NCIC and the Identification Division. Instant five IOs, issued between 1935 and 1940, are still outstanding, however, do not appear to be serving any useful purpose based on the above facts. If the IOs are canceled, the fugitive stops in NCIC and the Identification Division will still be maintained until each subject reaches the age of 80 in accordance with Bureau policy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the IOs for the five captioned subjects be canceled. If approved, all field offices and legats will be appropriately advised.

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Memorandum O'Brien to Moore
RE: FELICE WILLIAM TUCKER, aka

DETAILS: Subject Tucker, born 10/21/06, escaped from Federal custody at Petersburg, Virginia, on 3/31/31, while serving three years for violation of Postal Laws. On 7/18/35, he was made the subject of IO #1273. On 11/9/32, he was indicted for NFP; however, on 12/11/72, this indictment was reported dismissed. Investigation conducted to date has not developed any positive information regarding his whereabouts.

Subject Cole, born 4/6/12, and subject Roe, born 2/5/06, escaped from Federal custody at Alcatraz Island, California, on 12/16/37, while serving a 50-year sentence for kidnaping and a 99-year sentence for bank robbery respectively. On 12/20/37, they were made the subjects of IOs #1471 and #1472. Investigation conducted to date has failed to establish that they reached shore and due to the very high tide and exceptionally strong current at the time of the escape, it is the opinion of experts that they were carried out to sea and drowned. Federal process charging them with escape has never been issued.

Subject Sakovitz, born 8/24/09, was charged by local authorities with the stabbing murder of an officer aboard a ship docked at Alameda, California, on 3/22/36. On 9/5/36, San Francisco obtained UFAP-Murder process and on 9/14/38, he was made the subject of IO #1548. Sakovitz, a reported communist, fled the U. S. in 1936 and went to Russia. In 1938 he served in the Spanish Loyalist Army. In 1940 he joined the French Foreign Legion in France, and after his discharge in Algeria, he enlisted in the U. S. Army in North Africa on 5/18/43. He was arrested in North Africa by the Army upon Bureau request and was being returned to the U. S. via ship to face the above murder charge. When the ship docked in New York on 10/8/43, it was reported that the subject had been missing for several days while the ship was at sea. A search of the ship was negative and his whereabouts since that time has not been established and it is unknown if he actually escaped or jumped overboard while at sea and drowned. Local authorities and the Department of Justice have not dismissed their respective murder and UFAP process against the subject because of the political implications of this case.

Subject Daraki, born 1/11/99, escaped from Federal custody at McNeil Island, Washington, on 1/30/40, while serving a life sentence for murder. On 6/26/40, he was indicted for NFP and on 9/25/40, he was made the subject of IO #1710. On 6/10/66, the NFP indictment for the subject was dismissed. Investigation conducted to date has not developed any positive information regarding his whereabouts.

Since all investigation in these five cases have been exhausted, they have been maintained in a pending inactive status for a considerable number of years with fugitive stops maintained in NCIC and the Identification Division. Instant five IOs, issued between 1935 and 1940, are still outstanding, however, do not appear to be serving any useful purpose based on the above facts. If the IOs are canceled, the fugitive stops in NCIC and the Identification Division will still be maintained until each subject reaches the age of 80 in accordance with Bureau policy.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 1/25/77

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) P*

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, AKA -
FUGITIVE, IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, AKA -
FUGITIVE, IO #1471
EFP
OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

Re Bulet, 10/11/74, and Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau, 11/3/75.

No information during 1976 received by the FBI with reference to either fugitive.

Review of Oklahoma City file indicates that all known relatives, during numerous previous contacts, exhibited cooperative attitudes and all stated they would notify the FBI if they received any information concerning subjects. It is recommended that relatives not be recontacted at this time.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this case will be maintained in a pending inactive status by the Oklahoma City Division.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 1/24/78

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) P*

SUBJECT: RALPH ROE, aka -
FUGITIVE,
IO # 1472;
THEODORE COLE, aka -
FUGITIVE
IO # 1471
EFP (C)
OO: Oklahoma City

Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau, 1/25/77.

No information received by the Oklahoma City FBI during 1977, with reference to either fugitive. All known relatives, who have exhibited co-operative attitudes, have stated during numerous previous contacts, that they would notify the FBI if any information received concerning either subject. No information received since last contact.

Unless advised to the contrary, this case will be maintained in a pending inactive status by the Oklahoma City Division.

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To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Connolly
1 - Mrs. Nagle
1 - Mr. Meder
1 - Mr. Mercer (Rm 11286)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

ELIGIE WILLIAM TUCKER, AKA
FUGITIVE
IO#1273
EFP
OO: CV
BUFILE 76-956

THEODORE COLE, AKA
FUGITIVE
IO#1471
EFP
OO: OC
BUFILE 76-2686

RALPH ROE, AKA
FUGITIVE
IO#1472
EFP
OO: OC
BUFILE 76-2686

BENJAMIN SAKOVITZ, AKA
FUGITIVE
IO#1548
UFAP - MURDER
OO: SF
BUFILE 100-424829

2 - All Offices
2 - All Legats

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Airtel to Albany
RE: ELIGUE WILLIAM TUCKER

WILLIAM DEMSKI, AKA
FUGITIVE
IO #1710
EFP
CO: CV
BUFILE 76-5524

The Identification Orders for captioned five subjects have been canceled since they were issued between 1935 and 1940 and no longer serve their intended purpose.

Fugitive stops for captioned subjects will remain in NCIC and the FBI Identification Division until each subject reaches the age of 80.

Cleveland, Oklahoma City and San Francisco, as office of origins, should modify your respective NCIC records on captioned subjects to delete their IO numbers. When your subjects reach the age of 80, you should cancel their NCIC records and request the FBI Identification Division to remove their fugitive stops on the subjects. In addition, you should insure that any other stops placed by your offices which are still outstanding at that time are also removed.

Airtel to Albany
RE: ELIGUE WILLIAM TUCKER

NOTE: See F. X. O'Brien memorandum to Mr. Moore with the same caption dated 1/12/78, as authority for canceling captioned IOs. A tickler will be maintained in CID to insure that the fugitive stops for captioned subjects in NCIC and the FBI Identification Division are canceled and removed when each subject reaches the age of 80.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686) DATE: 10/10/78

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) (C)

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE, aka;
FUGITIVE;
EFP
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RALPH ROE, aka-FUG.;
EFP
00:OC
OC 76-2686

Re OC rep of SA A. RAYMOND SWITZER 5/11/67 and Buairtel 1/24/78.

Review of this matter indicates that from time of subjects' reported escape from Alcatraz Prison 12/16/37 to date, voluminous investigation has failed to determine any information concerning subjects. Circumstances of the escape, including tide and weather conditions, indicate subjects in all liklihood died in the attempt and the fact that subjects, both of whom were of the type to commit additional crimes, have not been arrested since that date is further indication of their death.

It is noted that fugitive stops remain in NCIC and the Identification Division for both subjects and will remain there until they reach the age of 80.

UACB, Oklahoma City is placing this matter in a closed status, setting ticklers for 2/5/86 to remove the record of ROE from NCIC and 4/6/1992 to remove the stop on COLE.

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10/25/78

1 - Mr. Matthews

To: SAC, Oklahoma City (76-348)

From: Director, FBI (76-2686)

THEODORE COLE, aka
FUGITIVE
EFP
OO:OC

RALPH ROE, aka
FUGITIVE
EFP
OO:OC

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director dated 10/10/78.

FBIHQ has no objection to Oklahoma City discontinuing active investigation to locate captioned fugitives. However, it is improper for Oklahoma City to close captioned matters while stops remain for the subjects in NCIC and the FBI Identification Division. Oklahoma City should place both captioned cases in a pending inactive unassigned status setting ticklers for February 5, 1986, and April 6, 1992, as outlined in referenced letter.

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- ☐ Routine

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- ☐ TOP SECRET
- ☐ SECRET
- ☐ CONFIDENTIAL
- ☐ UNCLAS E F T O
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Date 10/15/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-2686)
Attention: Fugitive Unit

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (76-348) C

RE: THEODORE COLE, aka-FUG.;
EFP
00:OC

RALPH ROE, aka-FUG.
EFP
00:OC

FUGITIVE INDEX

ReBuairtel to all SACs 8/8/79.

In accordance with instructions set forth in reairtel, this case has been transferred to the U. S. Marshal's Service, San Francisco, California.

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REFER TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
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CANCEL STOP
FBI# 1260-A2

Place Stop for Locate 7951 7950 REC-65 76-2686-1293
DATE 10-29 INITIALS JdL

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