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Dec. 16 1937.

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Time 6:40 PM

Name Associated Press, tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details:

Stated that they would like to get pictures of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, who had been involved in some sort of a disturbance at Alcatraz. Was advised that pictures of this sort were only available to duly constituted law enforcement agencies. Inquired if Mr. Bennett of the Prison Bureau would have such pictures and he was advised that writer did not know.

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

EAT:MC

December 16, 1937.

Time: 5:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: RALPH ROE; THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Mr. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, telephoned and advised he has just been telephonically informed by the Warden at Alcatraz to the effect that Ralph Roe, #FBI-15757, from Muskogee, Oklahoma, who is serving a sentence of 99 years for bank robbery; and Theodore Cole, #FBI-229226, also from Oklahoma, who is serving a sentence of 50 years for kidnaping, were missing from the noon count at the penitentiary. Mr. Bennett stated the Warden has probably contacted the San Francisco Field Division, although it is believed the men are hiding somewhere in the buildings on the island, having taken advantage of the heavy fog today.

Mr. Bennett was advised the San Francisco Bureau Office would be instructed to telephonically contact the Warden at Alcatraz and offer every possible assistance. He was also advised there would be no publicity from Washington.

The San Francisco Office was furnished with the above information, and Special Agent Thornton said he understood from the San Francisco Chronicle there was some trouble at Alcatraz and had tried to telephonically contact the Warden, without success. He said he understands the Warden is now calling Washington, and has put in another call for the Warden. Mr. Thornton further said he has asked the newspapers to notify him if they receive any additional information.

I told him that as soon as he contacts the Warden to offer every possible assistance in the location of these men. Mr. Thornton said he would do so, and will send a teletype to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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a notorious criminal who is now deceased, frequently visited at Ray Tang Hall's tourist camp, three miles west of Seminole, Oklahoma on the Shawnee, Oklahoma highway. Ralph Roe is said to have hung out with his father, John Roe at Duncan, Oklahoma, and on frequent occasions Ralph Roe has contacted Homer Bishop, an attorney at Seminole. Ralph Roe is well known to the police at Duncan, Seminole and Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Bose Johnson, Sulphur, Oklahoma, in 1934 advised that Ralph Roe had a sweetheart named Mattie Fine, who resides in Mannsville, Oklahoma.

The following is the description of Ralph Roe, as reflected by Oklahoma City file 91-11:

Age	33 (1937)
Height	6', 3/4"
Weight	176
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Medium
Race	White
Teeth	Fair
Occupation	Barber and blacksmith and steam fitter
Relatives	Father, John Roe, Duncan, Okla. Mother, deceased. Brother, Raymond Roe, 1828 N. Monroe, Hutchinson, Kans.
Police No.	OCPD #15589 10/5/34
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Subject Roe's criminal record prior to his conviction and sentence to the United States Penitentiary for a term of 99 years on a charge of bank robbery is as follows:



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As Paul Sullivan, #98, PD, Pomona, Calif; arrested 4/28/23; charge robbery; disposition, released to the Constable, Pomona, Calif.

As Jack Sullivan, alias J. O. Sullivan, #2176, SP, Little Rock; 9/25/24; charge, grand larceny; disposition, 1 to 5 years.

As Jack McCarty, #---, SO, Enid, Okla., 9/6/25; charge, theft; files destroyed.

As Jack Sullivan, alias Jack McCarthy, #5089, SRef., Granite, Okla., 9/20/25; charge, grand larceny; 2 years.

As Raymond Roe, #71678, SP, McAlester, Okla.,; 6/28/27; charge, robbery with firearms; 12 years.

As Ralph Roe, aliases Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, #---, PD, Shawnee, Okla.; charge, harboring (hold by Dept. of Justice); sentenced U. S. District Court, Guthrie, Okla. 7/5/34, 6 month susp.

As Ralph Roe, #15589, PD, Okla. City, Okla., 12/30/33; charge, robbery with firearms; turned over to Okla. Co.

As Ralph Roe, alias Raymond Roe, #0-504, SO, Okla. City, Okla., 1/1/34; charge, robbery with firearms; released to Pottawatomie Co. 1/12/34.

As Ralph Roe, aliases, Jack Sullivan, Jack McCarthy, R. A. Roe, #15589, PD, Okla. City, Okla., 7/7/34; charge vagrancy and investigation; filed on and released to Pottawatomie Co., Okla.

As Ralph Roe, #---, SO, Bonham, Texas, 8/1/34; charge, burglary; released on bond 9/4/34.

As Ralph Roe, #---, SO, Bonham, Texas, Chief Special Agent, St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., St. Louis, Mo., #10810, 7/25/34; charge, auto theft; released Bonham, Texas on bond 9/4/34.

As Ralph Roe, alias Jack McCarthy, #15589, PD, Okla. City, Okla., 10/5/34; federal investigation, filed on and released to Muskogee Co., Okla.

A review of Oklahoma City file 7-64 entitled "Theodore Cole, with aliases; J. A. Rutherford, Victim; Kidnaping," reflects the following

information of value.

Theodore Cole was convicted in Federal Court at Guthrie, Oklahoma May 20, 1935 on charge of kidnaping, and was sentenced to serve 50 years in the United States Penitentiary. Cole bears the reputation of being a killer, and he is moronic and vicious. Cole is twenty-four years of age, is single and an American, a native of the State of Kansas. He is a tailor by trade. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, reside on a farm four miles from Woodlake, California. Cole's sister, Mrs. Viola Dawson, also resides with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole. The Los Angeles Division has been contacted telephonically by Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein, and has been requested to arrange for proper coverage of the Cole farm. The Los Angeles Division is being requested in this report to interview Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Dawson, and secure from them a complete list of all the relatives of Subject Cole and their locations.

At the time Subject Cole kidnaped J. A. Rutherford at Cushing, Oklahoma he forced Rutherford to drive him to Springfield, Missouri. The Oklahoma City file does not reflect that Cole has any contacts at Springfield, Missouri; however, the Kansas City Division is being requested to furnish the Springfield, Missouri Police Department with the descriptions of Subjects Cole and Roe and request their assistance in maintaining a lookout for these subjects should they appear in Springfield.

When Subject Cole was received at Oklahoma State Penitentiary October 22, 1929, from which institution he subsequently escaped, he stated he was a native of Kansas, and his residence was Pittsburg, Kansas. The Kansas City Division is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Pittsburg, Kansas.

The records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary reflect that while Subject Cole was confined there in the year 1929 he corresponded with his sister, Mrs. Pauline Cornett, R. R. #1, Stroud, Oklahoma.

On December 17, 1937 Sheriff Garland Marrs at Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised Special Agent W. E. Hopton that Ted Cole had friends and contacts, and at various times has hid out, at a place known as

Trails Inn, Arkansas, 100 miles south of Harrison, Arkansas. The Little Rock Division is being requested to conduct investigation in that vicinity.

The Oklahoma City file 7 -64 reflects that Subject Cole was arrested January 6, 1935 by Dallas, Texas police officers at the Dayton Hotel on Elm Street in Dallas, and was subsequently removed to Oklahoma for prosecution on charges of kidnaping. The Dallas Division is being requested to furnish the local Police Department with descriptions of subjects, and request their cooperation.

The following is the description of Subject Cole, as obtained from Oklahoma City file 7-64:

Age	17 (1929)
Height	5', 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	122
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Race	White
Teeth	Good
Occupation	Tailor
Nativity	Kansas
Residence	Pittsburg, Kans.
Relatives	Father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, R. R., Woodlake, Calif. Sister, Mrs. Viola Dawson, same address. Sister, Mrs. Pauline Cornett, R.R.#1, Stroud, Okla.
Police No.	OSP #21023
F.P.C.	(21) 17 IM 16 L 27 O 14

The following is the criminal record of Subject Cole prior to his conviction and sentence to the United States Penitentiary for 50 years on the charge of kidnaping:

FBI-229226

As Theodore Cole alias Theadore Cole, #5090, PD, Tulsa, Okla., 1/31/27; charge, burglary; to County Humane Agent.

As Ted Cole, #26817, SP, Little Rock, Ark., 8/27/29; burglary and grand larceny; two years, released to Sheriff, Tulsa Co., Okla. for trial.

As Theodore Cole, alias Ted Cole, #4478, arrested SO, Tulsa, Okla., 9/26/29; robbery; death by electrocution.

As Theodore Cole, alias Theadore Cole, #21023, ST, McAlester, Okla., 10/22/29; robbery; disposition, death by electrocution.

Arrested several times for grand larceny and burglary; paroled three times (as appearing on print #4478). Tulsa, Okla., 1924, 2 years at Pauls Valley; paroled.

With reference to the above mentioned conviction at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and sentence to death by electrocution, information was received that this sentence was commuted by former Governor Holloway to fifteen years.

In accordance with telephonic instructions from the Bureau, Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein on the night of December 16, 1937 contacted the San Francisco and Los Angeles Divisions by telephone, and furnished them with information as to the descriptions of subjects and their known relatives.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION**

At Woodlake, California, in accordance with telephonic conversation had with Special Agent in Charge Stein the evening of December 13, 1937, is respectfully requested to arrange for the proper

coverage of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, residing on a farm about four miles from Woodlake. The Los Angeles Division is also requested to interview Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, as well as Mrs. Viola Dawson, their daughter, and secure from them a complete list of their relatives and their present locations, and set out appropriate leads to auxiliary divisions for them to be interviewed.

#### THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Missouri, is requested to furnish the Police Department and Sheriff's Office with descriptions of Subjects Cole and Roe, and request their cooperation. It is not known at this time whether or not Subjects Roe and Cole have any contacts at Springfield.

At Pittsburg, Kansas, will contact the Police Department and Postmaster with view of securing information concerning the former residence of Subject Cole at Pittsburg, Kansas and any contacts he may have. Descriptions of Cole and Roe should be furnished the Pittsburg Police Department and their cooperation requested.

At Hutchinson, Kansas, is requested to locate and interview Raymond Roe, brother of Subject Ralph Roe, who resides at 1828 N. Monroe Street, and obtain from him any information he may have which might assist in the apprehension of Subjects Cole and Roe.

#### THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will secure late photographs of Subjects Roe and Cole, and check for corrections of the descriptions of subjects as set out in this report. Will forward to all auxiliary divisions for whom leads are indicated in this report two late photographs each of Subjects Roe and Cole, and forward to the Oklahoma City Division four photographs each of Subjects Roe and Cole.

#### THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

Is requested to furnish descriptions of Subjects Roe and

Cole to the Dallas and Fort Worth Police Departments, and request their cooperation in the apprehension of subjects should they appear there. Subject Cole was apprehended prior to conviction for kidnaping at the Dayton Hotel on Elm Street, Dallas, Texas by Dallas police officers.

#### THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

At Trails Inn, Arkansas, located about 100 miles south of Harrison, Arkansas, will conduct appropriate investigation with view of ascertaining the friends and contacts of Subject Cole, and arrange for the Little Rock Division to be notified in the event Subjects Cole and Roe should put in their appearance there.

#### THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

At Winslow, Arizona, will conduct investigation at the Avon Hotel, and interview Morie Blackwell for any information she may have regarding Subject Roe and his known contacts.

#### THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview Mrs. Pauline Cornett, R.R. #1, and obtain any information she may be able to furnish which may lead to the apprehension of Subjects Roe and Cole. Mrs. Cornett should be advised of the Federal Statutes relative to harboring. Will furnish the descriptions of subjects to the Police Department and request their cooperation.

At Duncan, Oklahoma, will interview John Roe, father of Subject Roe, for any information he may be able to furnish which may lead to the apprehension of Subjects Roe and Cole. Will advise John Roe of the Federal Statutes relative to harboring. Will furnish descriptions and information to the Police Department and Sheriff's Office concerning subjects' escape, and request their cooperation in the apprehension of subjects.

At Seminole, Sulphur and Ardmore, Oklahoma, will contact the Police Departments and Sheriffs' Offices, and furnish descriptions

of subjects and information regarding their escape from Alcatraz Island, and request their cooperation in the apprehension of subjects.

At Mannsville, Oklahoma, will interview Mattie Fine, and obtain from her any information she may have relative to Subject Roe, advising her of the Federal Statutes relative to harboring. Also, the Sheets family should be interviewed relative to any information they may possess concerning Subject Roe. They should be advised of the Federal Statutes covering harboring.

At Hartshorne, Oklahoma, will contact Dick Coffrin, through the assistance of the Police Department, and obtain from him any information he may possess concerning Subject Roe which may assist in the apprehension of Roe and Cole. Coffrin should be advised of the Federal Statutes relative to harboring.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma, will ascertain through the Police Department the present location of Bertie Fruitt, and if possible interview him and obtain any information he may possess regarding Subject Roe which may assist in the apprehension of Roe. Bertie Fruitt should be advised of the Federal Statutes covering harboring.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT <b>OKLA. CITY, OKLA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/19/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/14, 17/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. MURPHY</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McDerty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson, FUGITIVE</b> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Telegraphic information received from San Francisco Division that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole escaped 12/14/37 from USP, Alcatraz Island, Okla. City Division files reviewed, and leads set out for auxiliary divisions. Descriptions of subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> This investigation is predicated upon telegraphic advice from the San Francisco Division on December 17, 1937 to the effect that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole escaped from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California on December 14, 1937. As both Roe and Cole at the time they escaped were serving sentences which had been imposed upon conviction in the Oklahoma City Division, the Oklahoma City Division is the division of origin in this case.</p> <p>A review of Oklahoma City file 51-11 entitled "Ralph Roe, with aliases; Jack Lloyd, with aliases, Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma, Bank Robbery," reflects that Roe has the reputation of being a thief, a burglar and a bank robber, and he is a desperate criminal. Roe was convicted at Muskogee, Oklahoma January 18, 1935 with Jack Lloyd, his associate, for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma, and Roe was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in the United States Penitentiary. After committing the above mentioned robbery, Subject Roe, with his associate, Jack Lloyd, were apprehended at Bill's Camp Grounds on the outskirts of Clayton, Oklahoma on October 3, 1936, at which time there was with them a man named Dick Coffrin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Dick Coffrin</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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was questioned at that time, and later released, as he was found not to be involved in this bank robbery. Bill's Camp Grounds was then operated by Mrs. Earnest Taylor, the wife of an Oklahoma ex-convict.

Prior to conviction on the charge of bank robbery Subject Roe was confined at the Muskogee, Oklahoma City Jail, and he was receiving correspondence from one Marie Blackwell, who was then residing at the Avon Hotel, Winslow, Arizona, and she was said to be with two other girls and three or four men, names unknown. It is not known what connection Marie Blackwell may be to Subject Roe. The Phoenix Division is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Winslow, Arizona to locate and interview Marie Blackwell for any information she may have concerning Roe.

The Oklahoma City file further reflects that Ralph Roe is thirty-three years of age, an American citizen, and native of Carter County, Oklahoma; that his occupation is that of a barber and blacksmith. Roe's father, John Roe, resides at Duncan, Oklahoma, and his mother is deceased. He has a brother, Raymond Roe, who in November, 1934 was residing in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Raymond Roe, brother of Subject Ralph Roe was interviewed by an Agent of the Kansas City Division at Hutchinson, Kansas, at which time Raymond Roe was residing at 1828 N. Monroe Street, and was employed by the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company. Raymond Roe, when interviewed on November 17, 1934, stated his brother, Ralph Roe, came to Hutchinson, Kansas with a woman using the name Hazel Hudson, of Duncan, Oklahoma, but whom Raymond Roe identified as being Hazel Jarrett; that he, Raymond Roe, assisted his brother in purchasing an automobile in Hutchinson, Kansas, and Ralph Roe and Hazel Hudson alias Hazel Jarrett returned to Duncan, Oklahoma. The Kansas City Division is being requested to interview Raymond Roe at Hutchinson, Kansas for any information he may have regarding his brother, Ralph; also for a list of all of Subject Roe's relatives and their locations, and to set out appropriate leads to interview them.

Prior to the robbery of the Farmers National Bank at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Ralph Roe is alleged to have hung out with Bertie Pruitt, a police character who lives northeast of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Also Roe is said to have stayed with the Sheets family, relatives of Jack Lloyd at Mannsville, Oklahoma, and at various times Roe, in his association with Wilbur Underhill,

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DECEMBER 17, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 18, 1937

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AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Information was received today from Detective William Kelly,  
of the Tulsa Police Department, to the effect that an informant of  
his advised [REDACTED]

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The Kansas City Division is respectfully requested to immediately verify, from records of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, whether Jimmie Roe was released from that penitentiary, and secure a description of him, as well as a list of his relatives and correspondents, furnishing same to the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oklahoma City Divisions, together with a late photograph of Jimmie Roe.

The Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, in conducting investigation in their divisions, should take into consideration the fact that Jimmie Roe, an alleged brother of Ralph Roe, is an aviator with considerable flying experience.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Los Angeles (AMSD)  
San Francisco (AMSD)

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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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December 20, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: Ralph Roe, with alias; fugitive.  
Theodore Cole; fugitive.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegram from the Portland Division to the New York Division, dated December 19, 1937, requesting this Division to immediately verify whether one Maxwell Brown operates a silk concern at 112 Madison Avenue, New York City, and whether or not he is known to have been in Portland and other West Coast cities during the past week.

At 112 Madison Avenue is displayed a business sign reading "The Brown Company, Inc."; "Our Own Slips" being indicated as the trade slogan. This concern occupies the 10th floor.

At the offices of Brown Company, Inc. Mr. Morton Brown, advised that he is a brother of Mr. Maxwell Brown, president of that concern, and its business contact man; that Maxwell Brown had been in Portland, Oregon during the week of December 13, 1937, although he could not give the exact date; that on this date, December 20, 1937, he was registered at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. Morton Brown could not state just how long Mr. Maxwell Brown intended to remain at the Palmer House, but advised that he anticipated he would depart from there within the hour or at about 12:30 P. M., December 20, 1937. Morton Brown advised that he assumed Mr. Maxwell Brown had been in other West Coast cities during the past week, but he could not advise definitely concerning this question.

A teletype was immediately dispatched to the Portland Division acquainting it with these circumstances and advising that if more information was desired the Chicago Division should be contacted. This case is being referred upon completion to the Division of origin.

Very truly yours

R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau  
San Francisco  
Chicago

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PEP:MC

December 18, 1937.

Time: 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Hanson called from Los Angeles and advised he had received a call from Mr. Pieper at San Francisco requesting that two agents proceed to San Francisco to work on the Parsons Case there, and accordingly Special Agents Parry and Wyerson will leave tonight and will arrive at San Francisco at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Hanson then referred to the Pacific Coast oil case, an antitrust matter, in which a Special Assistant to the Attorney General is going to San Francisco tonight and one of the accountants from the Los Angeles Office is also going to San Francisco to handle the accounting work. This Special Assistant had also requested that an agent be assigned to go with him to conduct the investigative work, and it had been decided by the Bureau to have an agent from the San Francisco Office conduct the work. Mr. Hanson stated in view of the critical need of the San Francisco Office for agents due to the Parsons Case and the escapes from Alcatraz, he believes an agent from his office should go to San Francisco to assist, and accordingly will have Agent Whitson proceed to San Francisco Monday night if the Bureau agrees. He was advised this is desirable.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth.

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G. W. STEIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

RALPH ROE WAS THEODORE COLE WAS EFF ESCAPED USP ALCATRAZ ISLAND TODAY INTENSIVE  
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Description: Age 32, Complexion fair; eyes, hazel; hair, chestnut  
Height, 6 feet; weight, 170; build, tall, slender.  
Scars and Marks: Tattoo star left index and back of left hand.  
Large rag cut scar 2" left forearm.

Relatives:

Raymond Roe (brother)      Box 242, Hays, Kansas

Mrs. Wanda Stacey (Sinter) 1216 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri

THEODORE COLE

Number 258-Az, U.S.Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California

Fingerprint Classification: 21 17 IM 17  
27 0 16

Description: Age, 25; Height, 5' 8"; weight, 135; build, small medium; nationality, american; complexion, fair; eyes, blue; hair, brown.

Scars and Marks: 2" scar corner right hip, small scar middle right cheek, large 8" scar above knee of left leg.

Sentenced from Western District of Oklahoma for kidnaping.

Correspondents:

Mrs. Esther Cole (Mother) P.O.Box 215, Woodlake, California

Violet Dawson, (Sister) 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California

Mrs. Pauline Cornett (Sister), Route #2, Box #9, Stroud, Oklahoma.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

December 17, 1937

AIR MAIL -  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm my telephone conversation with Assistant Director Tamm at Washington today regarding the location of James Hugh Butcher. This morning Special Agent in Charge Stein of the Oklahoma City Office called and advised that their office was conducting extensive investigation relative to the escape and the location of the two above named Subjects, and that they were desirous of ascertaining the whereabouts of James Hugh Butcher, who was previously investigated by the Louisville Office relative to an alleged plot of Subject Cole and other convicts to escape from Alcatraz Prison.

Immediately upon receipt of this information an Agent was directed to make an immediate investigation at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, which is the former home of James Hugh Butcher. It was ascertained by this Agent that in April, 1937, James Hugh Butcher had been arrested at London, Kentucky, and convicted for carrying concealed weapons and the reckless use of firearms. This was a violation of his parole, and he was accordingly being held in the county jail at London, Kentucky, on this Federal charge. On April 18, 1937, Butcher escaped from the Laurel County Jail at London, Kentucky, but was picked up a short time thereafter.

Reference is made to an interview with Butcher at the above mentioned time, as reported in the Louisville file entitled "LAWRENCE BOGGS; THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER", and particularly the report of Special Agent J. B. Poster, Louisville, Kentucky, dated April 29, 1937, Pages 3 and 4.

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It was further learned that Butcher on June 21, 1937, for violation of his parole was returned to the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. It is now rumored at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, that he was subsequently trans-

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ferred to Alcatraz Prison. It would therefore appear that Butcher has been in custody from about April 20, 1937, to the present time.

Very truly yours,

*O. C. Dewey*

O. C. DEWEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

OCD/mhf

cc: Oklahoma City

JFM:CRS

December 16, 1937.

Time: 9:45 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

Mr. Bennett, of the Prison Bureau, telephoned and stated that he had just talked to the Warden at Alcatraz; that the Warden had stated that they had searched the Island and found no trace of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole who are missing; that the men had jimmied the gate of the wire fence surrounding the Penitentiary; that the fog makes the visibility very bad and the men may still be on the Island. Mr. Bennett stated that he had told the Warden to contact the San Francisco Office of the FBI and distribute pictures of the escaped men through that office. I stated that I thought that it would be desirable to get the widest circulation of the photographs that was possible. Mr. Bennett stated that he did not think that the escape was a definitely planned job since the other prisoners had been very quiet; that when an escape is planned usually the other prisoners cause a commotion in order to divert attention from the escape. I stated that I would call the Agent in Charge at San Francisco and tell him to get in touch with the Warden at Alcatraz and arrange for the distribution of the photographs to the press.

Time: 9:50 PM

I telephoned the San Francisco Office and spoke to Agent Wilson. I stated that Agent Wilson should get word to Agent Thornton, who is Acting in Charge in Mr. Pieper's absence, and tell him that the Warden at Alcatraz is going to release the pictures of the men who escaped today; that he may release them through the San Francisco Office of the Bureau or he may release them himself; that if he wishes the Bureau office to release them they should be made available to all the newspapers and the news wire services; that every assistance should be rendered the Warden. I asked that Agent Thornton be asked to call me when he returned to the Office.

Time: 10:30 PM

Agent J. E. Thornton, Acting in Charge of the San Francisco Office, telephoned at my request and stated that he was in constant touch with Warden Johnson at Alcatraz; that the Warden had furnished them with complete descriptions and criminal records of the escaped men; that as yet he had given no information to the press. I stated that I had talked to Mr. Bennett,

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Egan

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Nathan ☒  
Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Dec. 16 1937.

Time 10:12 PM

Name Lewis Wood, of the New York

Times, tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Stated that he knew Mr. Nathan personally; that he had been trying to get in touch with him but that the switchboard had told him that there was no answer in Mr. Nathan's office. Mr. Wood stated that he wanted to obtain some information concerning the two men who escaped from Alcatraz today and also photos if any were available. He was referred to the Prison Bureau.

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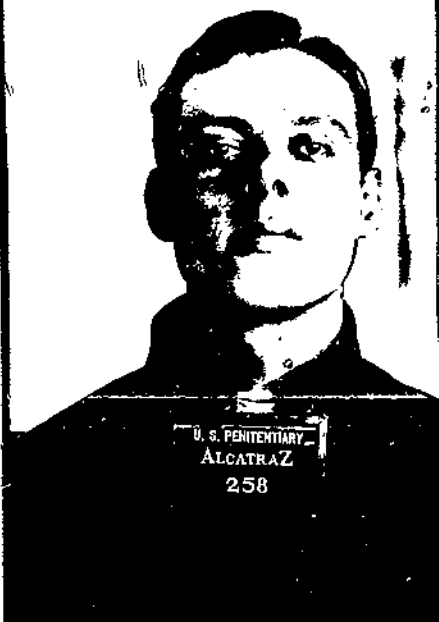


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U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729 -- 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 18, 1937.

Mr. Nathan  
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Mr. Baughman  
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Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Miss Gandy

*W. Cornelius*

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE. THEODORE COLE -  
FUGITIVE. Escaped Federal  
Prisoners.

I am forwarding herewith copies of  
the photographs of RALPH ROE, with aliases,  
and THEODORE COLE, one set of photographs by  
air mail, special delivery, and the other  
set by regular mail, special delivery.

These are the latest available photo-  
graphs of these two escaped prisoners from  
Alcatraz Island.

Very truly yours,

*N.J.L. Pieper*

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N.J.L. PIEPER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Oklahoma City

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: **SAN FRANCISCO**

FBI LOS ANGELES      DECEMBER 17, 1937      3- PM      RS

SAC SAN FRANCISCO

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THEODORE COLE ET AL EFP. FURNISH THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY  
PHOTOGRAPH OF HUGH BUTCHER, ALCATRAZ NUMBER TWO SIX SEVEN.  
REFERENCE REPORT OF J. E. LAWLER, LOS ANGELES, NOVEMBER  
SEVENTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, IN CASE ENTITLED JAMES  
HUGH BUTCHER WITH ALIAGES. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS SET OUT  
THEREIN TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF C. W. BUTCHER.

HANSON

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 12-16-37 9:20 PM JET:FD

J. H. HANSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
903 PACIFIC COMMERCE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

RALPH ROE WAS THEODORE COLE WAS WTP ESCAPED USP ALCATRAZ ISLAND TODAY COLE HAS  
SISTER VIOLET DAWSON SIX TWO THREE EIGHT GIFFORD BELL CALIFORNIA PHOTOGRAPH AND  
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cc: Bureau  
Oklahoma City

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1612 FEDERAL RESERVE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

RALPH ROE WAS THEODORE COLE WAS EFF ESCAPED USP ALCATRAZ ISLAND TODAY RELATIVES OF  
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MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Suite 1729  
One Eleven Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases;  
THEODORE COLE,  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are photographs of RALPH ROE, No. 260, Alcatraz, and of THEODORE COLE, No. 238, Alcatraz, who escaped from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, December 16, 1937.

Also enclosed is a mimeographed form which sets forth their names, aliases, descriptions, fingerprint classifications, and relatives. From this form you will note that VIOLET DANSON, 6238 Cliford Avenue, Bell, California, is listed as a sister of Subject COLE, and it is requested that she be interviewed and an appropriate mail cover placed.

The Bureau has requested that this matter be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

M. J. L. PIEPER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau  
Oklahoma City

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FBI ATLANTA      DECEMBER 17, 1937      5-30 PM      DND

DIRECTOR

THEODORE COLE, RALPH ROE, EFP. HUGH BUTCHER, NOW CONFINED USP, ATLANTA, AS CRV, PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED USP, ALCATRAZ, CALIFORNIA, VIGOROUSLY DENIES MAKING ANY STATEMENTS RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE METHOD OF ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ OR HEARING SUCH DISCUSSION AMONG OTHER INMATES. ALLEGES ONE ROY JOHNSON, ANOTHER INMATE WHO DISLIKES HIM, INFORMED DEPUTY WARDEN BUTCHER WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE SOME INFORMATION OUT FOR OTHER PRISONERS UPON HIS RELEASE. RUMOR LATER DISPROVEN. STATES HE KNOWS OF NO DISHONEST EMPLOYEE AT INSTITUTION AND PERSONALLY WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE INSTITUTION WAS ESCAPE PROOF. ADMITTED CASUALLY KNOWING SUBJECTS BUT HAD NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ESCAPE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FBI WASH. DC

JEL:RD

December 19, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: RALPH MOE, with aliases, Fugitive;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your teletype dated December 18, 1937, there are being transmitted herewith seven photographs of Richard Tallman Galatas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hottel	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Melville	
Mr. Naughton	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
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RALPH<sup>0</sup> ROE WAS THEODORE<sup>0</sup> COLE WAS EFP. FULL INFORMATION GIVEN NEWS-  
PAPERS TONIGHT WITH APPROVAL WARDEN JOHNSTON. WARDEN JOHNSTON HAS  
APPROVED AGENTS A E FARLANDS REMAINING ON ALCATRAZ ISLAND DURING  
EMERGENCY. FISHING FLEETS LAUNCHES AND TUGS NOTIFIED AND SUPPLIED  
DESCRIPTIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS. STATE WIDE RADIO AND  
TELETYPE BULLETIN SET FORTH TONIGHT. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONTINUED, ALL LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS COOPERATING, BUREAU WILL BE  
NOTIFIED PERTINENT DEVELOPEMENTS.

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RALPH ROE WA, THEODORE COLE EFP. TWO WITNESSES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE  
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/GALATAS. BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD AIRMAIL SPECIAL COPIES ALL  
AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS GALATAS AND SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED FORWARD  
MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE AT ALCATRAZ OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.  
WITNESSES NOW POSITIVE THAT PARTY CALLED AT LIGHTHOUSE OFFICE ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER FIFTEENTH.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Bay*  
Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Dec. 16 , 1937.

Time 6:55 PM

*H* Name Acme News Photos, tele.

*U* Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details:

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
*W* Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Stated that they would like to get photos of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole who had just escaped from Alcatraz. It was suggested that they contact the Prison Bureau. He then became very nasty and stated that he saw no reason why the FBI could not furnish the pictures; that Mr. Tolson always furnished them pictures on requests like this; that they knew that he would give them the pictures if he was in town. He then asked that the writer call Mr. Bennett and get the pictures for him. He was advised that the writer could not do this. He raved some more about how unprecedented it was that the writer could not furnish him with the pictures and then hung up.

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Dec. 16 1937.

Time 7:40 PM

Name Mr. Jamieson, of New York Times,

tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details:

Inquired if the FBI had any pictures available of the two convicts who were missing from Alcatraz. He was referred to the Prison Bureau.

7:43 - Mr. Jamieson called back and stated that he had talked to Mr. Bennett, of the Prison Bureau; that Mr. Bennett stated that he had no pictures but that the FBI had. Mr. Jamieson was advised that it was possible that we had pictures in connection with the criminal records of these men but these criminal records were only available to duly constituted law enforcement agencies.

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Better get these pictures  
+ let me have some on  
hand. *NEW YORK* *IDENT* *FILE*

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

EAT:MC

December 17, 1937.

Time: 1:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: RALPH ROE; THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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Mr. Dewey called from Louisville stating he had received a call from Mr. Stein at Oklahoma City relative to the escape of the above individuals from Alcatraz. Mr. Dewey said that in checking Hugh Butcher's record, who you will recall claims he knew that Cole was planning an escape, it was ascertained that during April 1937 Butcher was arrested for violating his parole and was placed in the County Jail at London, Kentucky. He escaped from this institution on April 18, 1937, and was arrested a short time later and on June 21, 1937, was taken to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Dewey said there is a rumor around the locality of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, that Butcher was transferred from Atlanta to Alcatraz.

I told Mr. Dewey that the Bureau would check with the Bureau of Prisons to ascertain definitely where Butcher is incarcerated.

Accordingly, I called Mr. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, who after checking his records, advised that Hugh Butcher is now incarcerated at Atlanta, Georgia. He suggested that Butcher be interviewed, since he could not possibly be in on this plot. I told him that an agent would interview Butcher today and Mr. Bennett said he would wire the warden at the penitentiary to this effect.

I subsequently telephoned Mr. Vincent at Atlanta and instructed him to have an agent of his office interview Butcher this afternoon to ascertain if he knows anything or claims to know anything about this escape, pointing out to Mr. Vincent it is highly improbable that Butcher had any connection with this current escape. Mr. Vincent indicated he will submit a teletype to the Bureau covering the results of the interview with Butcher.

After receiving the information from Mr. Dewey at Louisville relative to Butcher's location, I called Mr. Stein and told him the Bureau of Prisons was being contacted to determine whether Butcher is at Atlanta or Alcatraz, this being prior to my call to Mr. Bennett. Mr. Stein was advised that unless he was informed to the contrary, he should infer that Butcher is at Alcatraz. At this time, Mr. Stein said he has called Los Angeles Office and instructed them to cover the home of the parents of Cole at Los Angeles. I told him this plant should be maintained 24 hours a day.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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

EAT:EE

December 19, 1937

Time: 4:57 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*File*  
*Re Cole and Roe E.F.P.*

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At the above mentioned time, Special Agent in Charge Brantley of the Kansas City, Missouri, Field Division, telephonically communicated with me with regard to one, Galatas. I asked Mr. Brantley if he had obtained any line on Galatas and he advised me that he had talked to Special Agent in Charge Fletcher of the Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division, and he had advised that he had sent a man over to Hot Springs; that Fletcher was to call back whether he did or did not find any information on Galatas. Mr. Brantley inquired if I had heard from Mr. Fletcher and I replied in the negative. I told Mr. Brantley that I thought that he was going to check at Leavenworth today and see what address Galatas gave when they turned him out. Mr. Brantley advised that he was unable to find anyone out there on Sunday and that it was difficult to get in there on Sunday.

I asked Mr. Brantley if he had sent an Agent over to Leavenworth and he replied that he had not; but that he had tried to contact Eickols(phonetic), the man who does that type of work for him; that he would probably be able to get in touch with him this evening.

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I advised Mr. Brantley to keep after him because they have positively identified Galatas' pictures as the one having made inquiries out there about the tides and other things. I told him to let me know if he got any line on the whereabouts of Galatas.

Mr. Brantley advised me that as he understood in his conversation with Special Agent in Charge Pieper of the San Francisco, California, Field Division, that Galatas was released through Leavenworth; that the whole record for Galatas was sent over to Leavenworth. Mr. Brantley advised that he would get in touch with Eickols(phonetic) tonight and would get in touch with me, either by teletype or by telephone.

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Respectfully,

*Ew*  
E. A. Tamm.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Dec. 17 1937.

Time 2:15 p.m.

Name Arthur Betitta, tele.

Movietone News

Referred to

Details:

Mr. Nathan ☒  
Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Naughten \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Asked to be furnished with two still pictures of the two prisoners that escaped from Alcatraz Prison and the writer advised that this matter comes under the Bureau of Prisons. Betitta then stated that on other occasions pictures have been made of the Director watching the machines here in the Bureau print pictures and wanted notices of escaped prisoners; that if the Bureau prints any wanted notices or pictures of these men he would like to get a picture of the Director watching the machines in operation. He would like to be called at Di 6448 if such pictures can be made. gan

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor  
December 18, 1937.

Time 10:15 A. M.  
Name Arthur Detitta, Morietone News,

Referred to tele. locally  
Details:

Inquired with reference to the attached call in which he stated that he would like to get still pictures of the Director watching the printing of pictures and wanted notices of the prisoners who escaped from Alcatraz Prison if such pictures and notices are printed by the Bureau.

Was advised that the writer knew of no action that is being taken by the Bureau in this respect. Was transferred to Mr. Tolson upon his (Mr. Detitta's) request. gnb

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hottel
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Naughten
- Mr. Nichols
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- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Washington, D. C.

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Date 12-20-37

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Arthur A. DeTitta, Fox Movietone News, telephoned me recently advising that if any reward notices or circulars are issued relative to the two escapes from Alcatraz, he would like to secure a picture of you watching these notices run off on the mechanical machines. I told him that if it were possible to do this, he would be notified.

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Clyde Tolson.  
Signature



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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  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

*E. A. Tamm*  
*Miss Gandy*

FBI SAN FRANCISCO

12-16-37

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DIRECTOR

WARDEN JOHNSON ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY ADVISES RALPH ROE NUMBER TWO SIX NAUGHT AND THEODORE COLE NUMBER TWO FIVE EIGHT MISSING FROM MAT SHOP SINCE ONE FORTY FIVE PM TODAY. JOHNSON IS OF OPINION CONVICTS STILL ON ISLAND. COAST GUARDS AND SPECIAL LAUNCH CIRCLING ISLAND. JOHNSON HAS BEEN OFFERED ALL FACILITIES OF FBI AND IS SENDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIONS ON FIRST BOAT IN ORDER THAT INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CAN BE CONDUCTED SAN FRANCISCO. CLOSE CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH WARDEN JOHNSON. BUREAU WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

December 17, 1937.

Time:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: RALPH ROE; THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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Mr. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, called and indicated that you advised him last night the Bureau files contain a report indicating that Cole was planning an escape. Mr. Bennett was advised that this Bureau has corresponded with his Bureau relative to this matter under the name of Hugh Butcher, and he probably has copies of reports indexed under the name of Hugh Butcher. Butcher, you will recall, came out of Alcatraz and went to Oklahoma City, telling a story relative to the plotted escape of Cole. This was about a year ago and also involved one Jesse Hill, formerly sentenced to Leavenworth on a narcotic charge. I told him I would check our files to determine whether he has been furnished with copies of all pertinent serials and would also try to find some additional data.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

Dec. 18

1937.

11:15

Time

Name Mr. A. McNaughton of the U.P. tele.

Referred to

Details:

Stated he had received a report from Richmond, Cal. that an abandoned yacht had been found there; that this place is about ten miles from San Francisco and it is thought this might be the boat the convicts used to escape in. He asked to be called if there was any information to give out on this.

Mr. Foxworth advises he talked with Mr. Pieper about the case about 30 minutes ago and Mr. Pieper made no mention of a boat having been found. cek

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FBI KANSAS CITY 12-18-37 10-00 PM SW

DIRECTOR

RALPH ROE, THEODORE COLE EFP. FRITZ MULLOY WAS SEEN IN KANSAS  
CITY THISEVENING BY BUREAU AGENTS. INVESTIGATION INDICATES  
HE HAS BEEN HERE CONTINUOUSLY FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS

BRANTLEY

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

EAT:MC

December 18, 1937.

Time: 7:45  
pm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

I called Mr. Pieper at San Francisco and asked if a systematic check is being made at Alcatraz to determine if the men actually left the island or might still be there. Mr. Pieper indicated he really does not know what the warden is doing and has not contacted him personally in view of the already strained relations. I told him we want to know definitely whether the men did leave the island in order to conduct a comprehensive investigation. He asked if he should contact the Warden at Alcatraz to get a definite picture and he was instructed to do so, if he thinks he can handle such an interview without antagonizing the Warden.

Mr. Pieper stated that he is advised the coast guard boats started patrolling around the island at about two o'clock and if there had been a boat, despite the unusually heavy fog, the coast guard men would have heard it. He stated the Geodetic Survey has informed the fog was the heaviest they have had for years and the tide was so very high that the ferry boats had extreme difficulty in keeping in their channels. This would make it impossible for anyone to swim and impossible for anyone to paddle a raft. With regard to the fugitives having made a raft of automobile tires, Mr. Pieper advised all the good rubber is taken from the tires and only the fabric part is left. He further stated the yacht story has been discredited and all the boats in the bay have been examined thoroughly.

Mr. Pieper advised as far as he can determine the nearest guard to the subjects was in the blacksmith's shop at the time of their escape. He said that no one ever gets to enter this shop.

Mr. Pieper advised he has submitted photographs of the fugitives, as instructed by plane and train and since the photographs at Alcatraz were poor, called the Oklahoma City Office and secured the photographs there and these pictures are also being forwarded to the Bureau. He was advised the Bureau has already requested the Oklahoma City Office to transmit photographs.

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With reference to Galatas, Mr. Pieper stated the Little Rock Office is to make a check at Hot Springs to ascertain if Galatas has been there, and if they are unable to determine this point, Mr. Brantley will go to...

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Leavenworth, Kansas, inasmuch as the records at Alcatraz have been forwarded to Leavenworth.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'EAT', written over the printed name.

E. A. TAMM.

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

PEF:MC

December 16, 1937.

Time: 11:52 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: RALPH ROE; THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

While telephonically conversing with Mr. Stein at Oklahoma City, I referred to the information received from the Bureau of Prisons to the effect that they had been advised by the Warden at Alcatraz that Roe and Cole are missing from the penitentiary.

He stated he heard a radio flash to this effect, and I told him it might be desirable to start reviewing his files, since both of these men were active in the Oklahoma district, Roe being a bank robber and Cole a kidnaper, in order to make appropriate arrangements to have their families and contacts covered.

Respectfully,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. Foxworth.

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

EAT:MC

December 18, 1937.

Time: 12:00 noon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the attached memorandum relative to Mr. Foxworth's conversation with Mr. Pieper at San Francisco relative to the latter's query as to whether he should announce to the press that the escape of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe from Alcatraz is receiving the Director's personal attention and also whether he should inform the press that the Bureau intends to prosecute any person who harbors or assists the fugitives in any way, I called Mr. Pieper and instructed him to say that the Director is giving personal attention to the case and to also issue a warning as to harboring the fugitives.

With regard to his request for more agents, after questioning him as to his needs for manpower, he was instructed to call Mr. Hanson at Los Angeles and secure one or two men; to call the Salt Lake City Office and have Special Agent Abbaticchio proceed to San Francisco and to also call Mr. Spears at Portland requesting that an agent be sent to San Francisco.

With regard to the press inquiries relative to the abandoned yacht having been recovered near Richmond, California, Mr. Pieper said he has received no information on this and he was instructed to try to find out what this is all about.

Mr. Pieper stated that late last night his office received a call from an individual near the Santa Altas High School district, which is near Mill Valley, California, to the effect that he had been accosted by two individuals, who he claims were the two escapes from Alcatraz; that these men came out of the bushes and tried to jump on his car, but he was able to break away from them and drive away.. Mr. Pieper said his agents checked throughout this vicinity but were unable to develop anything. He said no tracks were found along the road as claimed by the victim.

Mr. Pieper further stated a call was received this morning that at pier 54 an old abandoned hand-made boat had been found, which was of an unusual type, and it might have been used by the fugitives. He is checking this lead now.

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Mr. Pieper asked if a reward will be offered by the Attorney General and was advised that such a reward would be made at Washington and he would be notified if same is to be issued.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 18, 1937.

Time - 11:00 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

SAC Pieper called from San Francisco and stated that he only has eleven men assigned to his office at the present time; that the surveillance in the Parsons Case and Anna Kupryanova going out there necessitated six men, leaving him only five men; that in connection with the escape from Alcatraz, the Navy is presently using eight boats, and he thinks he should have at least one Agent on each of these boats in order that if any bodies are found, the Agents will be present. He requested additional men. Mr. Pieper further stated that there had been some very good publicity appearing in the newspapers out there, and they had covered the various statements which had been made. However, he said that the Director had not been brought into the picture very prominently. Mr. Pieper suggested that when the newspapers call him at nine o'clock this morning, he be permitted to inform them that he had just conferred with the Director, who is giving the escape his personal attention, and further, that it is the intention of the Bureau to prosecute any person who harbors or assists the fugitives in any way. Mr. Pieper thinks that this warning should be given, and further, that the Director's name should be brought more prominently into the newspaper dispatches.

I told Mr. Pieper that his suggestion would be relayed to you, and that he would be advised. Mr. Pieper also inquired as to how long an Agent should remain at Alcatraz, stating that the relationships at present were satisfactory, but if the Agent remained there too long, it might become tense. Mr. Pieper further inquired about a reward, and I informed him I did not know the present status of this matter.

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Respectfully

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. FOXWORTH.

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The press is inquiring in the Director's Office about an abandoned yacht being recovered near Richmond, California.

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December 18, 1937.

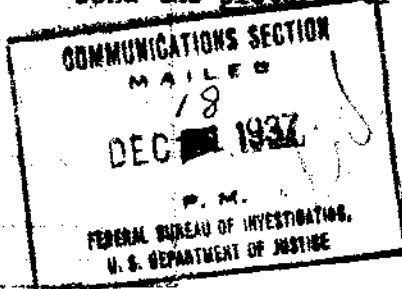
Time: 6:35 PM.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Richard<sup>2</sup> Roe and Theodore<sup>0</sup> Cole.

I telephoned SAC Pieper, at San Francisco, to send us by the fastest means the latest pictures of Richard Roe and Theodore Cole since the photographs at the Bureau were several years old. Mr. Pieper stated that he would do this; that the investigation of the escape was progressing satisfactorily; that the Bureau was getting very good publicity in the San Francisco papers. Mr. Pieper stated that they were definitely eliminating a number of leads and he wondered if he could tell the press that they have eliminated these leads. I stated that it was alright to say this if the leads had been definitely eliminated; that he should be careful that nothing he says now is eliminated turns up later as having a part in the case. Mr. Pieper stated that the press was inquiring about a reward in the case; that he had told them that the issuance of a reward was entirely in the purview of the Attorney General; that the press inquired if any extra men had been sent in and he had informed them that extra men had been. I stated that this was alright but not to give them the number or offices from which the men came, to tell them that this was contrary to Bureau policy.

I stated that the San Francisco office should check carefully on the report from Portland concerning the inquiries about the currents which run past Alcatraz Island. I stated that descriptions from San Quentin and Folsom Prisons should be checked for one fitting the description from Portland; that the informants along the water-front should be contacted to see if they had heard anything. I stated that they should also check on recent visitors to Alcatraz; that it was possible that a visitor of another prisoner could have passed a message along to the escaped men; that an Agent should be kept at Alcatraz. Mr. Pieper stated that there was an Agent on the Island; that they were still searching on the Island in case the men were hiding in one of the cliff caves. Mr. Pieper stated that the fog had lifted; that a boat load of newspaper men attempted to approach the Island and guards had fired on them to keep them away. Mr. Pieper stated that he would send the pictures of the men immediately.



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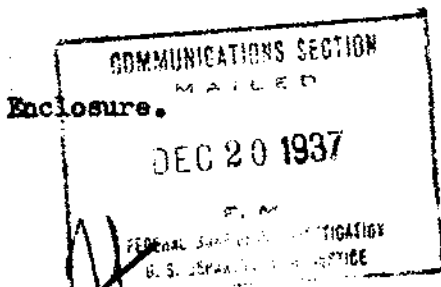
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of Identification Orders Nos. 1471 and 1472 issued by this Bureau on Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, respectively. These are the two individuals who escaped from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:RP

December 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your comments endorsed on the attached teletype from the Kansas City Office, you are advised that Galatas was not paroled but was released on a Conditional Release after serving his maximum sentence less time for good behavior.

While talking with Fletcher at Little Rock this morning, I instructed Fletcher to contact the U. S. Probation Officer at Little Rock, to whom Galatas is supposed to be reporting.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

December 18, 1937.

Time: 11:30  
11:00

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

I called Mr. Pieper at San Francisco and inquired as to the latest developments this case. He stated there was a burglary at Mill Valley, California, last night, which would be in the vicinity where these men might go. However, it is not believed that the burglary was perpetrated by the fugitives inasmuch as only food was taken and guns and revolvers in plain sight were not taken. He advised agents checked the house thoroughly and leaning against the refrigerator was a shot gun and in a closet in plain sight was a revolver. He stated although the house was processed for fingerprints, no prints were found other than those on a glass which did not match those of the fugitives.

He stated numerous sundry leads are being received and they are checking them as quickly as possible.

Mr. Pieper advised the Coast Guard is still patrolling but that agency has advised against making a shore search until after seven days or so when the bodies would rise to the surface of the water and float ashore.

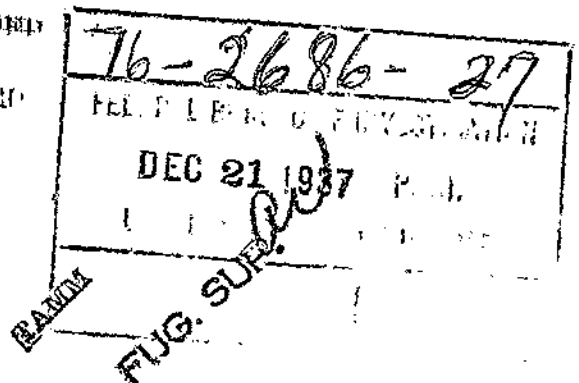
He advised two additional agents have arrived at his office and he expects two more at nine o'clock in the morning.

He stated he has obtained a list of the visitors at Alcatraz but to date has had no chance to examine it, but will check it immediately.

Mr. Pieper briefly relates the details of the escape, which are covered in his teletype to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM  
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December 20, 1937.

Time: 5:20 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Richard Roe and Theodore Cole.

Agent Gurnea telephoned from Portland Oregon and stated that they had located the place where the suspect had located and purchased the tide tables; that the witnesses state that the man resembles Galatas but that they state that he was several inches shorter than Galatas; that the plane passengers to San Francisco had been checked and been eliminated. I inquired if the plane passengers out of Seattle had been checked. Agent Gurnea stated that this check was in progress at present; that he was going to have the San Francisco Office check on the automobile entries into California; that the telegraph offices were being checked for any messages that might have been sent concerning this matter; that they were also trying to check all long distance telephone calls from Portland to San Francisco on that date. I inquired if Mr. Gurnea thought that the Portland Office could continue with the checks if he were to go to San Francisco; that if Portland could continue Mr. Gurnea should go to San Francisco and review the situation there with the view of making this case a special. Mr. Gurnea stated that he believed that Portland could continue with the checks; that one of the difficulties in Portland was that they did not have the full facts of the escape. I reviewed the facts of the case for Mr. Gurnea and told him to proceed to San Francisco; that this will probably have to be a special since it will extend beyond San Francisco.

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K I stated that the Warden at Alcatraz should be handled very carefully since he was a very stubborn man; that in spite of this he was an excellent warden and had very good discipline at Alcatraz; that Mr. Gurnea should find out about any visitors to the Island and about any prisoners who have been released and any other means of communication such as the laundry boat; that although Galatas had never been confined at Alcatraz he may have assisted in this break and he would have had to get word to the men on the Island in some manner. I stated that both of these men were killers and it was vital that they be captured as soon as possible for the safety of our men; that it would be best to start on the special at San Francisco; that Mr. Gurnea should go out to Alcatraz and see the Warden and Agent Farland, who has been on the Island since the break; that Mr. Gurnea should be careful with the Warden since he would resent any implication that any of his guards were mixed up in the escape; that we should be open minded about this possibility.

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I stated that it should be kept in mind that the escape was made in a very heavy fog; that it is possible that it was prearranged that it should take place during the first heavy fog; that events at the prison should be checked since the last heavy fog; that it should be determined if this was the first heavy fog of the season. I stated that the incident at Portland had some connection with this break or else we can expect another break.

I stated that Mr. Gurnea should impress on SAC Spears that I wanted this case pressed vigorously; that when I had called on Saturday evening Mr. Spears had been at home at 7:30 in the evening; that a case of this nature demanded night and day work especially in view of the important leads being developed in Portland at that time; that I did not want any angles which Mr. Gurnea might leave in Portland handled in such a lax manner. I stated that after Mr. Gurnea had made a survey of the facts at San Francisco he should call me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



# TELETYPE

FBI SAN FRANCISCO 12-17-37 1-30 PM IST

DIRECTOR

RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES THEODORE COLE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. SPECIAL AGENT A E FARLAND REMAINING ALCATRAZ ISLAND. NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS. SEARCH OF ALCATRAZ ISLAND BEING CONTINUED ALTHOUGH EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. COAST GUARD BOATS AND SPECIAL LAUNCHES CONTINUALLY CIRCLING ISLAND. POLICE OAKLAND, BERKELEY, SAN FRANCISCO, SAUSALITO, ALSO SHERIFFS OFFICES COOPERATING. MILITARY AUTHORITIES FORT MCDOWELL, FORT MASON, AND PRESIDIO COOPERATING. NOTHING TO INDICATE COLLUSION OR THAT BOAT APPROACHED ALCATRAZ YESTERDAY TO PICK UP FUGITIVES. HOWEVER OPINION HERE WOULD INDICATE IMPOSSIBLE FOR FUGITIVES TO REACH MAINLAND WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AS FOG UNUSUALLY DENSE, TIDE HIGH, CURRENT SWIFT, AND WATER REPORTED TO BE COLDER THAN USUAL DUE TO MELTING SNOW FROM MOUNTAINS AND GENERAL FLOODED CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE AN AGENT ON EACH COAST GUARD BOAT DUE TO SMALL PERSONNEL AND NECESSITY SOME AGENTS STAY ON PARNAP CASE.

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AGENTS PATROLING WATERFRONT IN BAY AREA. POLICE CHECKING EACH  
HOLDUP AND STOLEN CAR REPORT ON POSSIBILITY SUBJECTS REACHED  
MAINLAND. FULL PUBLICITY GIVEN NEWSPAPERS. WARDEN JOHNSON EXTENDING  
EVERY POSSIBLE COOPERATION TO FBI.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **76-96** DND

REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/17/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. E. PLAXICO</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE - <i>Fugitives</i></b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Hugh Butcher, with aliases, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, #43149, was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, from 12/18/35 to 10/9/36, at which time he was discharged by conditional release. Butcher states he knew subjects only casually while at Alcatraz and had no information concerning their escape. Denies making any statements relative to possible methods of escape from Alcatraz or hearing such discussions among other inmates. Denies knowing of any dishonest employees at the institution; states he was of the opinion that the institution was escape-proof.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype, Atlanta to Bureau, 12/17/37.

**DETAILS:**

On December 17, 1937, Mr. E. A. Tamm called from the Bureau in Washington and requested that Hugh Butcher, who was previously in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and who is presently in the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, be interviewed regarding any knowledge which he might have concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and their recent escape from Alcatraz.

The records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that Hugh Butcher, with aliases James Hugh Butcher, James Hugh McMahan, USP # 43149, was received at that institution on June 21, 1937, as a conditional release violator from the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, and has 480 days to serve, his full term expiring January 5, 1939.

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The records further reflect that Butcher was originally received at that institution May 11, 1933, from the Eastern District of Kentucky at Linton, Ky., under a five year sentence for counterfeiting; that on December 18, 1935, he was transferred from that institution to the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, from which institution he was released on October 9, 1936, by conditional release. Further, that on April 1, 1937, he was declared a conditional release violator, was arrested on June 9, 1937, as such, and returned on June 21 to this institution.

At the beginning of the interview Butcher assumed a very haughty and noncommittal attitude. He immediately asked Agent what the Department of Justice was trying to do to him now and when informed that Agent was soliciting his cooperation on a matter in which this Bureau was interested he remarked that he was in possession of no information which would be of assistance in any matter in which the Department of Justice was interested. He answered all inconsequential questions put to him with "I don't know". After approximately one-half hour, during which Agent conducted a virtual monologue in an effort to find some subject on which Butcher would converse, Butcher began talking about how he had been discriminated against in all Federal penal institutions in which he had been incarcerated. Having reviewed his conduct record at both the Atlanta and Alcatraz Penitentiaries, which revealed that he was a trouble maker and was continually being disciplined for fighting and causing commotions in the cell houses, Agent asked him if he had not committed the infractions which had been charged against him and he answered in the affirmative with the one exception that he had been placed in solitary confinement while at Alcatraz for approximately eight days for something he was not guilty of. When questioned concerning this incident, Butcher stated that he had rather not talk about it. When asked if it was in connection with some remarks he was alleged to have made concerning possible methods of escape from Alcatraz, he stated that it was along that line. At this time Butcher stated in connection with this matter that he had been continuously hounded by both the Department of Justice Agents and Prohibition officers, and that he was tired of being interrogated on this matter. When questioned further along this line he finally stated that he attributed the rumor, and that it was nothing but a rumor, to another inmate who was confined at Alcatraz, by the name of Roy Johnson, who had been in the insane asylum and who for some unknown reason disliked Butcher very much. Butcher stated that Johnson informed Deputy Warden Shuttleworth that Butcher had been heard to make statements to the effect that he could escape from Alcatraz or that Butcher was supposed to take some word or some information out to some contact upon his release from the institution. Butcher stated that he was placed in solitary confinement without being given a chance to exonerate himself, and that from that day on he was, in his opinion, discriminated against by the employees of the penitentiary. He stated that shortly prior to his release Deputy Warden Shuttleworth advised him that he had investigated the matter and had found that there was no truth in it.

In this connection Butcher stated that personally he was of the opinion that Alcatraz was escape-proof and that he had never entertained the idea of either attempting to escape himself or collaborating with other inmates in such an attempt, and that he had not discussed this subject with other inmates and had not heard any discussion among the other inmates.

He stated that inasmuch as he had only nine months to serve and was of the class of prisoner the other inmates called "short timers", the other inmates, most of whom were in for long sentences, were afraid of him, avoided him as much as possible, and at no time would take him into their confidence. He stated that he would have been a fool to have tried to escape, as the odds were greatly against him or any other individual who made such an attempt, due to the fact that he would be taking too much of a risk and would have too much to lose, in view of his short sentence. He repeatedly denied that he had ever discussed possible methods of escape with any of the other inmates or that he knew of any other inmates who were planning or considering such a break.

In connection with Cole and Roe, he stated that he knew both only casually, having seen Cole work around the cell houses as a plumber, but never having talked with him, and having worked with Roe at one time in the match factory. He stated positively that he had never carried on any conversation with either of the subjects and that he possessed no information that they intended to try to escape, and that their escape was news to him, this being the first time he had heard of it.

Butcher stated that he had been out of Alcatraz since October 9, 1936, and had not communicated with any individuals, either civilian or inmates, connected with the institution since his release; that he knew absolutely nothing concerning this institution and that personally he did not care whether all of the inmates escaped or rotted. He stated that they meant nothing to him and that if he had any information which he thought would be of value he would furnish it to Agent; that he could furnish a lot of bogus information which would cost a lot of work and money, but that it would not be the truth and that he was honest in stating that he had absolutely no information to offer.

Butcher stated that while he was incarcerated at Alcatraz, he knew of no employees who were considered dishonest by the inmates.

Butcher was interviewed approximately three hours, but consistently and vigorously denied possessing any information concerning this matter.

A summary of the above information was furnished the Bureau by reference teletype.

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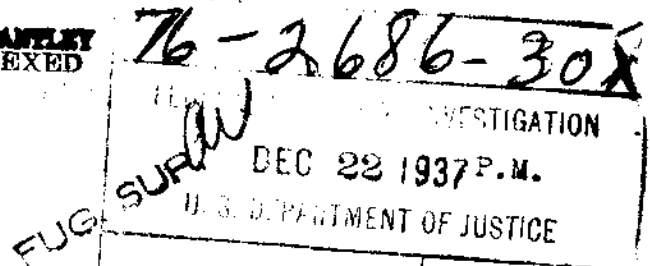
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DECEMBER 19, 1937.

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RALPH ROE, THEODORE COLE KFP. RECORDS U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH,  
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LITTLE ROCK. HE ALSO CORRESPONDED WITH H. L. BALABAN, HIS ATTORNEY,  
ELEVEN LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO. THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED THIS EVENING  
TO BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO AND LITTLE ROCK. THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE ADVISED  
ME TODAY IT HAS INFORMATION GALATAS SEEN IN HOT SPRINGS DAY PRIOR TO AND  
DAY FOLLOWING ESCAPE OF SUBJECTS, OF WHICH IT INFORMED THE BUREAU. IT  
IS STILL CHECKING TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF GALATAS.

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San Francisco

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. **DECEMBER 18, 1937.**Transmit the following message to: **SAC. PORTLAND**

I HAVE DIRECTED SA GUERRA TO PROCEED TO PORTLAND IN CONNECTION WITH  
INVESTIGATION INCIDENT TO ALCATRAZ ESCAPE. HE WILL ARRIVE SOMETIME  
SUNDAY. EXTEND TO HIM EVERY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR THIS INVESTIGATION.

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From: Chief Clerk's Office Room 5519

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To:

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SAC PORTLAND.

I HAVE DIRECTED SA GURNEA TO PROCEED TO PORTLAND IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION INCIDENT TO ALCATRAZ ESCAPE. HE WILL ARRIVE SOMETIME SUNDAY. EXTEND TO HIM EVERY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR THIS INVESTIGATION.

HOOVER

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RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE FUGITIVE ~~FROM~~ EFPWARDEN JOHNSTON ADVISED THAT SHORTLY AFTER ONE THIRTY PM DECEMBER

SIXTEENTH INSTANT HE WAS ADVISED BY JUNIOR OFFICER JOSEPH B. STEERE THAT

RALPH ROE AND THEODORE COLE WERE MISSING FROM THE MAT SHOP. AT THE ONE

PM COUNT BY STEERE BOTH WERE PRESENT. IMMEDIATE STEPS WERE TAKEN

BY THE WHOLE PRISON STAFF TO MAKE A SEARCH. STEERE REPORTED THAT

BARS IN THE BLACKSMITHS SHOP NEXT TO THE MAT ~~SHOP~~ SHOP HAD BEEN SAWED

AND THREE PANES OF GLASS REMOVED, MAKING AN APERTURE ABOUT SEVENTEEN BY

TEN INCHES. WARDEN JOHNSTON STATES ESCAPE MADE THROUGH THIS HOLE FROM

WHICH POINT SUBJECTS MUST HAVE DROPPED TO A LEDGE BELOW AND PROCEEDED

TO WIRE FENCE AND USED TO DISCARD AUTOMOBILE TIRES FROM WHICH USABLE

RUBBER HAS BEEN TAKN FOR MAT PURPOSES. THE PADLOCK ON THIS GATE WAS

BROKEN BY USE OF A STILSON WRENCH RECOVERED AT GATE. OCCASIONALLY

A FEW TIRE CASINGS REMAIN ON ROCKS TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE FEET BELOW

GATE WHICH MIGHT HAVE BROKEN FALL OF SUBJCTS. BLACKSMITH SHOP LOCATED

IN BUILDING ON EXTREME NORTHWEST TIP OF ISLAND FACING GOLDEN GATE ON

SHEER CLIFF. INFORMATION AT PRISON VAGUE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT

CONVICTS ESCAPED AT TIME BROKE GATE OR WAITED BEFORE GOING INTO WATER.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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ALSO NOT DEFINITELY DETERMINED SUBJECTS LEFT ISLAND. PERIODIC EXHAUSTIVE SEARCHES STILL BEING CONDUCTED BY PRISON AUTHORITIES ON ISLAND. WARDEN JOHNSTON HANDED AGENT A SMALL PIECE OF PAPER WITH ~~NUMBER~~ NUMBER TWO ONE FOUR E SEVEN WRITTEN IN LEAD PENCIL WHICH WAS FOUND BY JUNIOR OFFICER GEORGE D. HOAG IN AN EYEGLOSS SPECTACLE CASE BELONGING TO SUBJECT ROE. RECORDS REFLECT ADDRESS SIMILAR TO MRS. RUBY ANKRUM JOPLIN, MISSOURI, SISTER OF VOLNEY DAVIS. KANSAS CITY REQUESTED CHECK IMMEDIATELY BUT NO INFORMATION OBTAINED YET. AT TIME OF THE ESCAPE SUBJECTS WERE WEARING REGULATION PRISON UNIFORM ~~THE~~ PRISON UNIFORM. THE NAME ALCATRAZ DOES NOT APPEAR THEREON AND NUMBERS COULD EASILY BE REMOVED UNDER RULE CONVICTS HAVE TWO SUITS ONE GOOD AND ONE WORKING. SUBJECTS WEARIN WORKING SUITS AT TIME OF ESCAPE. FOG WO

*ebb*  
IN MANY YEARS AT TIME OF ESCAPE AND IT WAS FLOOD TIDE WITH ~~SWIFT~~ ~~CURRENT~~ SWIFT CURRENT PROBABLY SEVEN OR EIGHT KNOTS. WATER VERY COLD. COAST GUARD WAS SEARCHING WATERS AROUND ALCATRAZ ISLAND BY TWO PM DAY OF ESCAPE WITH ~~THE~~ NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL LEADS FURNISHED ARE BEING IMMEDIATELY AND ~~THE~~ THOROUGHLY CHECKED. COAST GUARD OFFICERS EXPRESS ~~OPINION~~ OPINION IT WILL TAKE SEVEN OR NINE DAYS FROM DAY OF ESCAPE BEFORE *ga* BODIES WOULD COME TO SURFACE IF DROWNED, THEREFORE DETAILED SEARCH FOR BODIES ALTHOUGH BEING CONDUCTED NOW CANNOT BE CONSIDERED EXHAUSTIVE

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UNTIL NECESSARY TIME HAS ELAPSED. CRUISES FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSE, BEING  
CONTINUED WITH AGENTS ABOARD. SEARCHES OF ALL BOATS ANCHORED ON BEACH  
IN BAY AREA NOW COMPLETED. CHECK BEING CONTINUED ALCATRAZ, FOLSOM  
AND SAN QUENTIN ~~RECEIVED~~ PENITENTIARIES TO LOCATE ANY INDIVIDUAL  
WHO CORRESPONDS TO DESCRIPTION OF MAN DESCRIBED IN PORTLAND  
CONFERENCE TELETYPE OF INSTANT DATE REPORTED TO HAVE MADE INQUIRIES  
CONCERNING CURRENT TABLES OF PACIFIC COAST TIDES. NO SUCH PERSON  
LOCATED YET. TELETYPE SENT TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN BAY AREA  
GIVING DESCRIPTION OF ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS WILL REQUEST  
ALL OFFICER AND CORONERS NOTIFY FBI SAN FRANCISCO IF UNIDENTIFIED  
PERSON OR PERSONS FOUND DROWNED IN BAY AREA. INQUIRIES DEPT OF  
COMMERCE LIGHT HOUSE SUPERINTENDENT FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY PERTINENT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT TIDES AT  
ALCATRAZ. NAMES OF ALL VISITORS TO ALCATRAZ IN LAST SIX MONTHS  
BEING OBTAINED. AGENT REMAINING AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND NIGHT AND DAY AND  
ADVISING SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. THIS PLAN TO BE CONTINUED UNLESS BUREAU  
ADVISES TO CONTRARY. WATERFRONT INFORMANTS BEING ~~ONLY~~ CONTACTED.  
DISCREET INQUIRY BEING MADE AT ALCATRAZ CONCERNING GUARDS. PHOTOGRAPHS  
REQUESTED BEING SENT PORTLAND, KANSAS CITY AND LITTLE ROCK  
CHECKING GALATAS

PIEPER

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OK FBI WASHINGTON DC EC

903 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
December 18, 1937

Mr. Lee Boren,  
Postmaster,  
Bell, California.

Re: RALPH ROE, w. as.;  
THEODORE COLE.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.  
L. A. File 76-362.

Dear Sir:-

This will confirm the oral request made of you yesterday by Special Agent R. N. Franke relative to placing a thirty-day mail cover on all first-class, registered and special delivery mail, including parcel post packages, going to the home of MR. & MRS. GOLA (VIOLET) DAWSON, 6236 Gifford Avenue, Bell, Calif.

Please forward the mail tracings to this office as soon as you obtain same, and refer to our file #76-362.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RHP:ES

cc Bureau  
Oklahoma City

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 17, 1937

7:45 PM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1612 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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JET:MLA

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE FUGITIVE EEP ADDRESS QUOTE MRS RUBY  
ANKRUM TWO FOURTEEN EAST SEVENTH STREET JOPLIN MISSOURI UNQUOTE FOUND  
CONCEALED IN SPECTACLE CASE OF FUGITIVE ROE. MRS ANKRUM BELIEVED TO BE  
SISTER OF VOLNEY DAVIS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED ALCATRAZ. MAKE APPROPRIATE  
INVESTIGATION.

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United States Department of Justice  
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December 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *ew*

Re: <sup>0</sup>TED COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

In compliance with your request, the writer telephoned the Los Angeles office at 4:30 P. M., December 17, 1937, and, in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Hanson, talked with Special Agent G. J. Ross.

Agent Ross was advised that the Bureau desires a continuous surveillance to be maintained on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, parents of Ted Cole, who live on a farm approximately four miles out of Woodlake, California.

Agent Ross was also instructed that an appropriate mail cover should be placed upon all mail addressed to the Cole farm.

Agent Ross was referred to the report of Special Agent J. E. Lawler, dated at Los Angeles, California, on November 17, 1936, in the case entitled JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MISCELLANEOUS - Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape, Bureau File No. 62-29076. He was instructed that the leads contained in that report should be developed for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of C. W. Butcher, who appeared at Woodlake, California, during the early part of November, 1936, at which time he displayed large sums of money and operated under the pretext that he was going to buy a cafe at Woodlake, California.

Agent Ross stated that the instructions would be carried out and that a plant would be placed in operation immediately on the home of Fred Cole.

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Respectfully,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: TED COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephonic conversation held between Mr. J. C. Harts, Fugitive Supervisor at the Bureau, and Special Agent G. J. Ross at the Los Angeles office on December 17, 1937, at which time instructions were given to place a continuous surveillance on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, parents of Ted Cole, who reside on a farm about four miles out of Woodlake, California.

Appropriate mail cover should be placed on all mail going to the Cole farm and, if possible, a cover should be placed on all mail sent out by members of the Cole family.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent J. E. Lawler, dated at Los Angeles on November 17, 1936, in the case entitled JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MISCELLANEOUS - Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape, which indicates that during the early part of November, 1936, one C. W. Butcher and his wife appeared at Woodlake, California, at which time Mr. Butcher let it be known that he was armed and displayed large sums of money while operating under the pretext that he intended to purchase a safe there. It is desired that investigation be undertaken for the purpose of determining the identity of C. W. Butcher in order to definitely eliminate the possibility that he was associated with James Hugh Butcher or that he was in any way connected with the alleged plot for Ted Cole to escape from Alcatraz Prison.

It is desired that you keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Humphreys  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Egan  
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SAC, LITTLE ROCK

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RALPH ROE, THEODORE COLE EPP. RECORDS U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH,  
SHOW RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, NUMBER FOUR SIX NAUGHT EIGHT FIVE, RELEASED  
FROM LEAVENWORTH NOVEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. WAS GIVEN TRANS-  
PORTATION TO HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, WHERE ADDRESS GIVEN AS EIGHTEEN  
DELL OR DILL STREET. WHILE AT LEAVENWORTH AND ALCAPIAZ CORRESPONDED WITH  
WIFE, ELIZABETH GALATAS, EIGHTEEN DELL OR DILL STREET, HOT SPRINGS,  
ARKANSAS. ALSO WITH MOTHER, MRS. IDA MAE GALATAS, FIVE TWO FOUR EAST STATE  
STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. ALSO HAD SOME CORRESPONDENCE WITH C.  
FLOYD HUFF, ATTORNEY AND FORMER U. S. COMMISSIONER, HOT SPRINGS, WHO IS  
PAROLE ADVISER OF GALATAS. ALSO WROTE TO WALTER I. CARRIGAN OF  
CARRIGAN STEPHENS CLOTHING COMPANY, TWO FIVE EIGHT CENTRAL STREET,  
HOT SPRINGS, WHO PROMISED GALATAS A JOB DURING PERIOD OF PROBATION.  
GALATAS IS ON CONDITIONAL RELEASE UNTIL MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT,  
AND IS SUPPOSED TO BE REPORTING TO U. S. PROBATION OFFICER JOHN RKEVES,  
LITTLE ROCK. HE ALSO CORRESPONDED WITH H. L. GALABAN, HIS ATTORNEY,  
ELEVEN LAHALL STREET, CHICAGO. BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED.

BRANTLEY

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 18, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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I called Mr. Pieper at San Francisco and asked if the latest photographs of Cole and Roe have been forwarded to the Bureau. He replied not as yet; that he had received only a limited number of copies and additional copies had to be made; that he did not receive them until seven o'clock last night; and that two sets will leave on the 8:32 train tonight and two sets will leave by plane, special delivery. He was advised in the future to see that such matters are expedited, since we desire to place these photographs on the identification orders. He was instructed to submit a detailed teletype to the Bureau setting out all the information on the escape, etc. and to submit this tonight. He was further instructed to check discreetly the guards who were on duty in the vicinity of the escape, in order not to antagonize the Warden in anyway.

I subsequently called the Portland Office and instructed Special Agent King to contact Special Agent M. E. Gurnea and instruct him to proceed by train or automobile to San Francisco, calling the Director upon his arrival there. He was advised the latest address the Bureau has for Mr. Gurnea is care of Western Union, North Bend, Oregon. He was also instructed to tell Mr. Spears to give his personal attention to the lead at the light house at Portland, since this appears to be the best we have.

Mr. Brantley was telephonically instructed to ascertain the present whereabouts of Nick Malloy, since the Bureau is checking all the recent releases from Alcatraz in view of the individual who appeared at the light house at Portland and inquired relative to the current at Alcatraz. He was also instructed to call the Little Rock Office and have them endeavor to see if Galatas, another release, is at Hot Springs, submitting a teletype to the Bureau.

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Mr. Pieper was contacted again and I asked him if he has checked the recent visitors at Alcatraz, and he advised this had occurred to him and the same will be handled either tonight or tomorrow. He was advised of the check being made as to Galatas' whereabouts and was instructed to ascertain from the prison authorities when he was released and to where he was proceeding, thereafter calling the appropriate office to see if he is there.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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

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December 20, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: THEODORE COLE;  
RALPH ROE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

At this time I called SAC Fletcher at Little Rock and asked him if he had any further information as to whether Galatas had been in town last week. Mr. Fletcher advised that as yet they have not been able to contact Galatas. I asked SAC Fletcher whether or nor they had gotten in touch with Galatas' parole supervisor and Mr. Fletcher advised that this had not been done as yet. I informed Mr. Fletcher the probation officer at Little Rock, Mr. Reeves, could most likely give him some information about Galatas. Mr. Fletcher said he would check with Mr. Reeves at once and let me know what information he obtains.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
E. A. Tamm.

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. SPECIAL AGENT A E FARLAND WITH WARDEN JOHNSTON EXAMINED POINT OF ESCAPE TODAY. COLE WORKING IN BLACKSMITH SHOP AS JANITOR HAD FREEDOM OF SHOP SO THEFT OF TWENTY FOUR INCH STILSON WRENCH EXPLAINED. METAL FRAME ON WINDOW OF ESCAPE CUT NOT USUAL PRISON BARS AND INDICATED SAWING HAD TAKEN CONSIDERABLE TIME PROBABLY OVER PERIOD OF TIME. ROE EMPLOYED IN MAT SHOP ADJOINING ROOM WAS NOT SEEN LEAVING MAT SHOP OR ENTERING BLACKSMITH SHOP. NO CHANGE OTHER DETAILS ESCAPE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. MOUTH OF CAVE LOCATED NEAR POINT OF ESCAPE COMPLETELY SUBMERGED AT TIME. SURVEILLANCE BY GUARD HAS BEEN INCREASED. WARDEN ON ISLAND CONTINUOUSLY. PRECAUTIONS TAKEN FOR ANY TROUBLE. RUMBLES PICKED UP THAT PRISONERS AWAITING NEWS OF OUTCOME REGARDING ESCAPE SEARCHES BEING CONTINUED BY WARDEN INDICATING HE IS NOT SATISFIED OR CERTAIN THAT SUBJECTS OFF ISLAND BUT HE MAKES NO SUCH STATEMENT. TODAY WAS CLEAR AND MANY MANY CRAFT ON BAY, WATER QUIET AND MANY PEOPLE WATCHING WATER ALONG SHORE. BELIEVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN WATER WOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED OUR ATTENTION. ROE HAD NO VISITORS DURING YEAR.

Copy to Mr. Tamm

COLES MOTHER STEPFATHER AND SISTER VISITED JULY INSTANT. AGENT FARLAND REMAINING ON ISLAND. WARDEN CONTINUES VERY COOPERATIVE. PLAN GO ALCATRAZ TOMORROW PERSONALLY. MANUEL LIMAS SAN FRANCISCO PD NUMBER FIVE SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR ALSO ALCATRAZ EX CONVICT INTERVIEWED AND REINTERVIEWED BY AGENTS AT COUNTY JAIL AND TOLD INCONSISTENT AND FANTASTIC STORIES OF PLANS TO KIDNAP WARDEN AND USE LAUNCH TO ESCAPE ALCATRAZ AND STATED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE PLANNED THROUGH LAUNDRY COMMUNICATION WITH MAINLAND. LIMAS MENTIONED JOHN PAUL CHASE, CHARLIE BERTA, CAPONE AND FONTAINE. NEWSPAPERS CARRYING STATEMENTS OF LIMAS, HOWEVER INVESTIGATION INDICATES LIMAS LIAR, UTTERLY UNRELIABLE AND PUBLICITY CRAZY, NEVERTHELESS EVERY STATEMENT BEING CHECKED  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

December 19, 1937.

Time: 5:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Mr. Fletcher telephoned from Little Rock advising that in accordance with Mr. Brantley's telephonic request from Kansas City, he has ascertained that Galatas is presently residing at 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is reported to have been there all the week. Mr. Fletcher indicated the agent has placed him as being there on Wednesday and Friday, December 15th and 17th. He said he told the agent to be certain that he saw Galatas himself and attempt to place him there each day. Mr. Fletcher will keep the Bureau advised.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:RP

December 19, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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The airmail copies of the photographs of Cole and Roe will not arrive at the Airport until 11:20 tonight. No special delivery exists at this time of the night and consequently the photographs will not be received in the Bureau until about 8 A. M., Monday morning. It is believed, however, that it will be possible to get the I. O's. out by Monday noon.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MC

December 20, 1937.

Time:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Mr. Fletcher telephoned from Little Rock advising that through the probation officer at Little Rock, it has been ascertained that Galatas called on Saturday morning, last week, requesting to make an appointment to request a leave of absence. At one o'clock in the afternoon he talked to Hilda Hatley, deputy probation officer. At this time Galatas stated he was going to Detroit to spend Christmas with Mrs. Galatas' mother and that he would return to Hot Springs about December 28th or 29th. He further stated that he will stop at Chicago before returning and although he gave her the address, she cannot recall it. Mr. Fletcher asked if the Bureau desires that he call the Detroit Office and have them check on Galatas there.

I told him the Bureau is particularly interested in ascertaining where Galatas was last week, that is if he was in Hot Springs on last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He stated that Agent Morley through Brock, a member of the Hot Springs Police Department, has placed Galatas at Hot Springs on Wednesday and Friday, since Brock casually mentioned that Galatas was there. Agent Morley is trying to verify this information and Mr. Fletcher has other agents working independently of each other trying to place Galatas as being in Hot Springs. He said as yet he has not been able to place Galatas at Hot Springs on Thursday.

Mr. Fletcher said the latest address for Galatas which he has was in 1935 for Windsor, Ontario, Canada, but indicated he will get the latest forwarding address for Galatas through the post office and will call the Detroit Office, so that office can check to see if Galatas does go there.

Respectfully,

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DIRECTOR

THEODORE COLE AND RALPH ROE EFP. LOCAL MAIL CARRIER ADVISED TONIGHT  
HE TALKED WITH GIRL KNOWN ONLY AS NITA IN LOCAL BEER TAVERN LAST NIGHT  
WHOM HE HAD KNOWN SINCE DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND SHE STATED SHE WAS  
SISTER FRANKIE OF THEODORE COLE AND HAD TALKED WITH HIM PERSONALLY  
IN SALT LAKE CITY DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH. NITA HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT  
MAIL CARRIER STATED SHE APPEARED RATIONAL. EFFORTS BEING MADE LOCATE  
NITA, WHOSE ADDRESS AND LAST NAME UNKNOWN, ALTHOUGH SAN FRANCISCO  
OFFICE WHEN ADVISED OF INFORMATION INDICATED COLE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE  
ANY RELATIVES OR CONTACTS THIS DISTRICT

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RICHARD COLE FIGITIVE ET ALL EFP ALL NAUTICAL CONCERNS HERE HANDLING DEPT  
OF COMMERCE TIDE AND CURRENT TABLE BOOKS CONTACTED EXCEPT ONE WHICH  
CANNOT BE CONTACTED UNTIL MONDAY AND NO INFORMATION THAT PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL PURCHASED BOOK. ONE SUCH CONCERN RECALLS  
VISIT OF PARTY OF SIMILAR DESCRIPTION ON DAY BELIEVED LAST TUESDAY DEC-  
~~5~~ EMBER FOURTEENTH OR WEDNESDAY AND MADE INQUIRY RE LOCATING  
A CHART SHOWING OCEAN CURRENTS. PARTY DID NOT MAKE SELF CLEAR AS TO  
WHAT HE WANTED AND MADE NO PURCHASE. PROPIETOR THIS CONCERN STATES  
PARTY BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO NINETEEN TWENTY SIX COLUMBIS  
PD PHOTO OF GALATAS. ONE OF LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE EMPLOYEES WHO  
OBSERVED UNKNOWN CALLER THEIR OFFICE ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH ALSO  
STATES HE BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO SAME PHOTO. NONE OF WITNESSES MAKE ANY  
IDENTIFICATION OF I O PHOTO OF GALATSA. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE FORWARD-  
ING TONIGHT AIR MAIL SPECIAL RECENT ALCATRAZ PHOTOS OF GALATAS WHICH  
WILL BE SHOWN ALL WITNESSES UPON RECEIPT. CHECK OF PLANES OUT OF PORTLAND  
TO SAN FRANCISCO DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH DEVELOPED NOTHING  
OF VALUE THERE BEING BUT ONE PASSENGER NOT BELIEVED CONNECTED THIS  
MATTER. SEATTLE OFFICE CHECKING DEPARTURES THERE. IF ANY  
TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATIONS ARE MADE OF PHOTOS OF GALATAS BEING

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COLSON

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# TELETYPE

FORWARDED BY SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE HOTELS HERE WILL BE COVERED.  
SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO CHECK NAUTICAL CONCERNS THERE UPON  
POSSIBILITY PARTY MAY HAVE PURCHASED OR ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE  
DEPT OF COMMERCE BOOK THERE AND TO COVER CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE CHECKING  
STATIONS AT NORTHERN ORDER UPON FURTHER ADVISE FROM THIS OFFICE  
COVERING RESULT~~XXXXXX~~RESULT OF FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF MORE.  
RECENT PHOTOS BING SENT HERE. PARTY WHO WAS HERE THE FIFTEENTH  
COULD HAVE TRAVELLED BY AUTO LEAVING PORTLAND EARLY ON AFTERNOON  
OF DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND ARRIVED SAN FRANCISCO EARLY MORNING OF  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

PEF:MC

December 21, 1937.

Time: 12:48 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: THEODORE COLE;  
RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Crowl	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hottel	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Naughten	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

While talking to Mr. Pieper at San Francisco, he advised there have been no new developments today in this case. He said with regard to the robbery at Sacramento, California, at which time equipment including guns, batteries, etc. valued at approximately \$2,000 was stolen, the modus operandi is similar to the modus operandi used in a robbery in July, 1937, at Vallejo, California. Mr. Pieper indicated a truck would have to have been used in order to carry the stolen goods away. He advised there are no indications that Cole and Roe perpetrated this robbery.

Mr. Pieper said one of the recent rumors is to the effect that these men may be hiding out on a certain island, and he now has a Coast Guard cutter proceeding with an agent and men from Alcatraz to check this lead.

Respectfully,

*P. E. Foxworth*  
P. E. FOXWORTH.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 20, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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ROBERT ROE - FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

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Very truly, yours,

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San Francisco

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C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 30, 1937

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C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

*Wired 12/31/37  
CCTP: [signature]*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ~~NICHOLS~~

FROM : R. F. CARTWRIGHT

SUBJECT: THEODORE COLE - ROBERT ROE - FUGITIVES  
 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
 Bureau File #76-2686-43.

DATE: February 18, 1946

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. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This enclosure consists of photostatic copies of a chart which was processed for latent fingerprints, December 1937. It is believed this is of little further use to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as this enclosure is occupying valuable space in the Records Section, it is requested that this file be reviewed by the Investigative Division for an expression as to its disposition.

It is recommended this material be destroyed here at the Seat of Government.

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*JOHN*

*I see no objection to  
destruction of this  
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December 20, 1937.

Time: 9:10 PM.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Richard Roe and Theodore Cole.

I telephoned SAC Pieper, at San Francisco, and he stated that they had been getting every cooperation from the Warden at Alcatraz; that he had furnished complete descriptions and dental charts. Mr. Pieper stated that they had received word from Sacramento that there had been a burglary there in which firearms had been taken; that the local police have not been able to develop anything; that an Agent was proceeding there. Mr. Pieper stated that he was in error in his teletype in regard to the tide; that in reality the tide was ebbing; that it was a swift tide, about 3 knots, and the highest tide since July; that there was no wind at the time and the fog was laying dead. Mr. Pieper stated that at the spot where the men jumped there was a drop of from 15 to 20 feet; that at the foot of this cliff was where the remains of the tires used in the mat shop were discarded; that the usable rubber is removed from the tires and the casing discarded; that it would be impossible to use the casing as an aid to swimming in escaping from the Island; that, however, the casing would break a fall from the cliff.

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Mr. Pieper stated that the windows of the shop from which the escape was made had no bars but were made with steel window frames; that these had been sawed through over a period of time; that there was only one guard in the shops to watch thirty men in several rooms; that this seems inadequate supervision; that the guard admits that he doesn't remember the activities of the men from the time of the last check-up until they were missed; that there has been no change made at the Prison since the escape.

Mr. Pieper stated that Agent Farland, who is on the Island, states that the prisoners seem just to be waiting to see what the outcome of this break will be; that Agent Farland had gotten a bit of cloth which was picked up in the tailor shop at the Prison today; that the cloth was folded like a book and entitled "The New Best Seller of 1937 - Gone With The Fog - Poor Old Johnston"; that he, Mr. Pieper, was going to have this cloth photographed and then return it to the Warden. Mr. Pieper stated that there have been frequent rumors of trouble brewing at the Prison; that Agent Farland was trying to get some mustard gas to put in the caves on the Island; that one of the caves was under water at the time of the escape.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
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Mr. Pieper stated that they had obtained very complete maps of the whole San Francisco Bay region; that when it came time to search for the bodies, if the men have been drowned, they will be able to follow the progress of the search on the maps and be sure that no place is overlooked.

I inquired as to the means of communication with the Island. Mr. Pieper stated that there were only two boats which ever went to the Island, the Warden's launch and the boat from Fort McDowell; that the laundry was brought over by an Army boat; that the clothes are checked twice for any communication that might be contained in them; that the laundry is handled by the convicts on its arrival.

I stated that I had ordered Agent Gurnea to proceed to San Francisco since this case would probably resolve into a special; that I would like Mr. Pieper to go over the case with him. I inquired if there was any possibility of a guard being mixed up in the case. Mr. Pieper stated that he had discussed this with the Warden; that the Warden is convinced that the guards are not in on this. I stated as far as we are concerned everyone over there is under suspicion. Mr. Pieper stated that the Warden had some informants among the convicts; that the informants had told the Warden that if any convicts ever got out they would check in to a man named Stevens, a convict who had relatives in Texas; that if any prisoner ever got away they would contact Stevens' relatives; that the San Francisco Office was trying to get a complete list of this man's relatives.

I stated that I thought that it had been pre-arranged that these men would make their break during a heavy fog. Mr. Pieper stated that generally when there is a heavy fog the convicts are kept in the cell blocks until it lifts; that on the day of the escape the fog had lifted a little and the men had been sent to the shops and then the fog had closed in again. Mr. Pieper stated that the Warden had been very cooperative and had made available records that never had been available before; that Agent Farland has gotten very friendly with the guards. Mr. Pieper stated that they had been getting good publicity in the newspapers. I stated that the angle of the robbery in Sacramento should be checked carefully.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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New York N Y  
December 20 1957


Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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RALPH ROE WA THEODORE COLE FUGITIVES EFF. MAXWELL BROWN IS PRESIDENT  
BROWN CO INC, SILK MANUFACTURERS, ONE ONE TWO MADISON AVE NYC AND NOW  
AT PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO. OFFICE ADVISES BROWN WAS IN PORTLAND LAST WEEK.  
NO DEFINITE INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER COAST CITIES. BROWN EXPECTED TO  
LEAVE CHICAGO IN AN HOUR. IF MORE INFORMATION DESIRED PHONE CHICAGO  
IMMEDIATELY

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CC: BUREAU ✓  
SAN FRANCISCO

Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice**

P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
December 18, 1937.

C.S:WB

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone call from Special Agent Thornton of the San Francisco Office tonight, I am forwarding a full length photograph of Theodore Cole which was taken by the Dallas Police Department on January 7, 1935, their number 11524, and also a mug view taken by them on the same date under the same number.

To the San Francisco Office there is enclosed a similar copy of the full length photograph.

The Kansas City Office was telephonically requested to obtain the latest photographs of both Roe and Cole from Leavenworth Penitentiary. This office was also advised today by Sheriff Garland Marrs, Tulsa, Oklahoma, that Ralph Roe's brother, Jimmy Roe, was reported to have been released from the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth about five or six weeks ago and that he is an aviator having about five or six hundred flying hours to his credit. The Kansas City Office was requested to ascertain whether Jimmy was confined at Leavenworth and if so, to secure his latest photographs, correspondents, and relatives.

Attached herewith is enclosed one copy of Roe's photograph, taken by the Oklahoma City Police December 30, 1933, their number 15589. A similar photograph is attached to the San Francisco copy of this letter.

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Very truly yours

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C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge..

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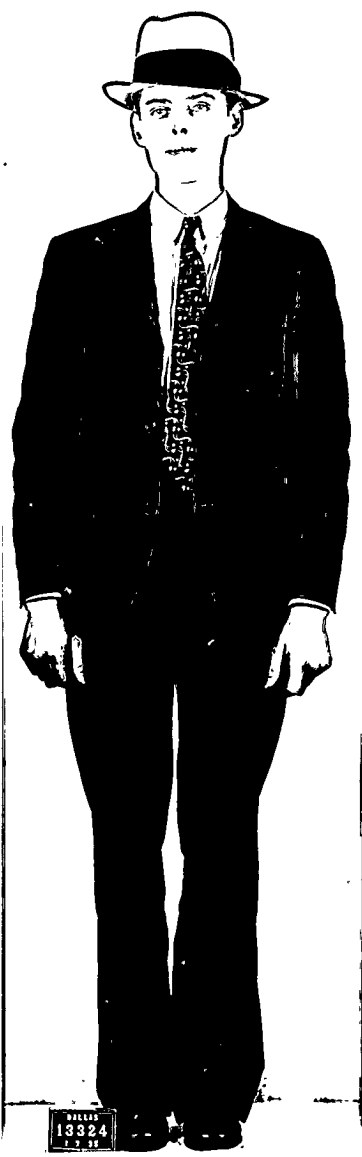
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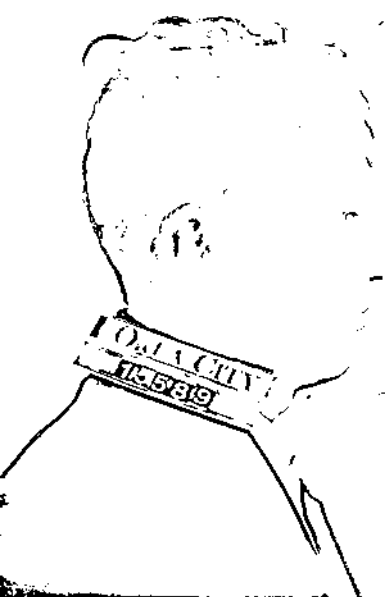
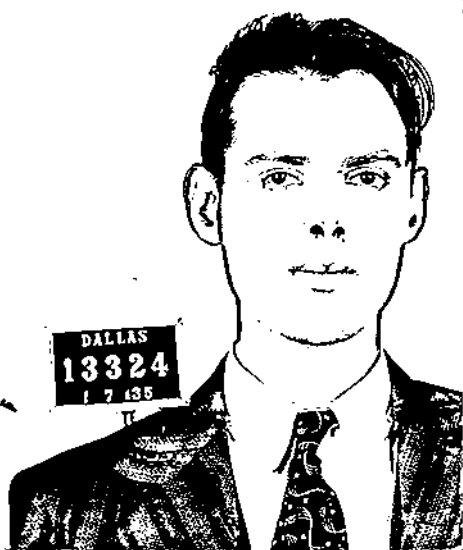
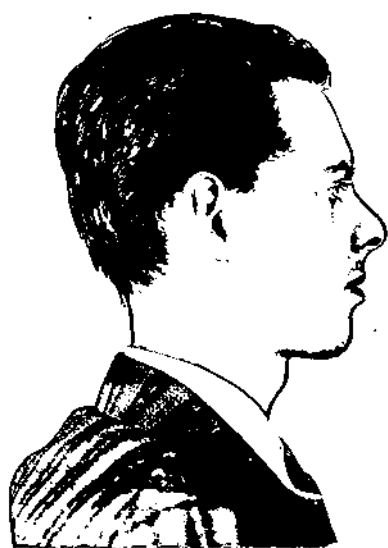
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Ralph Rae  
Jack Sullivan.  
Jack Mc Carthy-

age 29-34  
ht - 6-ft  $\frac{3}{4}$

wt. 176.

Hair. B. Brown

Eyes - Bt Grey.

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#1. Lat. Star back hand  
& Back index finger. 1st ft.

#2. clear.

#3. Fresh bullet wound  
in rt shoulder and arm.

at scv  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. above rt eyebrow  
on forehead.

(Above by Ohio City P.D.)

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

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Time: 5:10 P.M.

December 20, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: RALPH ROE; THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

I telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Portland, Oregon, Field Division, and advised him that Special Agent in Charge Fletcher of the Little Rock Field Division had called and said that Galatas was in the Probation Office in Hot Springs on Saturday, about 1:00 P.M., to get authority to visit his wife's mother in Detroit over the Christmas holidays. That it was also rumored around town that he was seen there on Wednesday and Friday of last week; that this, of course, was being checked to try to establish it.

Mr. Spears advised me that there is nobody there who thinks that the photograph is that of Galatas; that a new photograph had been displayed and it is believed that it resembles Galatas as to height, but nobody believes it is he; that those who have seen Galatas are pretty definite as to his height being five feet, seven inches.

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I told Mr. Spears that if we got anything to show that Galatas was in Hot Springs on Wednesday that I would communicate with him.

Mr. Spears inquired if I had received a teletype about a fellow buying a book at the Hydrographic Office and I informed that I had not received it as yet. He quoted the teletype as follows: "Determined individual believed to be same party who called at light house service, December fifteenth, inquiring for current tables actually purchased book entitled 'Tidal Current Charts of San Francisco Bay,' at U. S. Hydrographic Office, Portland, approximately at noon December fifteenth." He said that this individual had gone into several places inquiring for particular type of information and finally wound up with the book mentioned above. At no place did he give any idea what he wanted the information for, contrary to the actions of an ordinary person who would go into a place like that seeking free information. Usually a person would give some idea as to the reason for seeking the information. Mr. Spears continued saying that at no place did this individual give

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any idea why he wanted the information, except at one place he was asked why he wanted it and he said that he wanted it for his own personal information.

I asked Mr. Spears if there was anybody of his description who took a plane out of Portland that day. Mr. Spears advised me that only one passenger went out of Portland that day and the next day and that this passenger had been checked and found to be a man in the silk business in New York. The only theory to go on, advised Mr. Spears, is the belief that this man might be travelling in a car. He said further that this individual would probably leave Portland around noon or one o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday; that he would get into San Francisco, early the next morning, around five or six o'clock, giving him a half day before the break. Mr. Spears further explained that while travelling to San Francisco he would have to go through those California checking stations, the State Agricultural Checking Stations. The men working there ask considerable information and also go through all baggage or luggage. Mr. Spears said that this book that this individual had purchased is quite a large book, probably 11" by 9 or 10"; further that these books could be purchased in San Francisco. He said that it would be advisable to have one of these books purchased and have someone go to one of those checking stations and check all cars that go through from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Mr. Spears advised that in going through the luggage and searching the cars, this book may have been found. He said that the main road goes right down through the center of Oregon, through Dunsmuir, California; that the principal checking station is here and it is the most vital they can go through; that all of these checking stations should be checked and that to do this would require several men.

I told Mr. Spears that the San Francisco Office did not have any men available there. He said that he did not have any available men to send; but that it seemed to him that the San Francisco Office could send a man up to the principal checking station at Dunsmuir, California. He also advised me that this book purchased by this individual at Portland was the only available one but that he believed a copy of this book could be purchased in San Francisco since it was a larger port.

Memo Director

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December 20, 1937.

At this point of the conversation I talked to Special Agent Gurnea who was at Portland at the time. Special Agent Gurnea advised that this same individual who purchased the book was down at the Portland Nautical Exhibit looking over a pilot chart which does not give currents, but does give the channels and the general coastal outline. He advised that he had obtained this chart and that possibly this man might be located in the single ident. file, that is, if a decent latent is obtained. Gurnea advised that he was sending this by special delivery to the Bureau. He further said that the planes at Seattle were being checked just as those at Portland had been checked. He wanted to know if it would be of any assistance to search the general appearance forms here at the Bureau in case no identification is made. He advised that a pretty good description was available of this man and that it was not a variable description.

I asked Gurnea if he had forwarded this detailed description and other information to the Bureau and he said that a letter dated December 18, 1937, had been forwarded by air mail, special delivery to the San Francisco Office and that a copy had been designated for the Bureau. I told him that this description would be checked through the general appearance forms when the letter is received.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. Tamm. *(F2)*

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

EAT:BR

Time - 12:10 PM

December 20, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Escapes from Alcatraz

SAC Pieper advised that the Examiner, a Hearst paper, was offering \$500.00 reward for information on Cole or Roe. He said the offer was rather vaguely put and that he had sent copies to the Bureau. Mr. Pieper said he was going over to Alcatraz today to see if he could find out anything on the state inquiry. He said the only statements they are making are that we are conducting an investigation. SAC Pieper advised they were going to continue the search out in the water, the weather out there being clear. I told Pieper to be absolutely sure there was no leak on the tentative identification of Galatas. I also told him to call SAC Spears and warn him against a leak. I advised him that it didn't look too good because, although we haven't been able to show it positively yet, it looks as though Galatas has been around Hot Springs all the time. I instructed SAC Pieper to be certain that the correspondents of Cole or Roe are covered.

Mr. Pieper advised that yesterday when they over at the Island, John Chase made a comment to the effect that the Warden was going to write a book entitled "Gone with the Tide." He said they also picked up information to the effect that, although the authorities are making no special preparation for it, they are afraid that when the prisoners see that they can make a break there is going to be trouble. SAC Pieper advised that the one spot that Cole and Roe picked seems to be the blind spot on the Island and that one time during the day the fog was so thick they didn't even move the prisoners and that it lifted a little then and they moved them. At the time of the escape the fog was down again.

SAC Pieper stated he was going over to the Island today and would let us know what he found out.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
E. A. Tamm

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DIRECTOR, SAC SAN FRANCISCO

THEODORE COLE AND ROBERT ROE EFP. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION MR. TAMM

*Press this vigorously*  
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE HERE ADVISE INDIVIDUAL CALLED AT THEIR OFFICE  
ABOUT ELEVEN AM ON DAY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LAST WEDNESDAY AND MADE  
INQUIRY RELATIVE TO TIME OF TIDES IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY. INDIVIDUAL  
WAS SHOWN COPY OF CURRENT TABLES AND HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THERE  
WERE TWO DIFFERENT CURRENTS, ONE ON NORTH SIDE OF ALCATREZ ISLAND  
AND ONE ON SOUTH SIDE WHICH MIGHT VARY SOMEWHAT. UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL  
ENDEAVORED TO SECURE COPY OF QUOTE CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST UNQUOTE  
ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND WAS REFERRED TO THREE NAUTICAL  
CONCERNS PORTLAND WHERE SAME COULD BE PURCHASED. EMPLOYEES LIGHT HOUSE  
SERVICE ARE POSITIVE HE IS NOT A NAUTICAL MAN AS HE ASKED TO BE SHOWN  
HOW TO READ TABLES. DESCRIPTION, AGE FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS, ABOUT FIVE

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FEET SIX OR SEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT RANGING FROM ONE FORTY TO ONE SEVENTY  
POUNDS, DARK HAIR, POSSIBLY GRAYING SOMEWHAT, HAIR WELL GROOMED AND  
GAVE APPEARANCE JUS BEEN BARBER SHOP, VERY WELL BUT CONSERVATIVELY  
DRESSED IN SUIT BELIEVED TO BE DARK GRAY, ~~WELL~~ CARRIED DARK TOP COAT,  
BELIVE HE WORE GLASSES, FULL AND RUDDY FACE, MADE GOOD IMPRESSION AND  
INTELLIGENT APPEARANCE, VERY APPARENTLY A STRANGER IN PORTLAND AS  
APPEARED NOT FAMILIAR WITH STREETS OR ADDRESSES. AM MAKING IMMEDIATE

*Copy to Bureau*

PAGE TWO

CHECK NAUTICAL CONCERNS EFFORT LOCATE PLACE WHERE HE MAY HAVE PURCHASED  
CURRENT TABLES AND AIRPORT FOR INFORMATION RE PASENGERS LEAVING  
PORTLAND FOR SAN FRANCISCO WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. REQUEST SAN  
FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS OF RELEASES FROM ALCATREZ  
WHO APPROXIMATE ABOVE DESCRIPTION FOR EXHIBITION TO WITNESSES HERE.

SPEARS

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ESCAPE RALPH ROE AND THEODORE COLE FROM ALCATRAZ

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SAC OKLAHOMA CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO

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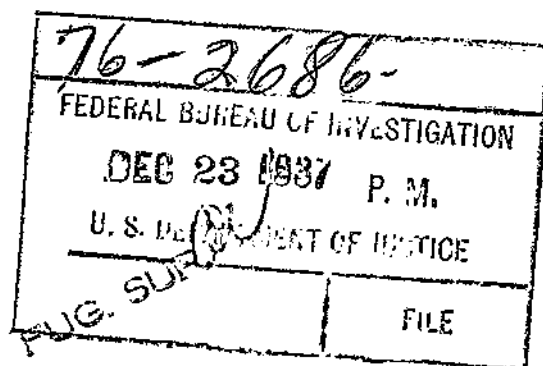
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RALPH ROE WAS FUG ETAL EEP. COLES HALF SISTER VIOLET DAWSON WITH HER HUSBAND GOLA AND FOUR SMALL CHILDREN RESIDE SIX TWO THREE EIGHT GIFFORD STREET BELL CALIFORNIA. BOTH MR AND MRS DAWSON ARE EMPLOYED. HOME UNDER CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE. MRS. ESTHER COLE MOTHER OF COLE RESIDES ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF MILES FROM WOODLAKE CALIFORNIA WITH HER HUSBAND FRED COLE WHO IS STEPFATHER OF SUBJECT COLE WHOSE REAL FATHER IS DEAD. COLE RESIDENCE WOODLAKE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. MRS. PAULINE CORNETT SISTER COLE RESIDES STROUD OKLAHOMA. COLES WIFE MARIE WYNNE WHOM HE MARRIED ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN BELIEVED RESIDING AT HER PARENTS HOME ALPINA PASS ARKANSAS WITH HER SON BILLY WYNNE COLEAAGE ABOUT NINE. OTHER RELATIVES OF HIS PARENTS RESIDE IN OKLAHOMA, ALL OF WHICH INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED OFFICE OF ORIGIN. REPORT J E THORNTON DECEMBER TWENTY NOT RECEIVED HERE.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/16-19/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON - MLA</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J.O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J.H. Roy-nolds - FUGITIVE.</b> <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Warden at Alcatraz Island Penitentiary advised shortly after 1:30 PM 12/16/37 Subject ROE #260-AZ and Subject COLE #258-AZ reported missing from mat shop, where they were supposed to be employed, by Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STIERE. Count made by STIERE at 1:00 P.M. indicating both subjects present on island. STIERE reported bars in blacksmith shop next to mat shop had been sawed and three panes of glass removed making an opening about 17"x10", through which subjects made escape and must have dropped to ledge below, proceeding to wire gate outside mat shop. This gate part of high iron cyclone wire fence; discarded automobile tire casings are thrown over gate from mat shop. Padlock on gate broken by use of 24" Stillson wrench, which was recovered. Some tire casings remain on rocks 20 to 25' below gate which possibly broke fall of subjects. Blacksmith shop located in building on extreme northwest tip of island facing Golden Gate on sheer cliff. Information at Alcatraz indefinite as to whether or not fugitives escaped at time gate broken or later. At present time it has not been definitely determined whether either fugitive left island and periodical, exhaustive searches have been conducted, and are being conducted, by prison guards. Coast Guard boats and special launches have cruised around island with negative results. Prison rules allow convicts two suits, one considered work suit, the other good suit; at time of escape convicts wearing work suits with letters "AZ" and their numbers; however these numbers could easily be removed. All leads furnished being immediately</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76-2686      50</div> <div style="text-align: right;">DEC 22 1937</div>
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and thoroughly checked. No evidence indicating collusion on part any individuals to assist fugitives in escape although fog very dense, current rapid and water at ebb tide at time of escape. Records Alcatraz, San Quentin and Folsom being checked in effort to locate person or persons who might be involved in escape. Full information given press; teletype facilities used. Names of all visitors to Alcatraz past six months being obtained. Bureau Agent remaining on Alcatraz Island.

REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, 12/17/37;  
San Francisco teletypes to Bureau 12/16, 17 and 18/37;  
Portland teletype to Bureau and San Francisco 12/18/37.

DETAILS:

In the absence of Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. PIEPER, reporting Agent was acting in his capacity and received a telephone message from a newspaper reporter that there was some trouble at Alcatraz, on December 16, 1937. Agent immediately placed a call to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON and was advised he was in the Prison Yard and that no information could be given out except through the Warden. It was impressed upon Mr. R. REICHEL that it was most important the Warden be contacted; it was also explained that reporting Agent was calling for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. REICHEL advised he would contact the Warden and have him contact the San Francisco Office within ten minutes.

Before Mr. JOHNSTON called, a call was received from Mr. E. A. TAMM of the Bureau, advising that information had been received at the Bureau that ROE and COLE had escaped. Reporting Agent was instructed to immediately offer the full facilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to Warden JOHNSTON, which was immediately done. Warden JOHNSTON advised that RALPH ROE, with aliases, Alcatraz #260-AZ and THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Alcatraz #258-AZ, were on the Island when the routine count was made at 1:00 P.M. by Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE; however, they were both missing about 1:30 P.M., or shortly thereafter, from the mat shop where they were supposed to be employed. Upon discovery of the fact the two men were missing, immediate steps were taken by the entire staff of the prison to make a complete search of the prison premises.

Warden JOHNSTON later advised that at the time the escape was noted, the fog at Alcatraz Island was very dense, visibility poor, the current of the water swift, and an ebb tide. Officer STEERE reported to Warden JOHNSTON that bars in the blacksmith shop had been sawed and three panes of glass removed, making a hole about 17" x 10", and that both fugitives had evidently escaped through this hole and after leaving the blacksmith shop, had dropped to a ledge and by using a Stillson 24" wrench had broken the padlock which locked a small gate in a high iron cyclone fence. Automobile tire casings are thrown over this fence after all usable parts have been utilized in the mat shop and it is possible that although the drop is 20 to 25 feet, over a sheer cliff, after the fugitives had gotten through the gate, that some of these rubber casings may have broken the jump which the men would have been forced to make.

This blacksmith shop is located in a building on the extreme northwest tip of the island; a small end of the building is to the northwest and the long side of the building faces the Golden Gate. The cliff beyond the gate is almost sheer and the drop is about twenty feet; however it could possibly be made. The information at Alcatraz is rather indefinite and vague as to whether the convicts escaped at the time they broke through the fence or whether they waited for some time before going into the water. If they entered the water immediately after having escaped, the water was at ebb tide.

Shortly after the report of the escape the prison authorities took steps to notify the Coast Guard, police authorities, sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies. Warden JOHNSTON furnished the San Francisco Office with photographs of both fugitives, together with descriptions, fingerprint classifications, and inquiry was made of the Warden if arrangements could be made for an Agent of the San Francisco Office to remain on Alcatraz Island. Warden JOHNSTON approved this plan and arranged that a boat take Special Agent A. E. FARLAND to the Island. At the time of the dictation of this report Agent FARLAND is still on the Island and has contacted the San Francisco Office at regular intervals.

Warden JOHNSTON turned over to Agent FARLAND a small piece of paper, evidently a piece of brown wrapping paper, with the numbers "214 E 7" and the word "RUBY" printed on it. This is being made a part of the San Francisco file. Junior Officer GEORGE D. HOAG found this piece of paper in an eye-glass case

belonging to ROE and Agent FARLAND of his own knowledge recognized this address as belonging to MRS. RUBY ANCRUM of Joplin, Missouri, who is a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS, an inmate of Alcatraz, #271-AZ. Immediately upon receipt of this information a telegram was sent to the Kansas City Office requesting appropriate investigation.

Telephonic contact was maintained with the Bureau and the Director advised that full publicity would be given the matter, providing it met with the approval of Warden JOHNSTON. Reporting Agent telephonically contacted the Warden who agreed to this procedure; therefore, photographs and descriptions were immediately given to all local police officers, newspapers, owners and operators of tug, barge and launch companies, to attendants at the San Francisco and Sausalito ferries, as well as attendants at the bridge plazas; also to the secretary of the Crab Fishermen's Protective Association, 206 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, and to the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, 2797 Taylor Street, San Francisco. The information was given to all fishing companies inasmuch as there was a possibility a small fishing boat might have picked up one or both of the fugitives if they had been noticed in the water.

Agents worked incessantly on the waterfront in the bay area in an effort to locate any body or bodies which might have been washed ashore, with negative results. Special teletypes were sent to all law enforcement officers in the bay area with the request that information concerning any unidentified drowned person or persons be immediately supplied to the San Francisco Office. This request was also made of all coroners in the bay area. All local law enforcement officers, including the police departments of San Francisco, Sausalito, Oakland, Berkeley, Redwood City, San Rafael, Martinez, Mill Valley, Palo Alto, Richmond, were contacted telephonically and in person by agents and full information supplied them. The cooperation of these agencies has been excellent.

Various calls were received at all hours of the day and night concerning robberies and stolen cars, from the law enforcement authorities, and each of these has been checked - so far with negative results.

Agents accompanied the Coast Guard and special guards from Alcatraz in making exhaustive searches of all boats, barges and ships anchored or beached in the bay area, and also those which have not been operated and were lying in the harbor, on the

theory that possibly the fugitives might have sought cover there. Agents were assisted by Officers BOYD and CLIMMON of the Coast Guard and guards from Alcatraz Island. A fish reduction plant located near Sausalito, which ceased operation December 1, 1937, and is now apparently abandoned, was also thoroughly searched, with negative results. All watchmen on boats lying anchored in the bay were questioned, shown photographs of the fugitives, and supplied with descriptions; however no information was obtained.

Numerous calls have been received at the San Francisco Office and all have been checked out even though in some cases there appeared to be no basis for the suspicions of the parties calling.

A teletype from the Portland Office dated December 18th supplied information that an unknown individual made inquiry at the Lighthouse Service Office there relative to the time of tides in San Francisco Bay. This individual was shown a copy of the current tables of the Pacific Coast, issued by the Department of Commerce, and plainly indicated by his actions he was not a nautical man as he asked how to read the tables. He was described as follows:

Age	40 - 50
Height	5' 6 or 7"
Weight	140 - 170 lbs.
Hair	Dark, possibly graying Well groomed - appeared as if he had just had shave and haircut
Dress	Conservative
Eyes	Color unknown; not known if he wore glasses
Face	Full, Ruddy complexion
General appearance	- intelligent

Inquiries were immediately made at the Department of Commerce in San Francisco, at the Office of Geodetic Survey, and at the Lighthouse Service Office; however it could not be determined that any individual had recently made inquiry concerning tides at Alcatraz Island. It was determined, however, that numerous telephone calls had been received on the day of this escape concerning the fog, which was generally conceded to be one of the densest fogs San Francisco has experienced in many years.

The Portland teletype indicated a tentative identification of RICHARD T. GALATAS as the person who had made inquiry at the Lighthouse Service and, therefore, photographs of



RICHARD T. GALATAS, #331-AZ, FRANK B. MALLOY #330-AZ, FRANK WILLIAMS, #308-AZ, HUBERT ALLEN FARMER, #332-AZ, ALFRED M. LOOMIS, #187-AZ, ANDREW W. DAVIS, #311-AZ, JACK SIEMAN, #177-AZ, CHARLES R. KRUG, #72-AZ, ROBERT BRADFORD MOXON, #34-AZ, were forwarded airmail special delivery to the Portland Office, with the request that they be exhibited to the employees of the Lighthouse Service in Portland in an effort to identify one of these persons as being the individual who called at the Lighthouse Service and made inquiry relative to time of tides in San Francisco Bay.

The name of HANS STRITTMATTER was suggested by Warden JOHNSTON as a possible contact for the fugitives. Special Agent T. P. GERAGETY is familiar with this person who operates a horse racing book in the rear of the Bridge Beer Gardens, 838 Bridgeway Boulevard, Sausalito, California. He was contacted by Agent GERAGETY and stated he expected a call from an agent of the FBI relative to the escape of subjects because of his former acquaintance with JOHN PAUL CHASE, now confined in Alcatraz. STRITTMATTER stated emphatically he does not know subjects, never heard of them prior to the newspaper reports of their escape, and has no information whatever concerning their escape, or of anyone who might have aided them. STRITTMATTER advised he will be glad to cooperate and aid the Bureau in any way.

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND obtained a list of all visitors to Alcatraz Island within the past six months and this list is being made a part of the San Francisco file. Leads are not being set forth at this time as it has not been possible to analyze the list and set out leads in an intelligent and comprehensive manner; however this will be done.

Since Portland teletype dated December 18th advised an unknown individual made inquiry concerning the tide in San Francisco Bay, a detailed check of all releases from Alcatraz to whom transportation had been paid into northern California, Oregon and Washington, has been made at Alcatraz; however this check has not ~~been~~ developed any pertinent information to date. The description of the person mentioned in the Portland teletype was supplied to Warden PLUMMER of Folsom Prison and BARNEY HUSE, Secretary to the Warden at San Quentin Prison, and a check is now in progress at both of these institutions in an effort to locate a person released within the past year who might possibly have been the individual who called at the Lighthouse Service Office in Portland. Warden PLUMMER advised he would have approximately 400

released persons to check while San Quentin authorities advised they would have approximately 1500. Nevertheless a check is being conducted. Warden FLUMMER has advised telephonically that of the 400 persons released within the past year, approximately 50 or 55 of them will match fairly closely the description supplied him concerning the man making inquiry at Portland. He is preparing photographs and descriptions and when these are received at the San Francisco Office they will be studied and logical ones forwarded to the Portland Office.

An anonymous telephone call was received at The San Francisco Office at 12:30 A. M., December 18, 1937, advising that if an agent would contact the person calling, at Mason and Eddy Streets, he thought possibly he could supply information concerning the two escapes. Special Agent F. R. HAMMACK accompanied reporting Agent and contact was made. It was ascertained the person who had called is known as AL BARRY, also known as BRUCE BARRY, a semi-professional singer. He informed he had had a couple of dates with a girl named LEE MACK and that she had stated she would have a date with him on Thursday, December 16th, which was the date the two fugitives escaped. According to BARRY, the date was definite unless something big turned up which would prevent her from meeting him. She failed to meet him and he learned through another source she had purchased articles of men's clothing, such as shirts and ties, for some individual unknown to him. Being desirous of obtaining any money which might be offered for a reward, for information supplied, and being out of work, BARRY was supplying this information.

He was taken to several night clubs and also to an apartment at 625 Scott Street where he was of the opinion LEE MACK had formerly lived. The manager of this apartment was aroused even though the hour was late and advised no such individual had lived in this apartment, nor had anyone moved from the apartment since December first, and according to BARRY, LEE MACK was supposed to have moved very recently from this apartment, and had not supplied him with her address.

BARRY was advised in certain terms concerning prosecution of any person who harbored either of these fugitives and stated he would supply what information he had. On the following day he personally appeared at the San Francisco Office and was again interviewed by reporting Agent, at which time he stated he had been unable to contact LEE MACK and was sorry he had given any information as he had nothing definite. He stated he wished to clear

himself and would supply any information which came to his knowledge. BARRY is unemployed and appears to be very much the pimp type. It is believed that little credence can be placed in any of his statements. He can be located at any time at the corner of Mason and Eddy Streets where he hangs out.

J. R. HERSCHLER, residing in Muir Woods National Monument Grounds, Federal Reservation, 4 miles from Mill Valley, telephoned the San Francisco Office at 1:30 A. M., December 19th, and advised his home had been broken into and nothing stolen except food. He was advised not to do anything which would destroy any footprints or fingerprints and that agents of this office would contact him immediately. Agents CHARLES H. OLSON and J. R. McCULLOCH proceeded immediately to HERSCHLER'S home, picking up HOWARD LACEY, a police officer of the Mill Valley P. D. Upon arriving at HERSCHLER'S home, agents found Marin County officers, Deputy Sheriff FRANK KELLY, Identification Officer DRUMMOND, and Deputy Sheriff MC GINNIS, at the home; however these men had not touched anything and had merely questioned Mr. and Mrs. HERSCHLER, in deference to the request of reporting Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. HERSCHLER advised Agents OLSON and McCULLOCH they had left their home on Saturday evening, December 18th, at approximately 5:40 P. M., and had returned about 11:00 P. M., and found the French windows in the living room open; that some person had left a muddy footprint in the middle of the davenport, evidently made by the person who had entered the house. Examination of the house disclosed nothing was missing with the exception of food stuffs such as cookies, oranges, apples, etc. This list of missing food stuffs was obtained and is in the San Francisco file but is not being set forth herein. A rifle and a shot gun which stood in the kitchen in plain sight, as well as a .38 caliber revolver, which was inside a closet off the bedroom, which closet door is believed to have been open, were not touched and are still in HERSCHLER'S home. No silverware was taken and no clothing except one pillow case in which it is thought the stolen food was placed.

An examination of the French window pane which had been broken, disclosed the man or men who opened the window had apparently broken the pane of glass next to the window lock, reached through and opened the lock and gained entrance in this manner. The footprint left by the intruder was measured and found to be 13" in length by 5-1/4" in width across the widest part of

the sole and 4-1/2" across the heel. Photographs were taken of this print and a glass was obtained which it is thought the intruder handled. These will be forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for examination in connection with this case. No footprints could be located outside the house.

Officer HOWARD LACEY advised Agents that summer homes and cabins in that vicinity are often broken into and food stolen and that due to the fact there is a CCC camp in that community members of this camp are sometimes believed to engage in petty thefts in the neighborhood. Since the firearms were not stolen and no men's clothing taken, it is believed significant that this theft was not committed by one or both subjects as food, clothing and firearms would undoubtedly be very necessary to them. However a check is being made at Alcatraz to ascertain the size of shoe worn by subjects, if possible, in order that they can be compared with the measurements obtained by Agents.

RICHARD CHASE, City Editor, SAN FRANCISCO NEWS, telephonically informed Special Agent in Charge PIEPER on December 18th that an informant named THOMPSON had found a hand-made boat at Pier 54 at the foot of 4th Street in San Francisco, which might have some possible connection in instant case. Agent H. K. JOHNSON at 9:45 A. M., December 18th, met ANDREW THOMPSON, State Wharfinger, telephone GARfield 8800, at Pier 54. Mr. THOMPSON pointed out an old boat tied to the Wharf about 300 yards south of the pier. There was a man approximately 55 years old in bare feet sitting on a roll of canvas near by. This person stated his name was DAVE AUERKORT, and he claimed he owned the boat in question and had rowed it from Stockton, California, with an improvised sail, some time ago. He advised he had been in the vicinity since December 15th and that this could be definitely checked by persons having business in that end of the warehouse. AUERKORT is described as follows:

Age	55 years
Height	5' 5"
Weight	155 lbs
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Gray
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Dress	Shabby; bare foot
Occupation	Unemployed at present; formerly a janitor
Address	Shot Island, Calif. (This is where the Santa Fe Railroad crosses Mid River near Stockton).

AUERKORT'S boat was thoroughly examined by Agent JOHNSON and nothing of an unusual nature was discovered. AUERKORT told his story in a straightforward manner and there is nothing to indicate he has any connection with this case. MR. THOMPSON stated he first noted the boat on the morning of December 18th and immediately notified the NEWS which had come to the scene to take photographs. MR. THOMPSON consulted his official printed charts on tides in San Francisco Bay and after stating his duties carry him along the entire San Francisco waterfront, supplied the following information based upon the chart and his experience in finding human bodies which have been washed ashore:

"Most bodies washed up on the San Francisco side of the bay will appear between Pier 35 and Fishermen's Wharf; then in the vicinity just east of Pier 45 and fewer still in the vicinity of Piers 24, 26 and 28. If a drowning occurs and the body starts to drift immediately following high water it will be carried to sea through the Golden Gate, possibly 4 miles out as a maximum. The farther the body is carried to sea the more the likelihood that it will be beached along the coast without being returned by the tide through the Golden Gate into the San Francisco Bay".

According to MR. THOMPSON, bodies carried to sea may be out four or five and sometimes as many as ten days before returned to the bay and deposited on the bay shore, depending on the tides. MR. THOMPSON is a wharfinger and has been connected with the sea for the past 20 years and from his experience he is of the opinion if either of the bodies were carried out to sea it would be approximately eight to ten days before they would be returned to shore.

At 4:30 A. M., December 18th, the night editor of the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER advised the San Francisco Office by telephone he had received a report that a boat had slipped in under the docks at Wine Haven Pier near Richmond, California. Special Agent J. H. RICE, with Mr. M. LARSSON, Chief Boatswain and Officer in Charge, Coast Guard Cutter #412, proceeded to Wine Haven. There are not any inhabitants or buildings within the vicinity of the pier or warehouse. A detailed search and inquiries were made, as well as continual watch by the crew on the Coast Guard cutter, for floating objects along the following course:

Standard Oil Co. Docks, Richmond  
Pacific Molasses Co., Richmond  
Richmond Fisheries Inc., Richmond  
McNears Point, San Pablo Bay  
China Camp, San Pablo Bay  
Ex-Codfish Schooner, City of  
Papeete, San Pablo Bay  
Office of Hamilton Field, U. S.  
Army Air Corps Base  
San Rafael Creek  
Point Bonita  
Golden Gate  
San Francisco Bay

There was located a small boat tied to the pier at Wine Haven and this was thoroughly inspected by men on the Coast Guard cutter and Agent RICE. There was no indication anyone had used this boat for at least one year. Mr. LARSSON advised the boat was not seaworthy and should be destroyed. Some San Francisco newspapers had glaring headlines concerning this boat, terming it a "phantom yacht" and made erroneous statements about lights and men who were supposed to have been observed around it.

MR. ANDERSON CLARK, 26 O'Farrell Street, a mining engineer, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge PIEPER he had overheard a fellow commuter stating a young man answering the description of Fugitive COLE had accosted him on Powell Street on December 17th - the time of the day unrecalled - and had asked him to direct him to 1100 California Street. The individual was shabbily dressed, had on an old sweater, overalls and was pale and nervous. Mr. CLARK'S address is 359 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland, and his 'phone number is HIgate 4257. He stated he was furnishing this information as an interested citizen as it might have some bearing on instant case. Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH made inquiry and investigation in the vicinity of the eleven hundred block on California Street, and there is no such address as 1100 California. The 1100 block extends from the Mark Hopkins Hotel for one block west in which block are a church, a club and exclusive residential hotels. Since Mr. CLARK had no further information and the information which he supplied was erroneous, no further investigation is being made in this connection.

A local newspaper carried an article that a Mrs. HARRY N. JACK, San Bruno, California, had reported to the police she had seen a man swimming in the bay about 500 feet from the Hyde Street slip, at about 10:30 P. M. on the night of the escape. Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON contacted Mrs. JACK telephonically and was advised she was crossing on the auto ferry from Sausalito to San Francisco about 10:30 P. M., December 16th, and as the ferry was moving

into the Hyde Street slip she was gazing out over the water and noticed an object about 500 feet distant which looked like the head, arms and shoulders of a man. Mrs. JACK stated she thought nothing of this at the time but upon reading later that men had escaped from Alcatraz she thought there might be some connection. Mrs. JACK was questioned as to whether she had ever noticed any person at any other time swimming in the bay at this season of the year to which she replied she had not. Mrs. JACK was not sufficiently aroused at the time to report the matter to anyone or to call anyone's attention to it; however on the following day she reported it to the San Francisco Police Department and Lieutenant WINTERS of the Inspectors' Bureau was contacted and advised the report had been made and turned over to Inspector ENGLER for further investigation and that nothing had come of the matter as the information supplied by MRS. JACK was so vague.

Mr. H. O. PETERS, Special Agent, Northwestern Pacific Railroad, Sausalito, California, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge PIEPER he had obtained information that a party by the name of MILLER, in charge of the news company at the ferry in Sausalito, thought he had heard a speed boat come into Richardson Bay at about 2:00 P. M. on the day of the escape. Mr. H. E. MILLER was immediately contacted by Special Agents T. P. GERAGHTY and T. FITZHUGH WILSON in the office of Mr. PETERS, at which time he stated he was quite positive he heard a speed boat going up Richardson Bay toward Mill Valley between 2 and 3 P.M. on one day last week during which there was a heavy fog but he could not state whether it was Wednesday or Thursday - Thursday being the day of the escape. Mr. PETERS advised, after conversation with this informant, that he felt sure if a speed boat had gone into the channel on Richardson Bay towards Mill Valley it would necessarily have had to come close to their power house and that some one of the employees would have heard it; therefore, he accompanied Agents GERAGHTY and WILSON to the power house where Mr. MILT/CROSBY was interviewed; however CROSBY had no information on the matter and stated he had no recollection of having heard or seen any such boat.

Special agent PETERS, Northwestern Pacific Railroad, contacted Special Agent in Charge PIEPER on December 18th and advised there are persons living in the vicinity of Alto, California, who might possibly harbor the fugitives and suggested an investigation be made as to one JACK/WINDRICK who has a San Quentin record and also now has a brother in Folsom. Agents GERAGHTY and WILSON contacted Mr. WINDRICK at his home and he was interviewed exhaustively and extensively. His shack was searched by both agents with WINDRICK'S permission and nothing pertinent to this case was observed. WINDRICK lives in abject poverty and has an embittered attitude on life; however

he advised in this instance he had no information concerning the subjects, did not know them and had no reason to help them.

Special Agent in Charge PIERPER received a telephone call from HOWARD LACEY, officer of the Mill Valley Police Department, stating an individual by the name of SANTOS while driving a truck along the highway coming into Mill Valley, was accosted by two strangers who attempted to gain a ride with him. SANTOS did not stop and drove immediately to Mill Valley to report the matter. Agents McCULLOCH and HARMACK immediately proceeded to the Sausalito side of the Golden Gate Bridge where they were met by California Highway Patrol Officers A. D. TRUETT and I. A. CARBINE, and working with HOWARD LACEY patrolled the road leading into Mill Valley until 7:00 A. M. in the morning; however no persons were noted hitch-hiking; a search of footprints in the vicinity where SANTOS claims the men endeavored to stop him while driving his truck was conducted, with negative results.

SANTOS advised the two men wore jackets, dirty shirts, and he had no recollection as to the type of hats or caps worn. As he was frightened he could give no description of their facial characteristics whatsoever. Inasmuch as no such individuals could be located and a search of the roads, vacant buildings and brush along the highway was completed, it was thought possible the two men, if in fact there were two such men, had obtained a freight train ride north as a freight train had left San Rafael at approximately midnight, which was three hours after SANTOS claimed he saw the hitch-hikers, and San Rafael is within two or three hours hiking distance from the place where the men were allegedly seen. Therefore, reporting Agent telephonically contacted Deputy Sheriff W. L. CRAWFORD at Ukiah, California, furnished the descriptions of the two escapes and requested that all freights going north be checked. Deputy CRAWFORD advised that due to the flood conditions in northern California only one freight train had gotten through and that a close search of all subsequent trains would be made.

ROBERT HALLSEY, St. Francis Yacht Club, reported a burglary on his yacht to the San Francisco Police Department on December 17, 1937. Inspectors WINTERS and LEPPI conducted an investigation and advised the San Francisco Office that one TEDDY STOCKELME, Berth 57, Yacht ELLEGRIER, saw a boy enter the boat; further investigation developed this was [redacted] 15 years of age. Several guns were stolen but these were recovered by the San Francisco police officers. Lieut. WINTERS advised Special Agent



D. L. TRAYNOR that the boy comes from a good family and because of his background and youth it was probable no action would be taken against him.

Special Agent J. H. RICE, working with M. LARSSON, Chief Boatswain and Officer in Charge, Coast Guard Cutter #412, made observations with negative results covering the following:

U. S. Army Transport Docks  
St. Francis Yacht Harbor  
Beach between St. Francis Yacht Harbor  
to point off "Mile Rock" on San  
Francisco side of harbor entrance  
South San Francisco Bay  
Seal Rocks

This cutter followed drift two miles off shore outside the harbor entrance and on the return trip passed close to Point Benito and followed the contour of shore line to Lime Point on the Marin County side of the Golden Gate. The cutter also followed the contour of the shore from Lime Point to Sausalito ferry slips. Searches were made with binoculars on the shore line of both sides of Racoon Strait. Investigation of drift in Racoon Strait was also completed.

The correct descriptions of both subjects as obtained from Alcatraz Penitentiary are as follows:

RALPH ROE, with aliases, NUMBER 260-AZ  
Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan,  
J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty,  
Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe,  
Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds

Fingerprint classification:

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Age	32
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Chestnut
Height	6 feet
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Tall, slender
Scars & Marks	Tattoo star left index and back of left hand; large rag cut scar 2" left forearm

THEODORE COLE, Number 258-AZ

Fingerprint classification - 21  $\frac{17}{27} \frac{IM}{0} \frac{17}{16}$

Age	25
Height	5' 8"
Weight	135
Build	Small, medium
Nationality	American
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Scars & Marks	2" scar corner right lip; small scar middle right cheek; large 8" scar above knee of left leg.

A definite check on the visitors' list indicated ROE has had no visitors and that COLE was visited by his sister, MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, and his mother, MRS. FETTLER/COLE, on July 2, 1936, and that he was visited by his mother and his stepfather on July 10, 1937. His stepfather's name is ERD/COLE.

Discreet inquiries have been made by Special Agent A. F. FARLAND as to the integrity and honesty of guards at Alcatraz Island and nothing has been developed which would indicate any collusion on the part of any of the employees of the penitentiary.

Reference report requested investigation of the Kansas City, Los Angeles, Dallas, Little Rock, Phoenix and Oklahoma City Field Divisions concerning relatives and friends of the two subjects and these are not being set out again; however, for the information of all offices conducting the investigation it is desired that all relatives be contacted directly and openly and that they be advised of the Federal Harboring Statute; also that mail covers be placed and arrangements made with Postal Telegraph and Western Union to obtain any messages which may be sent to them. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL LEADS SET OUT IN REFERENCE REPORT BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

ENCLOSURES:

TO OKLAHOMA CITY - 2 photographs of each subject with descriptive data attached.  
TO LITTLE ROCK - 1 photo of each with descriptive data attached.  
TO LOS ANGELES - 1 photo of each with descriptive data attached.  
TO KANSAS CITY - 1 photo of each with descriptive data attached

of  
TO PORTLAND - 1 photo/each with  
descriptive data attached.  
TO PHOENIX - 1 photo of each subject  
with descriptive data attached.  
TO DALLAS - 1 photo of each subject  
with descriptive data attached.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION AT SAN  
FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - will continue to check each robbery, auto  
theft and burglary; will continue to maintain close contact with  
the Coast Guard, Warden JOHNSTON and all Coroners in the bay area;  
will continue to run out to a logical conclusion every lead  
submitted to the office.

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December 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. E. Thornton, dated December 20, 1937, at San Francisco,  
California.

It is noted that on page 7 is reflected information received from one Al Barry to the effect that a girl named Lee Mack purchased articles of men's clothing for some individual unknown to Barry on the day the fugitives escaped from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz. The Bureau desires that Lee Mack be located and interviewed relative to the identity of the individual for whom she purchased clothing on December 16, 1937.

It is also noted that on page 12 of reference report is reflected information obtained from Mr. H. E. Miller to the effect that he heard a speed boat going up Richardson Bay, going toward Mill Valley between 2 and 3 P. M. on either Wednesday or Thursday, December 15, or 16, 1937.

Your attention is also invited to page 13 of reference report which reflects that one Santos was approached by two strangers while driving a truck along the highway coming into Mill Valley, and that these strangers attempted to obtain a ride from him.

It is suggested that further investigation be conducted relative to the speed boat allegedly heard by Mr. Miller proceeding up Richardson Bay toward Mill Valley to determine if the fugitives could have been in the speed boat and landed somewhere in the vicinity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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THEODORE COLE, FUGITIVE, ETAL, EFP. ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALATAS RECEIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE SUBMITTED TO WITNESSES AND PRESTON OF THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, PORTLAND, PRINCIPAL WITNESSES WHO HAD BEST OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL, WITHOUT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. FURTHER THOROUGH INTERROGATION OF WITNESSES BY AGENT GURNEA AND MYSELF HAD DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF PRESENT VALUE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE MADE AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS PROMPTLY. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE PLEASE FURNISH SUMMARY OF INFORMATION PERTINENT IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION HERE CONCERNING ESCAPE, TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECTS. KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTED TO FURNISH SUMMARY OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED AT LEAVENWORTH REGARDING CORRESPONDENTS AND ASSOCIATES OF GALATAS WHO MAY BE IN THIS PART OF COUNTRY. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE THIS OFFICE IF AND WHEN ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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THEODORE COLE, FUGITIVE ETAL ZFP. FRANK H. PARKS NAUTICAL INSTRUMENT  
CONCERN HERE ON INTERVIEW BY AGENTS GURNEA AND KING YESTERDAY  
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT INDIVIDUAL INQUIRING FOR CURRENT TABLES  
AND CHARTS HAD BEEN REFERRED BY HIM TO THE U S HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE  
WHERE IT WAS DETERMINED THIS INDIVIDUAL PURCHASED BOOK ENTITLED QUOTE  
TIDAL CURRENT CHARTS OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY UNQUOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
PREVIOUS ADVICE FURNISHED BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO. PARKS NOW RECALLS  
HAVING SOLD THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BOOK ENTITLED  
QUOTE CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT UNQUOTE BEFORE  
REFERRING HIM TO HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE. NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT ISSUE OF  
CURRENT TABLES BOOK COVERS CURRENTS AND TIDES ONLY COMMENCING JANUARY  
FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT MAKING BOOK USELESS FOR REFERENCE AS TO  
TIDES AND CURRENTS NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. HOWEVER, PARKS STATES  
INDIVIDUAL DID NOT ASK FOR TABLES OF ANY PARTICULAR YEAR AND IS OF  
OPINION INDIVIDUAL PURCHASED BOOK NOT KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
THE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AND THIRTY EIGHT BOOKS. PARKS ALSO  
FURNISHED PAIR OF WOOL LINED LEATHER DRIVING GLOVES WHICH HE STATES HE

IS POSITIVE WERE INADVERTENTLY LEFT IN HIS STORE BY A PATROL ON DECEMBER  
FIFTEENTH. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP AND IF UNABLE TO

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ELIMINATE THESE GLOVES SAME WILL BE FORWARDED BY AIR TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION. ONLY IDENTIFYING MARKS CONSIST OF PAPER TAG SHOWING SIZE NINE AND ONE QUARTER, AND REVERSE SIDE OF TWO BUTTONS OF EACH GLOVE BEAR INITIALS BSM OR MSB INDICATING EITHER MANUFACTURE OF GLOVE OR MANUFACTURE OF BUTTONS. AGENTS ENGAGED AT CHECKING STATIONS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ADVISED THIS INFORMATION FOR USE THERE AND FURNISHED ACCURATE DESCRIPTION ADDITIONAL BOOK PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL AS NOTED ABOVE.

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THEODORE COLE, FUGITIVE, FETAL, EFF. AGENTS DEADERICK AND MCCAIN DEPARTED PORTLAND NINE PM, THE FORMER TO DUNSMUIR, CALIFORNIA AND THE LATTER TO CRESCENT CITY, CALIFORNIA ARRIVING ABOUT SEVEN AM TOMORROW TO COVER CHECK OF ALL AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CALIFORNIA AT NORTH BOUNDARY CHECKING STATIONS BETWEEN SIX PM DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND NINE AM DECEMBER SIXTEENTH. STATIONS AT DUNSMUIR AND CRESCENT CITY WILL BE FIRST CHECKED FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR INVESTIGATION AT THE CHECKING STATION AT HILT, CALIFORNIA. TWO AGENTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WITH NECESSARY SPECIMEN CURRENT BOOKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS CAN CONTACT AGENT DEADERICK AT DUNSMUIR EITHER AT CHECKING STATION OR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AGENT MCCAIN AT CRESCENT CITY EITHER AT SHERIFFS OFFICE OF OR CHECKING STATION.

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DECEMBER 20, 1937

C W STEIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BLDG  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

RALPH ROE ETAL EFP SUGGEST YOU CONTACT JR SMALL US PROBATION  
OFFICER TULSA FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE AS TO JIMMIE  
ROE BROTHER OF RALPH ROE

BRANTLEY

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

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December 18, 1937.

Time: 3:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

While talking telephonically with Mr. Hanson at Los Angeles, he referred to the 24 hour surveillance he had been instructed to maintain on the home of Cole's mother and step-father who reside at Woodlake, California. He said that Woodlake is a town of about 200 people only and the parents of Cole live  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from town. Cole's step-father works at a filling station in the town of Woodlake. Mr. Hanson indicated the home of Cole's parents is located in an isolated area and there is no place from which it can be covered by a surveillance. He further stated due to a recent flood, the road is covered with about two feet of mud making it impossible for automobiles to traverse the road. Mr. Hanson stated that Theodore Cole does not know where his mother lives and would have to make an inquiry at the town of Woodlake, and for this reason Agents are maintaining a surveillance in Woodlake waiting for some one to inquire as to the location of the Cole home.

Mr. Hanson stated that he has interviewed Cole's parents in view of the newspaper dispatches out of San Francisco indicating that Cole's parents reside at Woodlake and Bureau maintaining surveillance on home. He said he believed it best to have his men interview the family in view of the publicity. The step-father advised that when Cole escaped from McAlester, Oklahoma and came home, he immediately contacted the police and tried to have them arrest Theodore Cole. Cole is aware of this and both of his parents are certain that he will not come home. Mr. Hanson asked if the surveillance should be continued since apparently Cole will not go home, and I told him it is desirable at this time since we do not know where Cole is and may be in that vicinity. Mr. Hanson said he will have the surveillance continued from the town. He stated the Cole family is perfectly willing to have agents established in the home, but he does not believe this is desirable since Mrs. Cole is very near a nervous breakdown.

He then referred to the surveillance Mr. Pieper had requested he have made on the home of Cole's sister residing at Bell, California, and advised agents interviewed her and her husband and two agents are now maintaining a surveillance from an adjoining house. These individuals have advised

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they would not harbor Cole and would immediately advise the Bureau should Cole appear at the house. Mr. Hanson asked if this surveillance should be continued in view of this evident cooperation.

I told him that until we can definitely place Cole elsewhere, the surveillance should be continued, as we would be in position to act should Cole arrive at the home. Mr. Hanson said he will have a 24 hour surveillance made.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature, likely of P. E. Foxworth, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, written in dark ink.

P. E. Foxworth.

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 18, 1937

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Lester	
Mr. McIntire	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Re: THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE  
ROBERT ROE - FUGITIVE  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

This will confirm my conference teletype of this date to the Bureau and to the San Francisco office regarding information this date furnished the Portland office by the Lighthouse Service, Portland, concerning an unknown individual who called at that office on a day believed definitely to have been Wednesday, December 15, 1937, the day prior to the escape of the above two persons from Alcatraz Penitentiary; that this individual made inquiry and was furnished information regarding current tables applying to the San Francisco Bay around Alcatraz Island.

Mr. H. W. Caskey, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, phoned the undersigned this date and stated that he desired to report an individual who had called at their office on Wednesday or Thursday of the current week and made inquiry regarding tide tables applying to the San Francisco Bay around Alcatraz Island. The undersigned immediately proceeded to the Lighthouse Service office and interviewed Mr. Caskey and Mr. E. V. Laird, Associate Engineer of the Lighthouse Service. It was determined that Mr. Laird was the official who had the principal contact with the individual in question. Mr. Laird stated that he was unable to definitely fix the time of the call of the unknown individual, except that it was either late in the morning of Wednesday, December 15th, or at a similar time on Thursday, December 16th. Through interrogation of other employees noted below, the time was rather definitely fixed as the morning of Wednesday, December 15th, the day prior to the escape. Mr. Laird stated that the individual described below first inquired of him regarding tides in San Francisco Bay. Mr. Laird thereupon referred to the 1938 issue of the "Current Tables, Pacific Coast" issued by the Coast Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, and endeavored to answer the inquiries made by the unknown individual. This individual, after being informed generally of tides in San Francisco Bay, stated that the information furnished him by Mr. Laird applied principally to the vicinity of the Golden Gate and that he wanted to know about the tides around Alcatraz Island. Mr. Laird thereupon showed him the tables set forth in the above mentioned booklet and discussed with him the manner in which the currents varied in the vicinity of Alcatraz.

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The unknown individual stated to Mr. Laird that he understood there were two currents, one on the north side of Alcatraz Island and one on the south side that might vary somewhat. Mr. Laird further stated that he was positive that this individual was not a nautical man as he did not understand the proper manner of reading the tables and that the individual stated the fact that he did not know how to read them, but that he wanted to secure a copy of the book and desired Mr. Laird's explanation of the reading so that he could understand it. He asked where he could purchase one of the books and he was informed by Mr. Laird that the purchase could be made at the Beebe Company, a nautical instrument concern, Portland, and he gave the impression that this individual probably went to that concern.

It was ascertained from Mr. L. L. L. Dilley, an employee of the Lighthouse Service, who handles inquiries of the public, that this individual first came to him, was alone, and stated he wanted to buy a tide table. Mr. Dilley informed him that he could see Mr. Laird concerning the manner and that he could buy such a table at either the Beebe Company, Frank H. Parks & Company, or the Portland Instrument Company, all of Portland. Mr. Dilley was uncertain as to the exact day this individual called as he merely handled his preliminary inquiry and referred him to Mr. Laird.

Mr. H. W. Caskey, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, also observed this individual while he was talking with Mr. Laird as they are both engaged in the same room. He does not have any additional information, however, except that he is firm in his belief that the call was made on Wednesday, December 15th. He stated that he is rather positive that he informed his wife of the inquiry made at the office regarding Alcatraz Island, and that he is rather positive that he informed her of this fact on Thursday. Upon contacting his wife by telephone, his wife stated that when he, Caskey, told her of the incident, he referred to the incident as having occurred the day before.

J. L. Preston, Associate Radio Engineer, was also present in the room during part of the conversation of this individual with Mr. Laird, and stated that on Thursday night, December 16th, before leaving for his home he purchased the late sport edition of the Oregon Journal, which carried an item regarding some trouble having occurred at Alcatraz Island in which, however, no details were furnished. He stated that upon arriving home and after reading this article, he mentioned the article to his wife and informed her of the call made by the unknown individual to their office the previous day. He verified this by telephoning his wife at agent's request, who informed him that she is certain that he had told her that the call had been

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made the day previous, which would have placed the call of this individual on Wednesday, December 15th, the day before the break. None of these individuals had any official duties or records with which they could connect the call of this individual definitely, but they are all in accord in the fact that it was just before noon on either Wednesday or Thursday.

The above employees of the Lighthouse Service stated that they jokingly remarked among themselves after the unknown individual left that it was a strange inquiry and one of them made the joking remark "Watch out for a break at Alcatraz."

Mr. Laird stated that he was off duty Friday and has not seen any newspaper articles regarding the break and did not know of the break until he returned to his office this morning, whereupon he immediately discussed the matter with Mr. Caskey and Mr. Caskey phoned the undersigned.

This information was teletyped to the Bureau and to the San Francisco office in view of newspaper comments noted that it was probable that the two escapes had drowned and that there had been no outside help. It appears particularly significant that this call should have been made by an individual who was unfamiliar with nautical terms or tide or current tables, but at the same time volunteered information regarding the two different currents flowing on the north and south sides of Alcatraz Island. The gentleman referred to above informed me that there are actually two different currents flowing on either side of Alcatraz Island. It is further pertinent that he admitted he did not know how to read these tide and current tables and asked for information which would assist him in reading them after he purchased one and after he found he could not obtain one at the Lighthouse Service office.

The following is the best description obtainable from the employees of the Lighthouse Service:

Name	Unknown
Age	About 40 to 50 years
Height	5' 6 or 7 inches
Weight	140 to 170 pounds
Hair	Dark, possibly greying somewhat, well groomed and gave appearance had recently visited barber shop.
Face	Full and ruddy, believed to have worn glasses
Dress	Very well but conservatively dressed in suit believed to be dark gray; carried dark top coat. Made good impression and presented intelligent appearance.

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Frank H. Parks, who operates the company by that name noted above, is absent from Portland on the Columbia River on his boat and will not be available for interview until Monday. It was definitely ascertained at the Bebee Company that no one during the past week inquired concerning these current books or purchased one.

Inquiry at the Portland Instrument Company, 334 S. W. 5th Avenue, was made where C. A. MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeill, who tend the place of business, were both interviewed. C. A. MacNeill recalled that on Tuesday or Wednesday of the past week an individual whom he describes as between 30 and 40 years, 5' 7 or 8", 155 to 160 pounds, full face, ruddy complexion, fairly well dressed, came in and inquired regarding a chart of ocean currents. Mr. MacNeill stated his recollection was that the individual inquired as to both the Pacific and Atlantic currents. He stated that he was impressed by the fact that the man was not conversant with nautical terms, in that he did not know what he was looking for and after talking with him for several minutes directed him to the Weather Bureau in the Customs House. Mr. MacNeill believed that it was in the morning of Tuesday or Wednesday that this individual came to his place of business. However, Mrs. MacNeill seemed to think that it was in the afternoon. Mrs. MacNeill was quite positive in her statements. This office is continuing inquiry upon this information in an effort to determine whether or not the individual referred to in this instance may not have been the same individual who appeared at the Lighthouse Service. It is possible that before calling at the Lighthouse Service he made previous inquiry and this angle will be thoroughly followed.

With respect to checking passengers leaving Portland via the United Air Lines subsequent to noon, December 15th inquiry developed that one plane left for San Francisco at 1:06 P.M. on December 15th; that this plane carried one passenger from Portland, namely M. Brown, who is described as resembling somewhat the description noted herein. Mr. Brown possessed a credit card good for passage on the United Air Lines and it is understood that he has resided at the New Heathman Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Inquiry at the New Heathman Hotel developed that Mr. Maxwell Brown has stopped at the New Heathman upon frequent occasions during the past several months; that he checked in there on the evening of December 14th and left the following day. The best information available at the hotel is that Maxwell Brown is a dealer in silks and that he operates his own company at 112 Madison Avenue, New York City; that he is expected



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back in Portland within the next few days. This information will be followed and reported upon. The only other plane leaving Portland prior to the afternoon of December 16th was one that departed from Portland at 9:28 PM December 15th, but that this plane carried no passengers from Portland.

Further investigation will be conducted and any developments will be promptly reported.

Very truly yours,

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C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RELEASES ALCATRAZ ISLAND PENITENTIARY SINCE AUGUST TWELFTH NINETEEN  
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INFORMATION REGARDING TIDES AND CURRENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY ALSO  
SUGGEST CHECK OF RELEASES FROM ALCATRAZ WHO MAY HAVE BEEN PAID  
TRANSPORTATION TO THIS PART OF COUNTRY"

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Portland letter to the San Francisco Field Division dated December 18, 1937, in which the description of an individual who had called at the Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, and inquired relative to tide tables around the San Francisco Bay was given.

A search of the General Appearance File was conducted based upon the description furnished in reference letter, and there are transmitted herewith thirty-eight "X" photographs to the Portland and San Francisco Field Divisions which photographs are those of individuals in the General Appearance File answering generally the description furnished in reference letter. It is requested that these photographs be exhibited to witnesses for the purpose of effecting an identification.

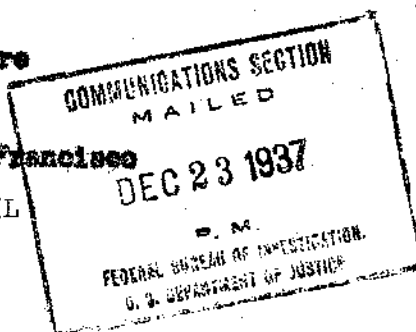
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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RALPH ROE THEODORE COLE EFP. RECORDS U S PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH REFLECT JAMES W ROE NUMBER FOUR SEVEN ONE TWO THREE,  
BROTHER OF RALPH ROE RECEIVED JUNE TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTY  
FIVE, INTERNAL REVENUE CHARGE FROM TULSA, SENTENCE THREE YEARS.  
GIVEN CONDITIONAL RELEASE LEAVENWORTH JULY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTY  
SEVEN AND IS SUPPOSED TO BE REPORTING TO U S PROBATION OFFICER  
J R SMALL, TULSA OKLAHOMA. RELATIVES LISTED AS JOHN W ROE  
FATHER, DUNCAN OKLAHOMA, NOW DECEASED. RAYMOND ROE, BROTHER  
HAYS, KANSAS. RALPH ROE, BROTHER FUGITIVE HEREIN. FAEROE  
FORMERLY ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT THREE SOUTH MAIN STREET TULSA, LATER  
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CORRESPONDENTS IN ADDITION TO RELATIVES MRS WANDA STUKEY, COMMON-  
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FBI JUSTICE LITTLE ROCK DECEMBER 21, 1937 4-40 PM DAN  
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RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE WITH ALIASES FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS. INVESTIGATION AT HOT SPRINGS REVEALS  
NEIGHBORS RESIDING ON EITHER SIDE OF GALATAS RESIDENCE SAW GALATAS  
DAILY FROM DECEMBER FIFTEEN TO DECEMBER EIGHTEEN AND THE LATTER DATE  
SAW HIM LEAVE BY AUTOMOBILE HE PREVIOUSLY INFORMING THEM HE WAS  
PROCEEDING DETROIT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WITH WIFES RELATIVES.  
ON FRIDAY GALATAS PLACED AT HOT SPRINGS THROUGH CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT  
WHERE HE LEFT CLOTHING WHICH HE CALLED FOR SATURDAY MORNING PERSONALLY  
THREE SERVICE STATION ATTENDENTS SAW GALATAS DURING THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN BUT UNABLE TO DEFINITELY FIX DATES.  
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OFFICER IN LITTLE ROCK AFTERNOON OF EIGHTEENTH WHEN HE SECURED  
PERMISSION TO PROCEED DETROIT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH WIFES RELATIVE  
DETROIT TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO MAKE CONFIDENTIAL CHECK WITHOUT  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:MFW

December 20, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: THEODORE COLE;  
RALPH ROE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

I called SAC Pieper at San Francisco to find out if there was anything new in the above case. He advised me that he had talked with the Warden at Alcatraz today, but there were no new developments and the search is still being continued. Mr. Pieper told me that the usual number of leads have been turned in and that they have all been checked. He said word had just been received of a holdup of a Sporting Goods Store in Sacramento and that about \$2,000.00 worth of merchandise, including 30 guns, revolvers, shotguns and rifles, had been taken. Mr. Pieper said he had sent a man there to check on this.

I advised Mr. Pieper that an agent from his office would have to take the book and photographs to Portland. SAC Pieper told me that he had already sent photographs to Portland of individuals out of Alcatraz who might have been friendly to these men. He also advised me that he has large charts of the entire Bay section, so that when the detailed search is begun they will be of help.

Respectfully,

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

EAT:MC

December 22, 1937.

Time: 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: THEODORE COLE; RALPH ROE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Mr. Pieper at San Francisco advised there are no new developments relative to the escape of the above men from Alcatraz. He stated Mr Gurnea has arrived and he and Gurnea are going to Alcatraz today to go over the entire scene of the escape. He stated the weather is very bad on the water and it will be impossible for the boats to make a search today.

Mr. Pieper indicated he is still receiving numerous leads and he is handling them relative to their seeming importance. He advised the robbery at Sacramento at which time \$2000 worth of guns and equipment was stolen has been definitely eliminated as that same night there was a robbery of a gunsmith at Sacramento and they believe the suspect responsible for these robberies has been arrested.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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December 22, 1937.

Time: 10:50 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Richard Roe and Theodore Cole.

Agent Gurnea telephoned from San Francisco and stated that they had just finished the check of the Island; that the guards now stated that the fog was not so heavy and it was possible to see about 200 yards off-shore; that the maximum time that the men could have had to reach a boat was 45 minutes before searching boats were in the vicinity. Mr. Gurnea stated that the Warden had been very cooperative; that the saw blade used in cutting the window frame was probably one used in the shop; that the guard in that shop had five rooms to guard and it would be very easy to saw the window over a period of time; that the guard cannot be sure that the men were in the shop between the one o'clock and the one thirty check.

Mr. Gurnea stated that the gate that the men went through was not visible from where either of the men were working; that however, other prisoners had been through the gate and had probably told Roe and Cole; that it would be easy to get into the water after getting out of the gate; that it would be easy for the men to go along the cat-walk after going out of the window since it is at a sharp angle to the guard tower; that guards on other towers would be able to see them had they been looking in that direction. Mr. Gurnea stated that he had gotten a complete blueprint of the Island; that the Warden had given permission to make pictures of the Prison and the Island; that he had a detail map of San Francisco Bay which he was sending to the Bureau.

Mr. Gurnea stated that other prisoners in the mat shop at the time of the escape were: Doc Barker, Harry Sawyer, Harry Campbell and other notorious men and in the blacksmith shop, where Cole had been, was John Paul Chase. Mr. Gurnea stated that these shops were at the extreme far end of the Island from the Administration Building; that the men had gone off the Island at a point facing the Golden Gate Bridge.

Mr. Gurnea stated that if the men had drowned the bodies would not come to the surface for about nine days; that at the end of that period, with the assistance of the Coast Guard, a systematic search will be made for the bodies. Mr. Gurnea stated that there was no sign of where the men left the Island; that no shoes or clothes were found; that they are still searching the Island on the possibility that they are still there.

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Mr. Gurnea stated that at the time of the escape the water was very choppy and the current strong; that there was quite a bit of debris floating in the current; that as soon as the escape was discovered the Prison boat and Coast Guard boats started a search of the waters.

Mr. Gurnea stated that neither of the men had visitors since July; that there have been very few visitors since the Prison had been started. I inquired about the story of the man who claimed to have talked to Cole and Roe two days ago. Mr. Gurnea stated that he and Mr. Pieper had interviewed the man; that they are checking the story; that they believe that it is a publicity stunt.

Mr. Gurnea stated that from now on the principal work of the San Francisco Office would be checking identifications and searching for the bodies. I stated that Mr. Gurnea should marshal this into a special assignment; that he should stay in California for a few days and check on those leads; that if it later develops that these men are off the Island and on the mainland and heading east the special squad can get after them; that men can be added to the squad at a later date. I told Mr. Gurnea to call Oklahoma City and have them advise him of the leads that they are following; that if they did get away they will probably head for Oklahoma. I stated that I would see that all Offices who send out information on this case sent copies to Mr. Gurnea at San Francisco or where ever the special squad went.

I stated that Mr. Gurnea should tell Warden Johnston about the information concerning the tide tables at Portland; that if this incident had nothing to do with this escape there may be another attempt soon; that the Warden should be told that this is strictly confidential. Mr. Gurnea stated that the purchase may have been made by a smuggler. Mr. Gurnea stated that Agent Farland was staying on the Island; that the Warden had no objections to this. Mr. Gurnea stated that there are some "rusblings" among the prisoners on the Island and Agent Farland might be able to pick up something by staying over there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

EAT:MP

December 20, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: THEODORE COLE;  
RALPH ROE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

I telephonically communicated with SA Gurnea at Portland this evening and he said that you instructed him to have San Francisco check those inspection stations along the border. I then informed him that you wanted the Portland office to do that and that it was up to Spears to do that work with the man power that he has. I instructed Mr. Gurnea to call San Francisco and advise them that they should get some copies of this book there and have one man take them up and turn them over to the agents of the Portland office, that San Francisco office should give him accurate information as to where the inspection stations are and everything about it, but that there is no reason why Spears should not carry his share of this responsibility, worry and work. Mr. Gurnea said that you suggested that he go down to San Francisco and look over the situation to get a complete picture of it, so he wired the Bureau that he was leaving there at 5:40 P.M.

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I then telephoned SAC Pieper at San Francisco and he stated that there are about 5 checking stations but due to the mountains it will take quite a bit of traveling to cover all of them. He further said that the weather conditions up in that section and the roads are in a very bad state due to floods, so it will take time to cover them. I advised him that all of these stations should be covered, but that he should cover the most logical routes first - that is, the main traveled highways.

I then asked why those most recent photographs were not sent in to the Bureau on the night they were received, and instructed him to check his file to let us know just when he received them. SAC Pieper said that they were received at 7 o'clock Friday night, that 6 or 8 sets came that night and the additional sets came the next morning. He further stated that they had given them to the newspapers. I then brought up the fact that the newspapers had these photographs published here in Washington and they had not even been sent to us. He stated that he did not know if the photographs were given out immediately but would check into the matter. I informed him that we should not have to issue

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instructions for him to send in the most recent photographs that he could get, that if we were going to get out an I. O. or anything we really should have them. SAC Pieper said that he was not in the office at the time, but that he would check into it and would let us know just when they were obtained, who handled this, and why copy of them was not sent to the Bureau

I then took up the matter of the teletype of 10:10 P.M. on the night of the 18th - that is, on the details of the escape - and asked if it was flood tide or ebb tide. He answered that it was flood tide and that meant that the tide was running out at that time, but the tide going out was not so fast as they claimed it was. He is trying to get figures now and estimates as to the exact position of the fog bank and of the currents and all of that geodetic material from the man who went out the very next day. Following is the information he had already obtained:

The predicted velocity of currents that cross at Golden Gate at 11:48 A.M., flood currents, is zero velocity. At 2:34 P.M. a maximum current is 5.8 knots per hour at the Golden Gate. The predicted velocity at point of Alcatraz Island at 1:23 A.M., flood currents, was zero velocity, and at 1:49 P.M. was the maximum ebb of 2.9 knots per hour. It is noted that the maximum ebb is 35 minutes later at Alcatraz than at the Golden Gate. Mr. Roberts of the U. S. Coast Geodetic Service advised that the rate of flow of the current at 1:30 P.M. on 12-16-37 would be about the same as at 1:49 P.M. Other general weather indications were noted that the temperature on 12-16-37 was 62 degrees; there was no wind at noon due to which fact that heavy fog lay there. It is noted that the running of the tide at Alcatraz is 10 minutes slower than at Golden Gate several miles away. The Geodetic Service further advised that the actual measurement of the height of the tide in comparison with the predicted tide showed that the tide was a few tenths of a foot higher which would lead to a slightly stronger current, possibly two-tenths of a knot faster; therefore, instead of the estimates of 7 or 8 knots an hour which have been coming in, the correct rate is probably 2.9 knots to 3.1 knots an hour.

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These men of the Geodetic Service state that it would be very difficult to row a boat or to swim in that type of sea with that many knots' current.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. Tamm. *(JZ)*



# TELEGRAM

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Omaha, Nebraska.  
December 24, 1937.

C.C. Spears.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
411-Court House Bldg,  
Portland, Oregon.

Ralph Roy WA Fugitive et al immediately advice between what numerals  
on License Plates dash appears as this will ~~xxxxxx~~ designate county  
in Nebraska which issued License plates.

J.L.F.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 17, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto a suggested reward circular to be issued announcing the offering of a reward for information furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulting in the apprehension of Theodore Cole with aliases and Ralph Roe with aliases.

If you approve this reward circular it will be prepared in proper form for distribution throughout the entire country.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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R E W A R D

On December , 1937, Homer Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, under authority vested in him by law, offered the following rewards:

(Amount to be inserted) for information furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulting in the apprehension of Theodore Cole;

(Amount to be inserted) for information furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulting in the apprehension of Ralph Roe.

The photographs and descriptions of the above named persons are hereinafter set out.

On May 20, 1935, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, Theodore Cole entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court to an indictment charging him with kidnaping, and he was sentenced to serve fifty years in a Federal Penitentiary. He was confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and escaped therefrom on December 16, 1937.

On January 18, 1935, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Ralph Roe was convicted in Federal Court on charges of bank robbery and was sentenced to serve 99 years in a Federal Penitentiary. He was confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, and escaped therefrom on December 16, 1937.

No part of the aforesaid rewards shall be paid to any officials or employees of the Department of Justice. The right is reserved to divide and allocate portions of any of said rewards as between several claimants. The offer provides that all claims to any of the above described rewards and all questions and disputes that may arise as among claimants to the foregoing rewards shall be passed upon by the Attorney General and that his decisions shall be final and conclusive.

THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theadore Cole,  
Roy Jackson

Photographs of  
Theodore Cole

Description - Age, 25 (born April 6, 1912); Height, 5'-7½"; Weight, 135 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, brown; Complexion, medium; Build, medium; Occupation, tailor; Scars and marks, 2 inch oblique scar corner right eye; small scar middle right cheek; 8 inch scar above knee left leg; faint oblique scar 1½ to 2 inches above left wrist rear; curved scar ½ inch out from lower lip left; horizontal 1½ inch scar under chin.

RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan,  
Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds,  
Jack McCarthy, Jack McCarty, Ralph Rowe

Photographs of  
Ralph Roe

Description - Age, 31 (born February 5, 1906); Height, six feet; Weight, 170 pounds; Eyes, grey; Hair, dark brown; Complexion, medium; Build, tall, medium; Scars and marks, blue tattoo small star first joint left index finger rear; blue tattooed two small stars back left hand; faint blue tattoo 4 inches above left wrist rear; oblique scar  $1\frac{1}{2}$  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  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches above right eyebrow on forehead.

Information may be communicated in person, or by telephone or telegraph collect, to the undersigned, or to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the local addresses and telephone numbers of which are set forth on the reverse side of this notice.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Telephone, National 7117.

December , 1937.

When reward circular is approved by Atty Gen, it should be attached to this memo and sent to the Mech Section.

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

December 17, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: THEODORE COLE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; RALPH ROE, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; Escaped  
Federal Prisoners.

Transmitted herewith is a draft of a reward circular concerning Fugitives Cole and Roe. The following photographs should appear thereon:

Theodore Cole -- #13324 -- Bust photograph taken January, 1935.

Stand up photograph taken January, 1935

Ralph Roe -- #46153 -- Bust photograph taken January, 1935

#15589 -- Bust photograph taken October, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosures.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS - FOLLOWING CITIES:

VALLEJO, SAN RAFAEL, OAKLAND, MARTINEZ, BERKELEY, REDWOOD CITY, SAN JOSE,  
AND SAN FRANCISCO.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL POLICE OFFICERS NOTIFY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
REDBOOK TWO SIX SEVEN NINE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, IN THE EVENT ANY BODY OR  
BODIES ARE FOUND IN THE BAY AREA, OR ANY UNIDENTIFIED DEAD PERSONS ARE LOCATED,  
IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE IF THIS BODY OR BODIES MIGHT BE IDENTICAL  
WITH RALPH ROE, ALCATRAZ NUMBER TWO SIX EIGHT, OR THEODORE COLE, ALCATRAZ  
NUMBER TWO FIVE EIGHT, WHO ESCAPED FROM THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ALCATRAZ,  
CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER SIXTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION  
OF RALPH ROE: AGE THIRTY TWO, COMPLEXION FAIR, EYES HAZEL, HAIR CHESTNUT,  
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MARKS, TATTOO STAR LEFT INDEX AND BACK OF LEFT HAND, LARGE SCAR CUT SCAR TWO  
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JACK MCCARTY, JACK MCCARTHY, RAYMOND ROE, RAYMOND ROES, J. H. RYNDOLDS, FINGERPRINT  
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NATIONALITY AMERICAN, COMPLEXION FAIR, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, SCARS  
AND MARKS, TWO INCH SCAR CORNER RIGHT LIP, SMALL SCAR MIDDLE RIGHT CHEEK,  
LARGE EIGHT INCH SCAR ABOVE KNEE OF LEFT LEG, FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION TWENTY  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT CONTACT BE MAINTAINED WITH CORONERS OFFICES IN  
THE EVENT ANY BODIES ARE BROUGHT TO THEM AND ARE NOT IDENTIFIED.

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-22-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/16-22/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. N. FRANK</b>
TITLE <b>RILEY ROE aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarthy, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RECEIVED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>
<p><b>J. H. Reynolds, - FUGITIVE</b></p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>THEODORE COLE aliases: Ted Cole, Theodoro Cole, Ray Jackson - FUGITIVE</b></p>			
<p>Synopsis of Facts:</p> <p>Investigation reveals that mother and step-father of Subject Cole reside at Woodlake, California, where surveillance has been maintained without securing any information. His half-sister resides at Bell, California, where a similar surveillance has been unproductive. Other of Cole's relatives reside in Oklahoma and his former wife apparently resides at Elpina Pass, Arkansas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Telegram from the San Francisco office to the Los Angeles office dated 12-16-37; telegram from the Bureau to Los Angeles, 12-17-37; letter of the San Francisco office to the Los Angeles office, 12-18-37; report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-17-37; Bureau letter to Los Angeles Office dated 12-18-37; conference teletype of the Los Angeles City office to the Director, Oklahoma City, San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices, 12-20-37.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by the writer of this report:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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Upon receipt of reference telegram dated December 16, 1937, a check of the Los Angeles files disclosed four old closed files concerning Subjects.

Los Angeles file 62-964 (serial 217) contains a copy of a letter from the Kansas City Field Division to the Bureau dated Feb. 15, 1934, in the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased, etal - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, which contains a paragraph relative to RALPH ROE, alias RAYMOND ROE, being shot on December 30, 1933.

Los Angeles file 91-38 in the case entitled RALPH ROE with aliases, etal, Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma, Bank Robbery, contains a letter to the Los Angeles Field Division from the Oklahoma City Field Division dated January 4, 1935, wherein it is stated that RALPH ROE and JACK LLOYD were incarcerated at Muskogee, Oklahoma, pending trial in the above matter, and that ROE was receiving correspondence from MARIE BLACKWELL who presently was residing at the Avon Hotel, Winslow, Ariz. A memorandum in this file dated February 11, 1935, of Special Agent C. J. Endres, states that he interviewed George Donnelly, Deputy Sheriff, and Chief of Police C. G. Blair, Winslow, Arizona, both of whom advised that Marie Blackwell formerly operated the Arizona Hotel in Winslow, where she was conducting a house of prostitution, but that Marie Blackwell left Winslow about ten days previous and probably went to Prescott, Arizona. At Prescott the Chief of Police and Sheriff were interviewed, who advised that they did not know Marie Blackwell, but stated that if she was in Prescott she probably would be at the Commercial Hotel.

Los Angeles File 7-94 in the case entitled THEODORE COLE with aliases, J. A. RUMBERFORD, Victim - Kidnaping, wherein Oklahoma City is the office of origin, contains reports of Special Agent W. A. Giddens, Oklahoma City, 12-27-34, and Special Agent D. L. Darron, Oklahoma City, 1-11-35.

Los Angeles File 62-1381 (Bureau file 62-29076) in the case entitled JAMES HUGH BUTCHER with aliases; Unknown Subjects - Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape, wherein Oklahoma City is the office of origin, contains several reports, one of which was made by Special Agent J. E. Layler, Los Angeles, dated 11-17-36, relative to a discreet investigation of MR. and MRS. FRANK COLE, parents of THEODORE COLE, who were residing on a farm near Woodlake, California, with their daughter, MRS. DAWSON.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. N. FRANKO on December 17, 1937:

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

Upon receipt of reference telegram dated December 16, 1937, Special Agent R. N. Franko proceeded to Bell, California, and observed that 6238 Gifford Avenue is located on the east side of the street; that Gifford Avenue runs in a northerly and southerly direction; immediately north of the residence of VIOLET DAWSON, sister of Subject COLE, is located a frame building wherein the Bell Auto Top Shop is located. 6238 Gifford is an old, one-story home, which is more like a shack, and contains a garage to the rear and side. Immediately south of this residence is a vacant lot, and then is a new home which is located at 6248<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Gifford Avenue, and immediately south of that is another home. It may be stated that the residence of Violet Dawson is set back a short distance from the sidewalk and it was Agent Franko's opinion that in order to conduct an appropriate surveillance of Violet Dawson's home it would be best to make contact at the home of 6248<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Gifford or at the other residence, which is 6254 Gifford. From the residence at 6248<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> one could observe the rear door, and although not being able to see the front door could observe anyone walking toward the front from the street or sidewalk. In the rear of the Dawson home is a large playground which has a high board fence, and just a little north of the Dawson home is located a home which bears the address 6239 Otis Avenue, which is one block east of Gifford Avenue, and it was noted that an appropriate surveillance could not be had from these premises.

After noting the above layout, Special Agent R. N. Franko interviewed LEE BOREN, Postmaster of Bell, California, home address 7003 Otis Avenue, Bell, no phone (office phone Jefferson 5491), and LOUIS S. STIVERS, who has delivered mail to the Dawson address for the past ten years. Stivers advised he lives at 6617 Otis Avenue, home phone Jefferson 3035, Bell, California. In the presence of Mr. Boren, Stivers advised a MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, together with four small children, had been residing at 6238 Gifford Avenue since October 7th; that he has never observed her husband, but that around December 1st Mrs. Dawson's mother was visiting her for several days previously, but is no longer there as several days before he had delivered a card to Mrs. Dawson at which time she stated it was from her mother.

Stivers and Boren were both shown Oklahoma State Penitentiary photograph #21023 of THEODORE COLE, and Stivers stated that he would pay particular attention to this residence and would note any strange automobiles or any strange occupants visiting this



home; they were further questioned concerning reliable neighbors who probably could be contacted in order to maintain a surveillance, at which time they both advised that W. B. McCLURE operates the Bell Auto Top Shop and that he lives just north of this shop in a home a part of which is operated as a beauty parlor by his wife; they further stated they have both known him for years and that he is a reliable business man and could be trusted with confidential information; they further advised that in the new white house at 6248<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lives MR. and MRS. LEONARD STAMPFLI, both about 35 years old, and who recently moved into this new home. It may be stated at this time that on the same lot and just east of 6248 is another home which is number 6248 3/4 and attached thereto is a garage. They further advised that they both have known the father and mother of Leonard Stampfli and that his parents together with Leonard bear an excellent reputation, and they both stated that if anybody had to be contacted in that neighborhood they would suggest Leonard Stampfli, as he formerly held a responsible position in Los Angeles and presently was working in some office in Bell.

When questioned concerning the occupants of 6254 which is just south of the Stampfli home, they stated that PAUL VOERSON and his father and mother, all of whom are rather old people, reside there, but they suggested that these people be eliminated as possible contacts inasmuch as they are rather queer and could not be trusted.

Both Mr. Boren and Mr. Stivers were advised that Mrs. DAWSON was a sister to Subject COLE, and she promised their fullest cooperation, and at that time Agent Franke requested a thirty-day mail cover on all first-class mail, including registered, special delivery and parcel post packages, which request was later confirmed by letter.

Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON was advised of the above facts, and requested Agent Franke to contact LEONARD STAMPFLI in an effort to ascertain whether arrangements could be made to use one of their windows to observe the Dawson home, whereupon both Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stampfli were interviewed, and they were told the purpose of Agent's mission and were both very cooperative and stated that the Agents could use their home for the occasion of a surveillance of the Dawson home.

It was noted that they had a bedroom in the northeast corner of their house and that by looking out the north window one can see the rear door of the Dawson home, and although one cannot see the front door can observe anyone entering from the sidewalk or street.

Just east of the bedroom is located the bathroom wherein there are located two windows from which the same observation can be made, and just further east from the bathroom is located another small room which contains a window whereby one can observe the front but cannot see the rear door due to Dawson's garage which is in the way.

Agent ascertained from Mr. Stampfli that he is employed as a draftsman at the Jadson Motor Products Company, 8354 Wilcox Avenue, Bell, California, telephone Jefferson 6196, and that his wife is a clerk in the Division of Motor Vehicles in Los Angeles.

It may be stated at this time that arrangements were made whereby Agents could secrete themselves in the home of Mr. Stampfli, but on the evening of December 17th a heavy fog descended upon this vicinity which was so thick that it was almost impossible to see the radiator cap on an automobile when one drove along the street, and for this reason a surveillance could not be had, due to the fact that between the Dawson home and the Stampfli home is a large vacant lot. For this reason, Special Agents J. C. SLOANE and FRED FINLEY took up the surveillance on the Dawson home on the early morning of December 18th.

Special Agents R. N. FRANKS and J. C. SLOANE interviewed MR. and MRS. COLA (VIOLET) DAWSON at their home at 6258 Gifford in accordance with instructions appearing in reference letter dated December 16, 1937. It may be stated that Special Agent Finley was in an automobile on Gifford Street observing the Dawson home while Agents Franks and Sloane were inside.

MRS. DAWSON advised that her mother is ESTHER COLE, who is presently living at Woodlake, California; that her real father was George Elmer Lawrence, now deceased; that upon her father's death her mother then married a man named Cole, first name unknown and now deceased, and that as a result of this marriage PAULINE COLE, who is now MRS. R. B. CORLETT of Stroud, Oklahoma, and Subject THEODORE COLE were born, which makes Subject Cole her half-brother and not full-brother; that upon the death of this Cole her mother, Esther, then married FRED COLE, who is her present husband and who is no relation to the first Cole whom her mother married.

She further stated that as a result of the third marriage between her mother and Fred Cole there were no children, so that Subject COLE only has one real sister, who is Pauline, and has no brothers.

MRS. DAWSON advised that she has four children of her own, being Norma Dean, 11 years, Beverly, 6 years, Esther Louise, 3 years, and Allen Paul, 8 months. She further advised that the last time she saw Subject COLE was during June or July of 1935 when she and her mother visited him at Alcatraz Prison; that she and her husband have been living in California since 1927, and that a short time after that Subject COLE together with MR. and MRS. FRED COLE came to Bell, California, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and lived in Bell a short time, during which time Subject COLE attended the 8th Grade at the Atlantic Grade School in Bell, and that at that time Subject COLE was living on Locust Street; that from Bell Subject COLE and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole went to El Paso Pass, Arkansas, where she believed they operated a restaurant or cafe in that town. MRS. DAWSON stated that this was the last time she had seen Subject COLE until her last visit in 1935.

MRS. DAWSON further advised that her grandmother, who is the mother of Esther Cole, is MRS. LOUIS (NETTIE) BRACE, Rural Route, Stroud, Oklahoma, and that she believed Subject COLE was paroled to her grandmother at one time. When questioned concerning other relatives of Subject COLE, Mrs. Dawson stated that she did not know anything about the grandparents of Subject on his father's side. Mrs. Dawson stated that her mother, Esther Cole, has two sisters and one brother, who would be Subject's aunts and uncle, they being MRS. WILLIAM (ALTA) COLLINS, who lives near Stroud, Oklahoma, where they formerly were in the restaurant business; MRS. FANNIE BAUGHMAN, whose husband is deceased, Fannie staying with Mrs. Nettie Brace, and MR. AND MRS. ERNEST (MORRIS) BRACE, who own a farm at Stroud, Oklahoma. Mrs. Dawson was unable to furnish any other names of close relatives, and further stated that she did not know any friends of his either in California or elsewhere except that when Subject went to Arkansas upon leaving Bell he got married and has one child, which she believed is a son, and further stated that she understood this woman, whose name she was unable to recall at the moment, got a divorce from Subject COLE.

Mrs. DAWSON further stated that both she and her mother corresponded with Subject COLE at Alcatraz on an average of about once a week, and that Subject COLE never wrote letters to her but would always write them to his mother, and that in these letters he would convey messages to her, Mrs. Dawson. She further stated she had no belongings of Subject COLE nor had she any photographs of handwriting of him. She further advised that her mother was planning to visit Subject COLE at New Year's. She also stated that just a short time ago the papers contained stories about some

prison breaks and that she personally wrote to Subject COLE and told him that he should not consider ever breaking out as it would only make matters worse. She was questioned specifically as to whether she had any information concerning any escape plans by COLE, but stated that she did not. She further advised that about a year ago she and her husband lived with her mother at Woodlake, California; that while in Woodlake she did not know anyone named BUTCHER who operated a cafe there.

She was questioned as to whom she believed Subject COLE would contact, and she stated that she doubted very much if he would ever come to see her inasmuch as she is only a half-sister, but stated that there was a good possibility he might attempt to contact his mother at Woodlake, California, and his real sister, Pauline, at Stroud, Oklahoma. She further stated that Subject COLE never visited Woodlake to her knowledge so he would not know the location of his mother's ranch.

MR. DAMSON gave a similar story to that given by his wife, and further stated that he personally did not know much about Subject COLE inasmuch as he is only related to him through marriage.

Both MR. AND MRS. DAMSON were advised of the fugitive status of Subjects and the harboring statute was fully explained to them. It may be stated that they appeared to be very cooperative and advised that should Subject COLE come to their home they would endeavor to get word to the Los Angeles Field Division office, or if they ascertained through relatives or other avenues any information concerning Subject COLE they would immediately notify the Los Angeles Field Office which address and telephone number were left with them. It is believed that they will cooperate as they both are of the opinion that the longer Subject COLE is free he will get people into trouble and will probably do harm to citizens.

MR. DAMSON advised that he is a lens grinder for C. E. Siel Optical Company, 318 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, and MRS. DAMSON advised she is working temporarily as a cashier at Bullock's Department Store, and that they have a friend of theirs, MRS. HILL, taking care of their four children during the daytime. No arrangements were made concerning contacting MRS. HILL in view of the fact that a surveillance is being maintained on the Dawson home.

It also may be stated that before interviewing MRS. DAMSON, Special Agents Franke and Sloane, with permission of MR. DAMSON, made a complete search of the Dawson home, garage and chicken

coop for Subject COLE, with negative results.

Special Agent FRED FINLEY made appropriate arrangements with WESTERN UNION and POSTAL TELEGRAPH whereby the Los Angeles Field Division would be notified of any teleggrams that may be received by Mr. and Mrs. DIMSON.

In addition to conducting the above investigation, it was learned by Special Agent H. A. Smith from the Postmaster at Woodlake, California, that Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE were still residing in that area. Consequently, Special Agents R. P. Kramer and H. A. Smith proceeded to Woodlake, California, from Los Angeles, meeting Special Agent A. D. Horn, who was in the northern portion of the Los Angeles territory, at Visalia, California, from which point the three Agents proceeded to Woodlake, and since December 17, 1937, a continuous surveillance has been maintained on the home of Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE, which is located two and a half miles from Woodlake. These Agents learned immediately upon their arrival in Woodlake that the Constable, as well as representatives of the Sheriff's office in Visalia, California, had already been making inquiry among people in Woodlake as well as among nearby residents, arranging for these persons to notify local authorities in the event COLE arrived there. It was also learned that newspaper representatives from San Francisco had already been in that vicinity and had called on the COLES, apparently forcing Mrs. COLE to have a photograph taken.

Because of these conditions it was deemed advisable to interview Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE. It might be stated that Mrs. COLE was found to be in a semi-hysterical condition, for which reason some difficulty was experienced in interviewing her. It was also observed that the COLE residence is an isolated one with no houses in the immediate vicinity, making a surveillance, unbeknownst to the COLES, impossible. It might further be mentioned that just prior to the arrival of the Agents in Woodlake, California, there had been a heavy rainstorm in that vicinity which made the highway to the COLE home impassable and because of these conditions it was concluded that the only possible way of handling this situation was to operate a semi-surveillance from Woodlake, California, inasmuch as information from the COLES indicated that their son, the fugitive, had never visited them at Woodlake and naturally did not know the directions to their residence. It was presumed that should either COLE or ROE come to that vicinity to locate Mr. and Mrs. COLE that they would have to make inquiry either at the town or in the rural area where the family resides. Agents handling this surveillance, of course, contacted all available persons in order that they would be immediately notified should either of the fugitives appear there.

During the course of the interview with Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE it was learned in addition to the information obtained by Special Agent Franke above, that FRED COLE, the step-father, at the time of Fugitive COLE's escape from McAlester, Oklahoma, when the latter immediately came to the home of his mother, had promptly notified the local Chief of

Police who endeavored to apprehend Fugitive COLE but the latter, learning of this report to the authorities, immediately left his home. FRED COLE, who mentioned that he is drawing compensation as a War Veteran from the Government, stated that he would not under any circumstances harbor his stepson, Fugitive COLE, but that he would immediately notify the Agents as well as local law enforcement officers should he see the Fugitive or learn anything of his whereabouts.

It might be stated that MRS. COLE, while expressing the wish that her son were dead rather than a fugitive from justice, yet also stated that in her opinion her son, when only a boy, had received an unjust sentence and that, consequently, he should not be responsible for what criminal acts he had committed after that time. In other words, it is the opinion of the Agents who maintained this surveillance that MRS. COLE might not harbor her Fugitive son, but it is also felt that she would do nothing to notify local authorities should she receive information about him.

It was learned from Mrs. COLE, however, that her son was married in about 1927 to a girl named MARIE WYNN of Elpina Pass, Arkansas; that the WYNN girl's parents live in Elpina Pass and that about four or five years ago MARIE WYNN, who has divorced COLE, was residing in Elpina Pass with her son, BILLY WYNN COLE, age about nine years. Mrs. COLE stated that her son had lived with his wife for only a few months inasmuch as at about that time he was convicted and sentenced to McAlester prison. It was also learned that the COLE family for a few months when Fugitive COLE was about seven years of age, resided at Bureka, Arkansas, where he attended school in the early grades. Mrs. COLE, in addition to furnishing this information, stated that the only friend that she ever heard her son mention was a man named HARRIS, whose first name she has forgotten but who served a sentence in McAlester with COLE. She added she believed this man is now deceased, stating also that HARRIS' parents resided in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. COLE stated that the only other relatives, not mentioned earlier in this report, they have are Mrs. ALICE COLE, the mother of FRED COLE, and Mrs. GUY VAUGHN, the sister of FRED COLE, both of whom reside at 52 West 44th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was learned that Fugitive COLE has met both of these women. Information concerning the relatives of Fugitive COLE was transmitted by teletype to the Oklahoma City office.

It might also be stated that the above information obtained at Woodlake has been transmitted to Los Angeles by telephone and a more detailed report will be submitted in the immediate future.

With respect to Bureau letter of reference dated December 18th, 1937, addressed to the Los Angeles office, requesting that the identity of G. W. BUTCHER and wife, who appeared at Woodlake, California, in the early part of November, 1936, which persons are referred to in the case entitled, "JAMES EUGEN BUTCHER, with aliases, Unknown Subjects - Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape" as reported in the report of Special Agent J. E. Lawler, dated at Los Angeles, California, November 17, 1936, be ascertained, it was learned by Special Agent Kramer that this couple remained at Woodlake for only two or three days and on November 10, 1936, left a forwarding address to 327 South Kenmore, Los Angeles, California. Agent Kramer also learned that these people are acquainted with an individual named BILL CARTER of Tulare, California, who formerly worked for BUTCHER and that possibly information could be secured from CARTER concerning the identity of these people.

With respect to the information contained in the conference teletype of the Kansas City office to the Director, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City and San Francisco offices, and particularly with respect to FAY ROE, whose address was reported to be 45 East Colorado Blvd., Arcadia, California, Special Agent A. Ross Miller conducted an investigation, as follows:

Agent contacted Mr. CHARLES HENRY at 51 East Colorado St., which is next door to the place formerly occupied by FAY ROE at 45 East Colorado in Arcadia, California.

MR. HENRY stated that Mrs. ROE had formerly lived there with her sister, Mrs. CLAUDE SLITH, until about six months ago and had moved out but were still living in Arcadia. Mr. HENRY stated that he understood FAY's husband's name was JAMES ROE and that he had been convicted of bootlegging in Oklahoma and had done time for it. He has never seen JAMES ROE.

MR. HENRY furnished the approximate address of FAY ROE as being an apartment house on North First Street. He further stated that she was working in a beer parlor on Huntington Drive in Arcadia.

Special Agents Tomlinson and Miller contacted Mr. C. E. DENNY, a bachelor who rents the apartments at the corner of North First Street and St. Joseph Avenue in Arcadia, the number being 303 North First Street. He stated that FAY ROE and her sister, Mrs. CLAUDE SLITH, had been living at this apartment for about six months and that Mrs. ROE was working in a beer parlor on Huntington Drive, known as the Charles Fields Parlor located next to the liquor store; that he had never seen anyone answering the description of either of the fugitives in or near the premises; that he understood that FAY was going to divorce her husband next summer and that he was now living in Kansas City, Missouri.



The apartment building is a one-story affair and consists of three apartments. Two of those apartments are along the sides of the building and one is in the rear. The one in the rear is occupied by Mrs. ROE. It has two entrances. One entrance is on the side next to the Pacific Electric tracks located on St. Joseph Street, and the other entrance is in the rear and along the other side of the house by a driveway. This entrance is used in all cases by Mrs. ROE, as she drives her car in the driveway and then goes into her apartment by this entrance.

MR. DENNY has a back door to his apartment which opens into the back hall and almost directly across the hall from the door entering into Mrs. ROE's apartment. DENNY has three rooms in his apartment and has two beds in it. It is comparatively easy to watch the driveway entrance from DENNY's apartment. DENNY is a W. P. A. foreman working on the baseball park in Ross's Park near the Santa Anita Racetrack. He will work on December 21st, 1937, and then will be off work for two weeks. He will rent his apartment to Agents for \$12.50 for two weeks and move out altogether to some other place and turn the place over to Agents. Agents could easily pass as racetrack men in occupying this place at this time of the year. Mr. DENNY promised cooperation and secrecy.

Agents drove past the beer parlor located as above and observed a woman who generally answered the description as given by the witnesses, which is briefly about 33 or 34 years of age, brown hair and rather plump, weighing about 140 lbs. This is the only woman working at this place.

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MRS. CLAUDE SMITH [redacted] went to Oklahoma on December 19, 1937, for a three-weeks visit, near Tulsa.

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With respect to this woman, it might be stated that in view of the information obtained it was not deemed necessary to maintain a surveillance of her and it was thought that for the time being no immediate contact would be had with her.

The mail of EAY ROE has been covered as has the mail of the COLE family in Woodlake and the DAMSON family in Bell, California. All other means of communication, namely by telegraph and express, have likewise been covered for these persons.

On the morning of December 22, 1937, Special Agent R. P. Kramer telephonically advised from Woodlake that he had been informed by FRED COLE that he and his family were planning to leave Woodlake sometime

on the 22nd of December, traveling by automobile, first to Lindsay, California, where they would visit with the family of GEORGE MORSE, and that possibly after a short visit there they would continue on the 22nd to Bell, California, for the purpose of spending the Christmas holidays with the DAWSON family.

This information was conveyed by telephone to Mr. FOXWORTH of the Bureau and it was decided that it would be advisable to keep the COLE family covered en route to Bell to prevent their successfully contacting Fugitive COLE unbeknownst to this Bureau. It was also decided to continue the surveillance of the DAWSON family in Bell.

It might further be reported that Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. Pieper of San Francisco, California, on the morning of December 22, 1937, telephonically advised that Sheriff CORNELL at Merced, California, had reported that Fugitive COLE has a number of cousins residing in the vicinity of Merced. Arrangements were, therefore, made for Special Agent A. D. Horn to immediately leave the surveillance at Woodlake to proceed to Merced for the purpose of determining the accuracy of this information, he priorly having been instructed through Special Agent Kramer to ascertain from FRED COLE whether he had any such information.

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

### OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, will conduct whatever investigation is deemed advisable as a result of information which is set out in this report. No specific leads have been set out due to the fact that undoubtedly the Oklahoma City office has already contacted some of Subject COLE'S relatives whose names are mentioned above.

### LOS ANGELES

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA, will report the result of the surveillance which was placed on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson at 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, and will report the result of the mail cover that was placed on the mail of the Dawson family at the above address.

AT ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, will make a further observation of the activities of ELY ROE and if within a few days it is considered advisable will interview her directly for information concerning COLE.

AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, at the Douglas Aircraft Plant, will ascertain the present whereabouts, if possible, of JOE ROBERTS, a correspondent of JAMES W. ROE, as was mentioned in the conference teletype of the Kansas City office dated December 20, 1937, referred to above.

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Time: 9:42 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: RALPH ROE;  
THEODORE COLE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

With reference to the teletype from the Little Rock Office, dated December 19, 1937, indicating that C. Floyd Huff is the parole adviser of Galatas, I called Mr. Fletcher at Little Rock and instructed him to check today the probation officer's file on Galatas, securing the date of his parole and all other pertinent data inasmuch as the Bureau contemplates forwarding a memorandum to the Department pointing out that Huff certainly is not a reputable person to whom a man should be paroled. He was requested to submit a teletype to the Bureau today covering this information. He was cautioned not to let the probation officer know the purpose in checking the file.

Respectfully,

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Francisco, California**

FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-22-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-18/22-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. C. Spears</b>
TITLE: <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE ROBERT ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Escaped Federal Prisoners</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

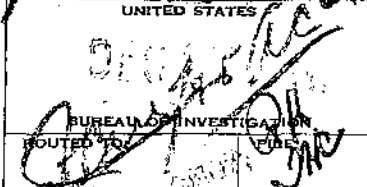
On the forenoon of Wednesday, December 15, 1937, the day prior to escape of these subjects from Alcatraz Penitentiary, an unknown individual made inquiry in Portland regarding tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz and on same date purchased U. S. Department of Commerce booklet entitled "Current Tables Pacific Coast", and another publication issued by the U. S. Hydrograph Service, entitled "Tidal Current Chart of San Francisco Bay." No information to date as to identity of this individual or manner in which he may be traveling. Determined he did not take airplane transportation out of Portland during period permitting his arrival San Francisco prior to the escape. All checking stations Northern California being checked in effort to secure information indicating this individual drove car through one of such checking stations.

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**DETAILS:**

At about 10:00 a.m., December 18, 1937, Mr. M. W. Caskey, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, Portland, telephoned the Portland office and advised that he desired to report an individual who had called at his office on Wednesday or Thursday, December 15 or 16, 1937, making inquiry regarding tide tables applying to the San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island. Special Agent in Charge Spears immediately proceeded to the office of the Lighthouse Service and interviewed Mr. Caskey and Mr. E. W. Laird, Associate Engineer of the

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Lighthouse Service. It was determined that Mr. Laird was the official who had the principal contact with the individual in question. Mr. Laird stated that he was unable to definitely fix the time of the call of the unknown individual, except that it was either late in the morning of Wednesday, December 15th, or at a similar time on Thursday, December 16th. Through interrogation of other employees noted below, the time was rather definitely fixed as the morning of Wednesday, December 15th, the day prior to the escape. Mr. Laird stated that the individual described below first inquired of him regarding tides in San Francisco Bay. Mr. Laird thereupon referred to the 1938 issue of the "Current Tables, Pacific Coast" issued by the Coast Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce, and endeavored to answer the inquiries made by the unknown individual. This individual, after being informed generally of tides in San Francisco Bay, stated that the information furnished him by Mr. Laird applied principally to the vicinity of the Golden Gate and that he wanted to know about the tides around Alcatraz Island. Mr. Laird thereupon showed him the tables set forth in the above mentioned booklet and discussed with him the manner in which the currents varied in the vicinity of Alcatraz. The unknown individual stated to Mr. Laird that he understood there were two currents, one on the north side of Alcatraz Island and one on the south side that might vary somewhat. Mr. Laird further stated that he was positive that this individual was not a nautical man as he did not understand the proper manner of reading the tables and that the individual stated the fact that he did not know how to read them, but that he wanted to secure a copy of the book and desired Mr. Laird's explanation of the reading so that he could understand it. He asked where he could purchase one of the books and he was informed by Mr. Laird that the purchase could be made at the Beebe Company, a nautical instrument concern, Portland, and he gave the impression that this individual probably went to that concern.

It was ascertained from Mr. L. L. L. Dilley, an employee of the Lighthouse Service, who handles inquiries of the public, that this individual first came to him, was alone, and stated he wanted to buy a tide table. Mr. Dilley informed him that he could see Mr. Laird concerning the matter and that he could buy such a table at either the Beebe Company, Frank H. Parks & Company, or the Portland Instrument Company, all of Portland. Mr. Dilley was uncertain as to the exact day this individual called as he merely handled his preliminary inquiry and referred him to Mr. Laird.

Mr. M. W. Caskey, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, also observed this individual while he was talking with Mr. Laird as they are both engaged in the same room. He does not have any additional information, however, except that he is firm in his belief that the call was made on Wednesday, December 15th. He stated that he is rather positive that he informed his wife of the inquiry made at the office regarding Alcatraz Island, and that he is rather positive that he informed her of this fact on Thursday. Upon contacting his wife by telephone, his wife stated that when he, Caskey, told her of the incident, he referred to the incident as having occurred the day before.

J. L. Preston, Associate Radio Engineer, was also present in the room during part of the conversation of this individual with Mr. Laird, and stated that on Thursday night, December 16th, before leaving for his home he purchased the late sport edition of the Oregon Journal, which carried an item regarding some trouble having occurred at Alcatraz Island in which, however, no details were furnished. He stated that upon arriving home and after reading this article, he mentioned the article to his wife and informed her of the call made by the unknown individual to their office the previous day. He verified this by telephoning his wife at agent's request, who informed him that she is certain that he had told her that the call had been made the day previous, which would have placed the call of this individual on Wednesday, December 15th, the day before the break. None of these individuals had any official duties or records with which they could connect the call of this individual definitely, but they are all in accord in the fact that it was just before noon on either Wednesday or Thursday.

The above employees of the Lighthouse Service stated that they jokingly remarked among themselves after the unknown individual left that it was a strange inquiry and one of them made the joking remark: "Watch out for a break at Alcatraz."

Mr. Laird stated that he was off duty Friday and has not seen any newspaper articles regarding the break and did not know of the break until he returned to his office that morning, whereupon he immediately discussed the matter with Mr. Caskey and Mr. Caskey phoned the undersigned.

This information was teletyped to the Bureau and to the San Francisco office in view of newspaper comments noted that it was probable that the two escapes had drowned and that there had been no outside help. It appeared particularly significant that this call should have been made by an individual who was unfamiliar with nautical terms or tide or current tables, but at the same time volunteered information regarding the two different currents flowing on the north and south sides of Alcatraz Island. The gentleman referred to above informed agent that there are actually two different currents flowing on either side of Alcatraz Island. It is further pertinent that he admitted he did not know how to read these tide and current tables and asked for information which would assist him in reading them after he purchased one and after he found he could not obtain one at the Lighthouse Service office.

The following is the best description obtainable from the employees of the Lighthouse Service:

Name	Unknown
Age	About 40 to 50 years
Height	5' 6 or 7 inches
Weight	140 to 170 pounds
Hair	Dark, possibly greying somewhat, well groomed and gave appearance had recently visited barber shop.



Face	Full and ruddy, believed to have worn glasses
Dress	Very well but conservatively dressed in suit believed to be dark grey; carried dark top coat. Made good impression and presented intelligent appearance.

Frank H. Parks, who operates the company by that name noted above, is absent from Portland on the Columbia River on his boat and will not be available for interview until Monday. It was definitely ascertained at the Beebe Company that no one during the past week inquired concerning these current books or purchased one.

Inquiry at the Portland Instrument Company, 334 S. W. 5th Avenue, was made by Special Agent O'Mahoney, where C. A. MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeill, who tend the place of business, were both interviewed. C. A. MacNeill recalled that on Tuesday or Wednesday of the past week an individual whom he describes as between 30 and 40 years, 5' 7 or 8", 155 to 160 pounds, full face, ruddy complexion, fairly well dressed, came in and inquired regarding a chart of ocean currents. Mr. MacNeill stated his recollection was that the individual inquired as to both the Pacific and Atlantic currents. He stated that he was impressed by the fact that the man was not conversant with nautical terms, in that he did not know what he was looking for and after talking with him for several minutes directed him to the Weather Bureau in the Customs House. Mr. MacNeill believed that it was in the morning of Tuesday or Wednesday that this individual came to his place of business. However, Mrs. MacNeill seemed to think that it was in the afternoon. Mrs. MacNeill was quite positive in her statements. This office is continuing inquiry upon this information in an effort to determine whether or not the individual referred to in this instance may not have been the same individual who appeared at the Lighthouse Service. It is possible that before calling at the Lighthouse Service he made previous inquiry and this angle will be thoroughly followed.

With respect to checking passengers leaving Portland via the United Air Lines subsequent to noon, December 15th, inquiry developed that one plane left for San Francisco at 1:06 p.m., on December 15th; that this plane carried one passenger from Portland namely M. Brown, who is described as resembling somewhat the description noted herein. Mr. Brown possessed a credit card good for passage on the United Air Lines and it is understood that he has resided at the New Heathman Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Inquiry at the New Heathman Hotel developed that Mr. Maxwell Brown has stopped at the New Heathman upon frequent occasions during the past several months; that he checked in there on the evening of December 14th and left the following day. The best information available at the hotel is that

Maxwell Brown is a dealer in silks and that he operates his own company at 112 Madison Avenue, New York City; that he is expected back in Portland within the next few days.

A telegram was dispatched to the New York City office to establish the identity and whereabouts of Maxwell Brown and the New York office replied by teletype that Brown is president of Brown & Company, Inc., silk manufacturers, 112 Madison Avenue, New York City, and that he was at the Palmer House at Chicago, Illinois on December 20, 1937; that Brown was in Portland during the past week and expected to leave Chicago that day.

Immediately upon completion of the preliminary inquiry at the office of the Lighthouse Service, Portland by Special Agent in Charge Spears, a conference teletype was directed to the Bureau and to the San Francisco office, and the San Francisco office was requested to immediately forward photographs of recent releases from Alcatraz who would approximately fit the above description of the unknown individual.

On the afternoon of December 18, 1937, Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau telephoned the Portland office and stated that Dick Galatas and Frank Mulloy, who were implicated in the Kansas City Massacre investigation and who had served terms in the Alcatraz Penitentiary should be considered as being possibly implicated in assisting the escape of the two instant subjects and requested that their photographs be submitted to the witnesses who observed the unknown individual in Portland. Telephonic request was immediately made of the San Francisco office, requesting that recent photographs of Galatas and Mulloy be obtained and forwarded by air mail special delivery to the Portland office.

No photograph was available in the files of the Portland office of Frank Mulloy and it was subsequently determined through investigation by the Kansas City office that Frank Mulloy was probably not implicated in the instant matter, inasmuch as it had been determined that he was in the vicinity of Kansas City during the period of the escape and was still in that vicinity on December 18, 1937.

Two photographs of Dick Galatas were available to the Portland office, one photograph apparently being taken in 1932 and is the same photograph appearing on the Identification Order on Galatas. The second photograph was a Columbus, Ohio Police Department photograph of Galatas taken in 1926.

Special Agent in Charge Spears on the evening of December 18, 1937, contacted Mr. M. W. Caskey, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer at his residence, 5235 N. E. Cleveland Street, and he failed to make any identification of the two available photographs of Galatas. Mr. Caskey stated that he did not observe the unknown individual sufficiently to pass upon his identification and that he was unable to state whether the photograph bore a resemblance to the unknown individual.

Mr. E. A. Laird, Associate Engineer, Lighthouse Service, was also contacted at his residence, 3414 N. E. 42d Avenue, by Special Agent in Charge Spears, and after viewing the two photographs of Galatas, stated that the photograph appearing on the Identification Order did not seem to resemble the unknown individual, but that the Columbus photograph bore some resemblance as to features, but that the unknown party was well dressed which naturally altered his appearance. He stated that he could not state with any degree of positiveness that the unknown caller was the individual appearing on the Columbus Police Department photograph but that he did note a resemblance. He stated he believed if he saw a more recent photograph of Galatas he probably could be more definite in his conclusion.

Mr. Laird stated that he had been able to definitely fix the time of the call of the unknown party to the office of the Lighthouse Service as being on the forenoon of Wednesday, December 15th; that he had determined definitely that he was in the closed file section of their filing room at the time Mr. Preston told him of the party waiting in the office to see him about the tide book; that he was in the file room searching for certain information to incorporate in an official letter he was preparing to write, and that he had found the office copy of the letter he had written and that same was dated December 15th, 1937, making it a positive fact in his opinion that the caller must have been there on that date. It is believed that this check-back made by Laird does definitely place the time as Wednesday, December 15th, and other witnesses subsequently interviewed appear certain as to that time.

J. L. Preston, Associate Radio Engineer, Lighthouse Service, was contacted at his residence, 936 N. E. Floral, by Special Agent in Charge Spears and he was unable to make an identification of the I. O. photograph of Galatas, but stated that the Columbus Police Department photograph bore considerable resemblance to the unknown caller at the Lighthouse Service office. He made a careful examination of the photograph and his conclusion was that, while he was not positive, insofar as making an identification, the photograph could be that of the unknown individual.

On December 19th, there were received from the San Francisco office photographs of the following individuals who were recently released from Alcatraz:

Richard T. Galatas  
Frank B. Mulloy  
Hubert Allen Farmer  
Alfred M. Loomis  
Andrew W. Davis  
Jack Sieman  
Charles R. Krug  
Robert Bradford Moxon

All of these photographs were exhibited to the above witnesses without an identification of any of them. In addition to exhibiting these photographs to the three above named employees of the Lighthouse Service, same were exhibited to Mr. L. L. L. Dilley, who was the first employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive the unknown caller.

The recent photograph of Galatas, taken at the time he was serving in Alcatraz, did not serve to strengthen the identification of Galatas by any of the Lighthouse Service employees and it appears rather conclusively that the unknown individual probably bears some resemblance to the photograph of Galatas, but it is not believed, from the lack of identification, that the individual was in fact Galatas. In this connection, the Kansas City office was requested to advise as to the whereabouts of Galatas and on December 19, 1937, a teletype was received from the Kansas City office advising that the records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth show that Galatas was released from Leavenworth November 1, 1937. Galatas had been serving his term in the Alcatraz Penitentiary and in October 1937 was transferred to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. The Kansas City office advised that Galatas is on conditional release until March 16, 1938 and is supposed to be reporting to the U. S. Probation Officer, John Reeves, Little Rock, Arkansas; that the Little Rock office had advised the Kansas City office on December 19th that there was information that Galatas was seen in Hot Springs the day prior and the day following the escape of the subjects, but that further investigation was being continued to more definitely fix his whereabouts.

It should be here noted that Special Agent in Charge Pieper of the San Francisco office informed the Portland office during a telephone conversation, that Mr. Tamm of the Bureau had stated that every precaution should be taken to the end that no publicity or information of any kind be forthcoming regarding the fact that Richard Galatas was under investigation in connection with the instant matter.

In view of the possibility of Galatas having been implicated in the instant matter, it appeared likely that, in the event Galatas was in fact in the Northwest portion of the country, he might contact Nicholas La Voy, a former associate of Galatas in Arkansas, who has been residing on the Des Moines, Washington highway, ten miles south of Seattle, Washington, for approximately the past three years. La Voy was under investigation at the time Galatas' whereabouts was being sought in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case. In view of this possibility, Special Agent in Charge Suran, Seattle, was contacted by telephone by Special Agent in Charge Spears on the night of December 18th and his attention invited to an investigation of Nicholas La Voy conducted in the Mattson investigation reported in the report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan in the Mattson case, dated March 5, 1937. Special Agent in Charge Suran was advised that photographs of Galatas, which were not available in the Seattle office would be immediately forwarded to Seattle and it

was requested that discreet investigation be made in the vicinity of the residence of Nicholas La Voy to determine whether there had been any recent unusual activity and whether any unknown individuals were known to have visited there recently or were living there; whether La Voy was known to have been absent from his home during the period surrounding the instant escape and to secure information regarding the automobile presently driven by La Voy.

Special Agent in Charge Suran was also requested to conduct investigation at the Seattle Airport for departures for Portland and San Francisco for several days prior to the morning of December 16, 1937, in an effort to secure possible information regarding the unknown individual and his method of transportation.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. E. Gurnea and H. A. King, the latter being the reporting agent.

Further inquiry was made at the Portland Instrument Company, 334 S. W. 5th Avenue. Mr. MacNeil, proprietor, was unable to furnish any further description than he had previously furnished to Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney. He produced a "Pilot Chart of the North Atlantic Ocean" and advised Agents that this was the chart which he had displayed to the unknown individual whom he had referred to the Weather Bureau. MacNeill was quite certain that he had displayed this chart to the individual and accordingly it was procured by Agents and has been forwarded to the Bureau to be processed for fingerprints. Although carefully questioned neither Mr. or Mrs. MacNeill were able to furnish further information. They obtained the impression that the individual was not a sea-faring man, at least he was not familiar with nautical terms and further received the impression that he was unfamiliar with Portland.

At the Weather Bureau, Customs House, Portland, interview was had with Messrs J. J. Stratchila and E. Fisher, also the Superintendent, Mr. Edward L. Wells. Stratchila advised that he is the party who ordinarily interviews people who come to the Weather Bureau and there is also a clerk by the name of Smith who was likewise interviewed and occasionally waits on customers. None of the parties interviewed were able to recall that anyone had during the past week or at any time recently inquired for current charts or tables or anything of the kind. Photographs of Richard Galatas, with aliases, as well as photographs of recent releases from Alcatraz were submitted to employees of the Weather Bureau, but no identification effected. In this connection the same photographs were submitted to Mr. and Mrs. MacNeill of the Portland Instrument Company, but they were unable to identify any of the photographs as the party who had been to the Instrument Company. They did state that the 1926 police photograph of Richard T. Galatas bore some resemblance to the unknown individual, but did not think this was the party.

At the Parks Nautical Instrument House, 213 S. W. Washington Street, interview was had by Agents with Frank H. Parks and Mrs. Parks. When first questioned Mr. Parks was very positive that no individual such as described by employees of the Lighthouse Bureau had been in his place of business at any time recently. He was very carefully questioned by Agents Gurnea and King but utterly failed to recall anyone inquiring for current tables, tide tables or charts or anything of the kind, although he stated he has frequent calls for such booklets. After questioning Mr. Parks

for a considerable length of time, it being also noted that he is deaf as well as having a very poor memory, he finally recalled that an unknown individual had called at his place of business on the preceding Wednesday about noon and inquired for current tables. When interviewed on the first occasion Mr. Parks stated that a party inquired about current tables and then inquired about charts; that he, Parks, after determining that the party really wanted tidal current charts for the Bay of San Francisco advised that he did not have any such charts on hand, but offered to procure one from the U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office, U. S. Court House, Portland. He stated that he did telephone to the U. S. Hydrographic Office and ascertained from Mr. Larson that they had a copy of the tidal current for the Bay of San Francisco; that he then offered to go to the Hydrographic Office and obtain the booklet selling the same to the stranger. The unknown individual, however, insisted upon going to the Hydrographic Office himself and departed immediately and went to the said office. Mr. Parks was able to state definitely that the stranger was in his place of business on Wednesday, December 15th, by reason of the fact that he definitely recalled that on the following day he went to the Hydrographic Office to obtain some charts or books and that when there Mr. Larson paid him ten cents for the tidal current chart of San Francisco which the stranger had purchased. Parks found some paper containing a memorandum of his visit to the Hydrographic Office, which was dated the 16th. As to the time of day he advised that it was about noon. He stated that he rather distinctly recalled looking at the clock and that it was twenty minutes to the hour and he believes it was twenty minutes to twelve, although he is not positive of this. Parks described the unknown individual as:

Age	45 to 50 (On subsequent interview he stated that he believed the individual was nearer 50)
Height	5' 7 to 8"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Medium to slightly stocky
Dress	Well dressed with dark clothes
Voice	Well modulated voice.

On the occasion of the first interview Parks was unable to recall anything further than set out above, but it should here be stated that Parks advised that he had a very poor memory and after questions propounded by Agent he would study approximately five minutes before answering the same. He promised that he would think the matter over very carefully and call the Portland office immediately should he think of any further details. On the morning of December 21st, 1937 Parks telephoned the Portland office

and advised that he had recalled further details and was accordingly reinterviewed by Special Agent H. A. King. At this time Parks advised that he now recalled that the individual came into his place of business and inquired for current tables and that he, Parks, produced a copy of "Current Tables for the Pacific Coast, 1938" issued by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; that the individual purchased this book and then inquired about San Francisco Bay; that when the individual inquired about San Francisco Bay Parks informed him that he not only wanted the current tables but that what he really needed was the tidal current chart and at this time he, Parks, informed the stranger that he did not have on hand any of these charts and offered to procure one from the Hydrographic Office, and in fact did telephone Mr. Larson as related heretofore. Parks advised that the stranger paid him ten cents for the current tables of the Pacific Coast; that he, Parks, then started to stamp the booklet, which is required by the Department of Commerce; that the stranger pulled the book away, but that he, Parks, stamped the said booklet with his stamp, which is a small stamp oval in shape, in the center of which is the name "Frank H. Parks" and around the outside "Nautical Instruments, Portland, Oregon, 213 SW Washington Street". At this time Mr. Parks also advised that someone during the day of December 15th had left a pair of brown leather gloves with a wool lining; that he could not state as to who had left these gloves and that they were found about 3:15 P.M. by Mrs. Parks. These gloves were obtained by Agent and at the time of dictating this report the owner has not been located. Mr. Parks endeavored to recall the names of all individuals who had been in his shop during the day, among which the following have been interviewed: Charles E. Mann, Oregon Marine Company, who advised that he was in the shop about 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. on the morning of the 15th and purchased a current table and tidal chart of the Bearing Sea; Mr. Lyle Keeler, boat builder, Macadam Road, who advised that he was in the place of business on the morning of the 15th, but did not leave any gloves and the only other party in the shop at the time he was there was Mann from the Oregon Marine Company.

Mr. E. I. Ballogh, Columbia River Packing Company, St. Helens, Oregon, advised Agent upon interview that he was in the Parks Nautical Instrument Company about 11:00 A.M. or a little later on the morning of December 15th and purchased a pair of binoculars. He stated, however, that the only other person in the shop while he was there was a tall captain off some boat then in the Portland harbor whose name he could not recall. Mrs. Ballogh advised Agent upon interview that she sat in an automobile just outside the shop while her husband was buying the glasses and that she recalled seeing a rather tall, well dressed individual enter the shop while her husband



was inside; that she cannot describe him any better than he was dressed in dark clothes and seemed to know where he was going, inasmuch as he turned abruptly into the shop as he came abreast of the door. This individual was walking and came from the West.

In connection with the Captain of the steamship Mr. Parks advises that this is an Italian who is Captain of the S. S. Andria, then in the Portland harbor, but which has since departed. *lad*

Mr. L. J. Larson, U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office, 211 U. S. Court House, Portland, advised Agents Gurnea and King upon interview that he was in the office alone about noon December 15th, 1937 when the party referred to him by Parks came in for the tidal current charts of San Francisco Bay; that he had laid the book out and paid very little attention to the individual; that he told the party when he called that the charts were worth \$0.25 and also asked this individual to what use he was going to put the chart. The individual stated that he was going to use it for his personal use and made no further remarks. Mr. Larson described this individual as follows:

Age	40 to 45
Height	5' 6 to 7"
Build	Stocky, well dressed
Weight	140 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Jewish or Latin type, well educated
Clothing	Black hat rim turned up all around and a black top coat.

Mr. Larson advised that the entire transaction did not take over one minute and for that reason he was unable to furnish further information.

As of possible future interest Agents obtained from the Merchants Exchange at Portland the names of vessels in the Portland harbor for December 14th, 15th and 16th, and also obtained names of boats which cleared from Portland for San Francisco or for other ports via San Francisco. Following are the names of the boats which cleared from Portland enroute to San Francisco.

December 14th, 1937  
Annie Johnson, Swedish  
Paul Shoup, American  
K. R. Kingsbury, American

December 15th, 1937,

Oregonian, American,  
Vanlover, German.

December 16th, 1937,

Wyoming, French.

December 17th, 1937,

Martin Bakke, Norway,  
Munami, American,  
Pacific Exporter, British,  
Point San Pedro, American,  
Charlie Watson, American.

file.

The list of boats in the harbor is being retained in the

Reference is made to the investigation above noted developing information that the unknown individual on the morning of December 15, 1937, purchased a copy of the publication issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce entitled "Current Tables, Pacific Coast 1938". Particular emphasis was made in interviewing Mr. Parks, from whom this book was purchased, to determine definitely whether the unknown individual asked for a 1938 edition or asked for a 1937 edition, or whether he secured a 1938 edition without knowing the difference between the two publications. This is particularly significant for the reason that the 1938 edition of this publication, referring to the current tables, is of absolutely no value in determining the time and turn of tides during the year 1937, as the tables are not effective and do not apply until January 1, 1938. Mr. Parks was certain that the individual did not designate the year of the publication he desired and he is of the belief that the individual did not know the difference or significance between the two books. Mr. Parks stated that he had only one 1937 issue of this book in stock and that he still has this book which makes it positive that the unknown individual actually secured a 1938 edition. Needless to say, if the unknown individual is implicated in the instant matter and did attempt to use the information contained in the 1938 current tables in attempting to assist the two escapees they might have met with difficulty in view of the variance in the tide information for December 16, 1937 and December 16, 1938. Inquiry at the Lighthouse Service developed that the slack ebb tide on December 16, 1937 began at approximately 11:53 a.m., in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island, whereas the slack ebb tide as shown in the 1938 book for December 16 begins at 9:32 a.m., in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island.

With further respect to the leather gloves obtained from Frank Parks of the Parks Nautical Instrument Company, these gloves are more particularly described as dark brown leather, with a wool or cotton net lining, two snap buttons on each glove the reverse of which contains the letters "B S M" or "M S B." In one of the gloves is a paper tab bearing the size 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This is the only identifying mark to be found in either glove.

Since dictating the above, Agent King has obtained the names of two additional customers of the Parks Nautical Instrument Company, who were probably in that place of business on December 15th: Captain W. F. Horats, telephone University 1717, advised by telephone that he was in the Parks place of business recently, but rather thought that it was December 14th, although it could have been the 15th, probably during the afternoon. He stated that he did not recall that there were any other customers in the shop at the time and that he did not lose a pair of gloves.

Captain Louis Johnson, 3454 N. E. 77th Avenue, Telephone Garfield 4868, advised agent by telephone that he was recently in the Parks shop possibly December 15th last; that he did not lose a pair of gloves, did not recall that there were any other customers in the shop at that time

and, accordingly, was unable to furnish any information.

Mr. Parks also recalls that there was an amateur radio operator, whose name he does not know, who came by the shop and spent fifteen or twenty minutes looking at some charts and books and is rather of the opinion that possibly this party left the gloves. He states that at the present time he has no means of locating this individual or establishing his identity. Mr. Parks also stated definitely that the captain of the Andreas was in the shop on December 15th, and from the Merchants Exchange at Portland, Agent King ascertained that this ship is presently enroute to Yokohama in Japan. Accordingly, a radiogram was dispatched by Postal Telegraph to the Captain of the SS Andreas, requesting that the captain advise as to whether he had lost a pair of gloves. A want ad has also been placed in the Oregonian, morning Portland newspaper, in an endeavor to secure information as to the party who lost the gloves in question. This ad was placed and the telephone number of Mr. Parks furnished in order that there would be no apparent information indicating that this Bureau is interested in the gloves.

In the event the ownership of the gloves cannot be established, they will be forwarded to the Bureau for inspection by the Laboratory and for such investigation as may be deemed practical.

With further reference to interviews by Agents King and Gurnea, it should be noted that photographs of the recent releases from Alcatraz, as well as available photographs of Richard Galatas and Nicholas La Voy, were submitted to all parties interviewed. No identification was effected, but all of the parties interviewed advised that photographs of Galatas more nearly resembled the unknown individual than any of the other photographs. It should be noted, however, that the consensus of opinion of the persons who observed this unknown individual is that he is approximately 5 feet 7 inches in height, whereas Richard Galatas is slightly taller than 5 feet 9 inches.

In an effort to secure possible information concerning this individual A. C. Thorsen, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company of Portland was contacted by Special Agent King, and he arranged that a search of all outgoing telegrams be made for the period from the morning of December 15th through the morning of December 16th, from Portland to San Francisco. This check was difficult for the reason that there is no information available whatsoever as to names or addresses and the only check that could be made was for a telegram the body of which contained information that might be identified with the information in possession of the Portland office concerning this individual and his interest in tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay region. Mr. Thorsen advised that the check of all telegrams developed none that could be identified as being connected with this individual.

A similar check was sought at the Western Union Telegraph Company, but Mr. Frank Keller, Assistant Manager, stated that they could not extend their usual cooperation to this particular type of search, inasmuch as we had no information as to the identity of the sender or addressee, the exact place to which the telegram might have been sent or any definite information that might have appeared in such a telegram. It should be stated that the Portland office receives in confidence the full cooperation of the Western Union Telegraph Company here, on such matters as we are able to furnish them some identifying data pertaining to telegrams.

Inquiry of Mr. Ray Jenkins, Chief Special Agent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, Portland, developed that it is practically impossible to make a check of all long distance telephone calls under the present circumstances, inasmuch as we did not know the name of the caller or the person called, and that there is no information available as to the place or number from which the call may have been placed or to the point where it was placed, and such a check would necessitate a check of approximately 30,000 telephone calls per day for a period of a month, inasmuch as the calls are not segregated or listed in any manner in the telephone company according to dates. In view of the impracticability of this line of inquiry, no further effort will be made to check for the call until such time as further information might be developed as to the identity of this unknown individual.

In view of the fact that the unknown individual was in Portland on the morning of December 15th and not known to have been here subsequent to noon on that date, it is entirely possible that he and any companions who may have been with him, could have traveled from Portland to San Francisco by automobile and by leaving Portland early in the afternoon of December 15th, they could readily have arrived at San Francisco or vicinity in the early morning hours of December 16th. In view of this fact, investigation is presently being conducted at the California State Highway Patrol Checking Stations at Dunsmuir and Crescent City, California, and at the California State Agricultural Checking Stations at Smith River, O'Brien, Hornbrook, Clam Beach and Dorris, California, by agents of the Portland office. Through this investigation at these checking stations the license numbers of all automobiles passing through those stations between 6 p.m., December 15th and 9 a.m., December 16th, are being secured. It will be necessary to conduct immediate investigation pertaining to the owners of such automobiles to determine their identity and whether they could have been implicated in the instant matter. Immediately upon receiving the information available through the investigation of these checking stations, the information pertaining to license numbers will be disseminated by the Portland office and leads transmitted to all interested offices immediately with request that the ownership of each car be verified, the whereabouts

of the owner likewise verified on December 15th and 16th and from each individual it should be determined if such car owner was in Portland on December 15th and whether he purchased at the U. S. Hydrograph Office in Portland a copy of the book entitled "Tidal Current Charts of San Francisco Bay," or whether he purchased at the Frank Parks Company, Portland, a book entitled "Current Charts Pacific Coast."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

SEATTLE OFFICE: It is requested that the Seattle office advise as to the results of the investigation made at the Seattle Airport and as to the results of the discreet inquiry made concerning Nicholas La Voy.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE: Is requested to advise any developments regarding Richard Galatas and his whereabouts.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE: Will please advise as to the results of their investigation regarding the whereabouts of Richard Galatas.

Copies of this report are being referred to the Butte, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles offices for information only.

PENDING.

ADDENDUM

Since dictating the foregoing report, reply has been received from the Captain of the SS Andreas advising that the gloves obtained from the Parks Nautical Instrument Company belong to him. Accordingly, no further investigation concerning the said gloves will be conducted.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
December 22, 1937

ag  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir: RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

There is enclosed with a copy of this communication designated for the Technical Laboratory, a water glass which was obtained by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH from the J. B. ~~HERSCHLER~~ home in Muir Woods National Monument Grounds, near Mill Valley, California. According to Mr. and Mrs. ~~HERSCHLER~~, it is believed that the burglar who entered their home on December 19, 1937, handled this glass and when the glass was dusted by Agent McCULLOCH, some latent prints appeared.

It is requested that these prints be compared with the fingerprints of Subjects ROE and COLE, by the Technical Laboratory, and the results of this examination forwarded to the San Francisco and Oklahoma City Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

*N. J. L. Pieper*  
N. J. L. PIEPER,  
Special Agent in Charge

*Murphy C. B. 1/13/38*  
JET:MLA  
76-290  
cc Technical Laboratory (enclosure)  
cc Oklahoma City

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*Called Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]*

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

**P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon**

**December 21, 1937**

**Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Sir:**

This will acknowledge receipt of Bureau letter of the 16th instant advising that Special Agent W. F. Wood be instructed to report to Assistant Director H. H. Clegg at 9:30 AM, Monday, January 17, 1938 for two weeks retraining assignment.

Please be advised that Special Agent Wood is presently on temporary assignment in San Francisco in connection with the investigation incident to the recent escape of Theodore Cole and Robert Ree from the Alcatraz Penitentiary. The duration of his assignment in the San Francisco Field Division is at the present time indefinite.

A copy of this letter is being routed to the San Francisco Office in order that that office may inform the Bureau relative to the assignment status of Agent Wood.

**Very truly yours,**

**C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.**

**CCS:MB  
CC San Francisco  
W. F. Wood**

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## United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 28, 1937.

Bu. File #

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number

Re: **ROBERT LEE**, with aliases, Fugitive;  
**THOMAS COLT**, with aliases, Fugitive.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

FBI-121465.

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD, Denver, Colo.	Collins Thos. Ebrey, aliases: "Torley" Flynn, Collins Freeman, "Lofty", Collins Ebrey, 11000	5-10-27	forgery (checks)	7-2-29, nolle contendre.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Collins Ebrey, 15480	7-15-27	bad checks	
St. Ref., Granito, Okla.	Collins Ebrey, alias Collins Ebrey, #6272	10-10-27	selling a forged instrument	1 yr.
SO, San Bernardino, Calif.	Collins Ebrey, alias Elmer Ebrey, #13358	1-4-29	bank robbery (for Enid, Okla.) - safe job	1-11-29, rel. to Sheriff, Enid, Okla.
SO, Enid, Okla.	Collins Ebrey, #1058	1-16-29	bank robbery	
Nav. Bu., Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.	Collins Thomas Ebrey, #1355-71-83	deserted 4-21-30		no longer wanted - now in a duty status, per inf. rec. 1-20-31.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Collins Freeman, alias Collins T. Freeman, #22695	11-11-30	forgery, 2nd degree	3 yrs.; C.D. 9-3-32.
PD, Enid, Okla.	Collins Freeman, #1768	12-3-32	burglary	3 yrs. McAlester Pen.

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\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in F. B. I. files.

completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Collins Freeman, #27174	1-5-33	lurglary	2 yrs.
SO, Hebron, Nebr.	Collins Freeman, #--	not given (finger-printed 3-24-35)	vag.	15 days and costs
SO, Rock Island, Ill.	Collins Ebrey, #1371	6-26-35	inv.	
PD, Cheyenne, Wyo.	Tom Ebrey, #4964	1-23-36	vag.	floated
PD, Missoula, Mont.	Collins Freeman, #--	3-25-36	vag.	30 days
PD, Palo Alto, Calif.	Don Ebrey, #10485	10-30-37	vag. - lodger	2 hrs. work
The above individual is identical with DON EBREY, subject of your teletype message dated December 21, 1937.				
CC-Bu. Field Div., San Francisco, Calif.				
CC-Pureau.				
(AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY)				

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

## United States Department of Justice

Bu. File #

Washington, D. C.

December 23, 1937.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number FBI-161517.

Re: VALPI ROE, with aliases, Fugitive;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

*J. E. Hoover*

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St. Ref., Granite, Okla.	Joe Harris, #5037	6-10-25	auto larceny	2 yrs., 6 mos.
PD, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Joe Harris, alias Frank Fielder, #4690	6-13-28	hi-jacking	to Co. Jail
St. Ref., Granite, Okla.	Joe Harris, #6393	7-3-28	larceny of auto	10 yrs.; escaped 11-21-29; apprehended.
St. Ref., Granite, Okla.	Joe Harris, #6698	1-5-29 returned	escape (larceny of auto)	10 yrs.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Joe Harris, #1301	1-20-30 in trans. from St. Ref., Granite, Okla.	larceny of auto	10 yrs.; 8-12-33, rel. exp. short term.
PD, Muskogee, Okla.	Dick Barker, alias Dick Barker, #2510-C	1-22-33	inv.	given hours.
*	As Dick Barker, alias Joe Harris, PD Muskogee, Okla., arr. 9-22-33; 10-9-33, turned over to Sheriff of Troy, Nebr., on chrg. of bank robbery.			
PD, Lincoln, Nebr.	Joe Harris, #3023	10-11-33	bank robbery (safekeeping)	plead guilty, sent. deferred
SP, Lincoln, Nebr.	Joe Harris, alias Jo Harris, #11789	12-9-33	bank robbery	10 yrs.

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
<p>CC-Bu. Field Div., San Francisco, Calif. (Enclosure) CC-Bureau.</p> <p>AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY</p>	<p>This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint Section of this Bureau as K-14421.</p> <p>Attached hereto is a photograph of the above subject.</p> <p>The above individual is probably identical with JOE HARRIS, subject of your teletype message dated December 21, 1937.</p>			

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PORTLAND

FBI INDIANAPOLIS 12-24-37 7:45 PM CST HJR

SAC PORTLAND

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL RFP. RE YOUR CONFERENCE TELETYPE THIS DATE. NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN INDIANA LICENSE PLATES NUMBER SEVEN <sup>7 11043</sup>

ONE ONE NOUGHT FOUR THREE ISSUED TO JAMES WILLIAM PORTER, ONE ONE ONE FIVE LINCOLNWAY, LAPORTE IND FOR THIRTY SEVEN DODGE COUPE ENGINE <sup>D 5 - 203343</sup> NUMBER D FIVE DASH TWO NOUGHT THREE THREE NINE THREE, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SEVEN NOUGHT NINE TWO THREE FIVE. PORTER ON APRIL EIGHTH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN BY LETTER PLACED ORDER FOR A DODGE COUPE WITH THE FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES, LAPORTE, IND. GIVING HIS ADDRESS AT THAT TIME AS SEVEN SEVEN THREE ONE BURNHAM STREET, CHICAGO, ILL. HE SAID HE WANTED CAR READY BY JUNE FIVE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AS HE WAS TAKING HIS TWO CHILDREN ON A TOUR. FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES WROTE PORTER AT HIS CHICAGO ADDRESS ON MAY TWENTY NINE AND JUNE SEVEN STATING CAR READY. FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE SEVEN THIS YEAR FROM PORTER ON STATIONERY OF HEATHMAN HOTELS, PORTLAND, ORE. TWO ADDRESSES SHOWN FOR THESE HOTELS, NAMELY PARK STREET AT SALMON AND BROADWAY AT SALMON. IN THIS LETTER PORTER STATED HE WAS TO AUDIT BOOKS OF ROY BURNETT MOTOR COMPANY, SHIPLEY MOTORS AND PAROLAS MOTOR COMPANY. ALL CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH AND DODGE DEALERS AT PORTLAND. PORTER SUGGESTED PAPERS BE SENT TO HIM AT PORTLAND FOR SIGNATURE SO HE COULD SEND HIS SON TO GET CAR. FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES SENT PAPERS TO PORTER AT HEATHMAN HOTEL, NO ADDRESS GIVEN, PORTLAND, JUNE TEN. RECORDS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PORTLAND (pg. 2)

OF FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES SHOW CAR DELIVERED JUNE TWENTY FOUR  
TO PORTER AT HIS CHICAGO ADDRESS BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHO PICKED  
UP CAR. THIS DEAL CARRIED ON BY SEYMUR FLEWELLING, PRESIDENT OF  
FLEWELLING MOTOR SALES AND NO ONE ELSE AT COMPANY RECALLS TRANS-  
ACTION. ABOVE INFORMATION GIVEN EXCLUSIVELY FROM RECORDS AVAILABLE.  
FLEWELLING AT PRESENT TRAVELING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS VISITING  
RELATIVES AND MIGHT BE REACHED THROUGH VERA SCHAFER, FIVE EIGHT  
THREE ARKANSAS AVE, RUSSELLVILLE, ARK. PORTER IN HIS LETTERS  
INDICATED HE WAS INSTALLING CHRYSLER ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AT THE  
PORTLAND MOTOR COMPANIES MENTIONED ABOVE. PORTER PAID THREE HUNDRED  
TEN DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS DOWN ON THIS CAR AND BALANCE OF SIX HUNDRED  
THIRTY DOLLARS BEING FINANCED THROUGH COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION  
HOME OFFICE, FT WAYNE, IND. SUGGEST YOUR OFFICE ENDEAVOR CLARIFY  
THIS SITUATION THROUGH LOCATION OF PORTER THROUGH HOTELS AND MOTOR  
COMPANIES IN PORTLAND MENTIONED. IF HE CANNOT BE LOCATED IN THIS  
MANNER, LEADS CAN BE DIRECTED TO CHICAGO, LITTLE ROCK AND ALSO  
INDIANAPOLIS AT FT WAYNE, IND.

RETELETYPE

END

RMH:MLR  
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cc Bureau  
San Francisco  
Oklahoma City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

301 Continental Bank Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
December 23, 1937.

VCZ:J  
76-244.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
et al.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of December 23, 1937, in the above entitled case, advising that it is desired that San Francisco, as well as the Bureau, be promptly advised of information received concerning this case.

Upon receipt of the information upon which my teletype to the Bureau was predicated, on the evening of December 19th, 1937, I telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge Pieper of the San Francisco office immediately, advising him of the facts, and also securing information indicating that Cole had no contacts in the District of Utah. In view of such immediate 'phone conversation, a conference teletype was not sent to the Bureau and San Francisco, since it would have been repetitious and involve additional cost. The San Francisco office has been and will be promptly advised of information on this case, as well as the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Val C. Zinner*  
VAL C. ZINNER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - San Francisco.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 23, 1937.

PEF:CDW

Time - 5:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Escape from Alcatraz  
of Cole and Roe.

Mr. Spears telephoned me from the Portland with reference to the investigation being conducted by that office relative to the books which persons suspected of being the above named subjects purchased in the State of Oregon. He said they have made a check of all the automobiles which passed through the checking stations during the period in question, and have obtained between three and four hundred license plate numbers. The question in Mr. Spears' mind was how he should set these out as leads and by what means of communication.

I told Mr. Spears that since the Bureau is pressing this investigation all that is possible, the thing to do is to send the leads to the offices away from the West Coast by teletype asking that immediate attention be given to the matter, and to send the leads to the West Coast offices by air mail, special delivery, with the same request. I pointed out to Mr. Spears that by checking the motor registration in the various States, it could be rather quickly determined whether the persons to whom the tags are issued are reputable persons of standing in the various communities, thereby eliminating them at once. On those persons of questionable standing, leads can be set out to interview them at once, which probably can be done in short order, thereby eliminating them rather quickly. Mr. Spears said that he would get out a teletype on this at once.

Mr. Spears then referred to the "gloves" angle in this matter, previous information concerning which has been sent to the Bureau by teletype, and said that their investigation has disclosed that these gloves were sold to an individual out there who was found to have just sailed for the Orient. They communicated with this individual by radio, and definitely eliminated him. Mr. Spears said that since this angle has been taken care of, they will not send the gloves in to the Bureau for Laboratory examination.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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M. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Crowl ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Foxworth ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Hottel ✓  
Mr. Lester ✓  
Mr. McIntire ✓  
Mr. Naughten ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Schilder ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA.**

FILE NO. **76-244.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-24-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/19,20,21/37.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VAL C. ZIMMER - G.J.</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE; RALPH ROE - FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

William Nielson, mail carrier, Salt Lake City, furnished information 12-19-37 that girl he met in local beer tavern claims she was sister of Cole and had talked to Cole in Salt Lake City 12-18-37. Investigation identified girl as Edna Anita Hyatt and determined she is habitue of beer rooms, confirmed liar. Hyatt admitted story concerning relationship to Cole and seeing him personally a fabrication.

RUC.

**DETAILS:**

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished to agent by William Nielson, carrier for the U.S. Post Office at Salt Lake City, badge No. 734, who called at the Salt Lake City Division on the evening of December 19th, 1937. Mr. Nielson stated that after he completed his mail route he had been in the habit of stopping at the Fair Inn Beer Tavern, located near the corner of West Temple and 2nd South Streets, for the purpose of securing a glass or two of beer prior to proceeding to his home; that he usually visited this tavern about 6 PM; that on December 15th, he met a girl in the tavern whom he knew only as Nita, and who apparently was well acquainted with the bar tenders and other customers in the Fair Inn, since they all called her by the name of Nita. Mr. Nielson related that he talked with Nita on the first night he met her, December 15, 1937, and also briefly on the two following evenings when he stopped at the Fair Inn for beer.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Val C. Zimmer</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Oklahoma City. 2 - San Francisco. 2 - Salt Lake City.  <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>203 SEP 13 1968</b>		<b>76 2686-69</b>	<b>DEC 28 1937</b>
		DEC 28 1937 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE STAT. SECT. R. H.	

Mr. Nielson stated that on December 18, 1937 about 6 PM he stopped at the Fair Inn and went to the tavern for a glass of beer at which time Nita joined him in a glass of beer; while drinking the same Nita, who was carrying the day's issue of the "Salt Lake Telegram" in which the photographs of subjects appeared, pointed to the photograph of Cole and rather confidentially, in the opinion of Nielson, informed that Cole was her brother; that she had spent about \$2,000.00 trying to get him out of the trouble he had been in in the south before he went to Alcatraz; that Cole had been in Alcatraz five years. Mr. Nielson stated he then informed Nita that he did not believe any man could swim from the Island to the mainland and thereby escape, and Nita replied that Cole had escaped as there had been a launch and a small boat to assist him. Nita then volunteered the information to Nielson that she had talked to Cole by 'phone that morning and had talked to him personally subsequent to the 'phone call. Nita also related that she was going to hide Cole in her room and then get him a job in her stepfather's garage which was the largest garage in Murray, Utah, and would also dye Cole's hair red in order that he might be disguised. Nita related that Cole was 25 years of age.

Nielson stated that he talked with Nita about four minutes, when another man, whose name he does not know, joined them, and from the conversation of Nita and this man, it appeared they had previously agreed to meet at the Fair Inn; that this man was just released from some hospital in Logan, Utah, where he had received treatment for throat trouble. According to Nielson Nita related the same information to the unknown man from Logan in his, Nielson's presence, as she had previously related to Nielson. Shortly after telling her story of relationship to Cole to the Logan man, Nielson advised a third man, whose name is unknown, joined the group in having some beer, and Nita related her story to him. About 15 minutes after the unknown Logan man arrived, he and Nita departed, and Nielson stated about five minutes thereafter he left the Fair Inn to go home, and met the unknown Logan man on the street, at which time the latter stopped and stated he had started to take Nita to her hotel and she appeared to be so despondent and talked of committing suicide, as a result of which the unknown man was afraid she might, and therefore left her without determining where she was staying. This unknown man related to Nielson that prior to leaving Nita she stopped a woman on the street, whom he believed was unknown to Nita, and endeavored to tell her about Cole.

Nielson stated that Nita did not indicate where in the south her alleged brother Cole had been in trouble, neither did she indicate whether the alleged 'phone call from Cole was local or long distance, although he presumed it was local.

Nielson, although questioned in detail, could recall no other remarks which Nita had made concerning Cole. He furnished the following description of Nita:-

Age. 24 to 25.  
 Height. 5ft. 6in. to 7in.  
 Weight. 115 lbs.  
 Build. Slim.  
 Hair. Dirty blonde, straight bobbed.  
 Complexion. Light.  
 Ordinarily dressed.  
 No unusual accent.  
 Thin lips.  
 Not much make-up.  
 Red coat, no hat.

Mr. Nielson stated he had no knowledge where Nita might be located, except through the Fair Inn Beer Tavern, and possibly the Royal Beer Tavern which was across the street from the former. Nielson was of the opinion Nita was not a prostitute, but believed that she spent most of her time hanging around beer taverns begging drinks off of the customers. According to Nielson, Nita had evidently consumed considerable beer prior to his arrival on the evening of December 18th, however, he stated he would not call her drunk since she was able to walk without staggering, and talk, although her annunciation was slower than usual. It was also the opinion of Nielson that Nita wanted to keep the information concerning her brother Cole rather confidential, regardless of the fact she rather openly told the story. He also believed that she was sincere in her statement. Nita did remark that she had been married twice and was one of the two women bar tenders licensed in the State of Nevada.

On receipt of the above information, agent immediately contacted SAC Pieper at San Francisco, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Cole might have relatives in the Salt Lake City Division territory. SAC Pieper advised that Cole had two sisters, Violet Dawson, residing in California, and Pauline Cornett, residing at Stroud, Oklahoma, and that as far as investigation had developed there was nothing indicating Cole might have any contacts at Salt Lake City, Utah. SAC Pieper described Cole as follows:-

Age. 25.  
 Height. 5ft. 8in.  
 Weight. 135 lbs.  
 Build. Medium small.  
 Nationality. American.  
 Complexion. Fair.  
 Eyes. Blue.  
 Hair. Brown.  
 Scars. 2 in. scar corner lip.  
 8 in. scar above knee left leg.

A teletype was furnished the Bureau on the night of December 19, 1937, concerning the information furnished by mail carrier Nielson.

After talking to the San Francisco office, agent accompanied by Special Agent R.J. Abbaticchio Jr., maintained surveillance over the

Fair Inn and the Royal Inn, both beer taverns at the corner of 2nd South and West Temple, and during the time spent in the same ascertained that Nita was well known and usually visited both taverns in the evenings, although she often got sufficiently drunk on Saturday nights that she failed to appear on Sunday. No information could be secured indicating where Nita resided. However, information was secured indicating that she had a girl friend working in a cafe at 122 West South Temple. Discreet inquiries at this cafe developed that the girl waiter therein knew Nita only slightly, and had been on one party with her, but had no information concerning where Nita resided.

On the evening of December 20, 1937, Special Agent Howard S. Hoover accompanied by Special Agent O.H. Patterson called at the Fair Inn, and after some inquiry located the girl known as Nita. Nita advised that her true name was Edna Anita Hyatt, and that her maiden name was Webb. Hyatt readily stated that the whole story concerning her relationship with Cole was a fabrication and a figment of her imagination. She stated that she had become somewhat intoxicated, although she had not reached the stage of a complete lapse of memory, and upon sobering up the next day recalled that she had made these remarks to numerous individuals concerning her association with Cole. Hyatt stated that she had no idea who Cole was and never knew he existed until she observed his photograph which appeared in an issue of the "Salt Lake Telegram"; that her story concerning his age and the manner of his escape was obtained solely from the news article appearing in the "Telegram" with Cole's picture. Hyatt further informed that she did not know why she had allowed her imagination to run away with her in such a manner, but indicated that she had been rather morose on the evening in question, and that the drinking of too much beer had only accentuated this moroseness which had resulted in the story concerning Cole.

Hyatt advised that her ex-husband Phil Hyatt was presently working around Ely, Nevada, in some of the gambling halls; that prior to their divorce sometime last Spring, she and her husband had operated the Nevada Club, just outside Ely, Nevada. Hyatt informed that she is one of two licensed women bar tenders in the State of Nevada, and she is at the present time trying to locate work in that line in Salt Lake City. She stated that up until approximately two weeks ago she had worked in Innies Inn, 122 West 2nd South, of which Sammy Lyte is the Manager. Hyatt further informed that she has been staying off and on at the New Elk Hotel, 44<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> East 2nd South Street, but that she had not stayed there regularly. Hyatt further informed that her mother, Mrs. James (Grace) Quinn, is now living at 223 South 11th East Street, Salt Lake City, although she seldom sees her real mother. Hyatt further informed that her step-mother Mrs. Jack (Lucy) Switzer, resides at 228 Vine Street, Murray, Utah, and that Jack Switzer, her stepfather, operates a small garage adjoining the residence. Hyatt further informed that she only has one brother Gordon Webb, who is married and has two children,

and who lives in Salt Lake City, exact address not known. Hyatt further informed that she has never been in Oklahoma and as far as she knows has no relatives in that section of the United States. She informed that she was born at Murray, Utah, in March of 1913, and has only been in the States of Utah and Nevada. Edna Anita Hyatt is described as follows:-

Age.	24.
Height.	5ft. 6in.
Weight.	128 lbs.
Eyes.	Brown.
Hair.	Blonde.
Build.	Slender.
Complexion.	Light.
Face.	Oval, rather puffy cheeks, thin lips.
Dress.	Black coat, black skirt with red blouse, no hat.
Nationality.	American.
Sex.	Female.

On the morning of December 21, 1937, agent called at the New Elk Hotel, a very cheap hotel located at 44½ E. 2nd South, and examined the hotel register through the courtesy of Manager E.B. Taylor. The register reflects that Mr. and Mrs. Anita Hyatt first registered at the New Elk Hotel on November 11th, 1937, after which date there are several periodic registrations, the last one being December 18th, 1937. Mr. Taylor stated that so far as he knew Anita Hyatt was married, although he admitted that on one occasion she had appeared at the New Elk and registered as man and wife with a soldier, who was not the individual with whom she customarily came to the hotel. Mr. Taylor further stated that she, Hyatt, was always the one who registered, and not the husband. Mr. Taylor further stated that she had stayed at the hotel usually anywhere from two days to a week at a time, would check out and be away several days and would then reappear, and that he did not know where she stayed in the meantime.

Agent examined the Salt Lake City Directory, which verified the information furnished by Anita Hyatt that her mother, Mrs. James Quinn resides at 223 South 11th East Street, Salt Lake, and that her stepmother Mrs. Jack Switzer resides at 228 Vine Street, Murray, Utah.

Agent interviewed Jack Switzer, 228 Vine Street, Murray, Utah, on the afternoon of December 21, 1937, at which time Mr. Switzer advised that no stock whatsoever could be placed in any story which Anita Hyatt might tell; that she was a notorious liar and had often professed relationship with individuals whose pictures appeared in the paper or who had received some kind of notoriety. He further stated that Anita Hyatt, until last Spring, was married to one Phil Hyatt, and that the two of them operated the Nevada Club near Ely, Nevada; that Anita returned to Salt Lake City and Murray, from Nevada, some time last spring or early summer, and has been living in Salt Lake City since that time. Jack Switzer was unable to state where Anita Hyatt was living in Salt Lake City, stating that perhaps his wife would know.

Mrs. Jack Switzer advised that she was the stepmother of Anita Hyatt , in that she had married Anita's father subsequent to his divorce from Anita's mother. Mrs. Switzer stated that the only brother of Anita is Gordon Webb, who at the present time is living in Salt Lake City, and that none of Anita's family were ever in the State of Oklahoma, and corroborated information previously furnished by her husband Jack Switzer that Anita is a notorious liar. She further stated that on several occasions Anita has brought male friends to their home whom she had just met, and had told her that she had known her male companion for a good many years and probably in some place outside of the State of Utah, which caused considerable embarrassment to her male escort who knew perfectly well that he had just met Anita. Mrs. Switzer stated that on numerous occasions Anita has pointed out to her pictures in the paper, or notorious news items or write-ups concerning other individuals, and professed acquaintance with such individuals whom she, Mrs. Switzer, knew perfectly well that she could not possibly have ever known. Mrs. Switzer stated that she did not know where Anita was living in Salt Lake City; that she had not seen her for approximately three weeks, although Anita had telephoned her the night previous to agent's visit and inquired as to the size shirt she should buy for one of her, Mrs. Switzer's children, for a Christmas present. However, Mrs. Switzer informed that Anita had told her that in the event she desired to reach her to get in touch with Sammy Lyte, Manager of Immies Inn.

From the above investigation it would appear that the whole story of Anita's alleged relationship with Cole is definitely a fabrication.

Agent obtained a copy of the Salt Lake City "Telegram" which carried a picture of Cole and Roe, and observed that the story running alongside of these photographs mentioned Cole's age, where he was from and the fact that it was suspected that a launch and a small boat had been used in effecting their escape from Alcatraz.

Telegrams were immediately directed to the Bureau and to the San Francisco Field Division advising that the girl Anita was a confirmed liar and admitted that her story was a fabrication.

The Oklahoma Field Division is being designated the office of origin in this case, inasmuch as the newspaper articles, which is the only information in the possession of this office, indicated that Cole and Roe were originally convicted in Oklahoma. The title of instant report is probably incomplete, but this office does not have in its possession any reports or other matter indicating the aliases of the two fugitives.

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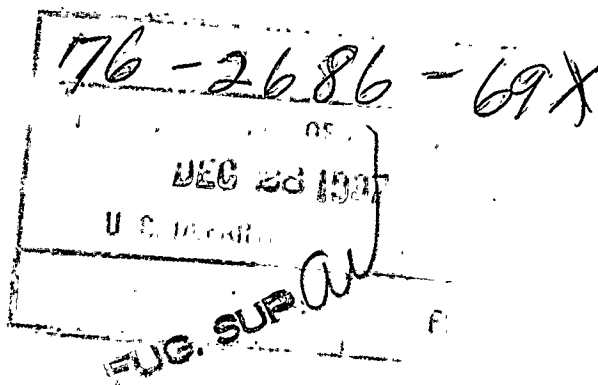
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
December 23rd, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: <sup>0</sup> RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

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Confirming my teletype message of December 22nd, 1937, and in accordance with instructions received from the Bureau (Mr. Tamm), in a telephone conversation with me yesterday, I have contacted Miss Hilda Hatley, Assistant Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Arkansas, at Little Rock, who advised me that the first information she had concerning the release of GALATAS, was that on or about October 31st, 1937, Bill Brandenburg, who was formerly Chief of Police at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who is now a private detective in Little Rock, called at the Probation Office in the Federal Building, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, the wife of RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS and indicated that they were proceeding to Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of returning GALATAS to Hot Springs.

Miss Hatley stated that the next information she had was that on November 2nd, 1937, RICHARD GALATAS accompanied by C. Floyd Huff, came to her office in the Federal Building, with Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas and that RICHARD GALATAS filled in the arrival notice which is required, which shows his residence as 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and his date of arrival at that point as November 1st, 1937. The notice indicated that he reported to C. Floyd Huff, his Parole Advisor, on

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November 1st, 1937. This arrival notice is attested by C. Floyd Huff, as Parole Advisor to GALATAS, as indicated by his signature.

The only other information in the file concerning the connection of Huff and GALATAS is a letter, which it is believed has no bearing upon this particular matter, but rather refers to a possible parole for GALATAS. This letter is dated December 5th, 1936, and is addressed by C. Floyd Huff, Junior, to Mr. Al H. Reed, who was then the Federal Probation Officer in Little Rock, he having been succeeded by John Reeves, the present Probation Officer. This letter has been copied and the Bureau is being furnished with copies for its information, as well as the reply made by Mr. Reed to Mr. Huff, which is dated December 7th, 1936.

Miss Hatley informed me that the ordinary procedure on Conditional Releases, is that the convict is returned to the District where he was originally convicted and is placed under the supervision of the Probation Officer for that District. If the convict is to be supervised in a District other than where convicted, the release plan, which is ordinarily prepared some months in advance from information furnished to the institution of confinement by the convict himself, is forwarded through regular channels to the Probation Officer in the District of supervision and the approved plan is returned by the Probation Officer in the District of supervision to the institution, prior to the release of the convict.

Miss Hatley informed me that there is no record in her files to indicate that the Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Arkansas, has received

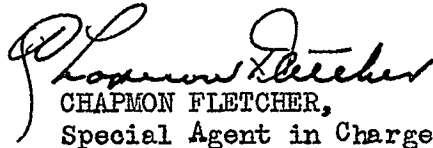
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any release plans concerning GALATAS, nor does her file reflect that any plan has been either approved or disapproved and there is nothing which would indicate that there has been any approval of C. Floyd Huff to act as the Parole Advisor for GALATAS.

In view of the above, I have communicated by telephone with our Kansas City Field Office and requested that they make the necessary contact with the Federal Probation Officer in Kansas City, Missouri, as well as the Parole Officer at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, in order that it may be determined what correspondence, if any, was had between C. Floyd Huff and GALATAS, or between either GALATAS or Huff with the Leavenworth Penitentiary, or the institution at Alcatraz, concerning the supervision of GALATAS by C. Floyd Huff. The Kansas City Office has been requested to advise the Bureau by teletype.

Very truly yours,

  
CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Oklahoma City  
Kansas City (2)  
San Francisco

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December 7, 1936

Mr. C. Floyd Huff, Jr.,  
Attorney at Law,  
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Huff:

Re: Richard T. Galatas,  
# 331-AZ

This is in reply to your letter of the 5th instant, relative to parole of the above named subject.

Please be advised that the Parole Board never has, as yet, requested any information from this office regarding the record of an inmate incident to it's consideration of application for parole. Admission summary and case history, which is in possession of Parole Officer, is all the information needed by the Parole Board in rendering it's decision.

In event the Board finds that an inmate is eligible for parole, the Parole Officer arranges a parole plan and submits same to the office for investigation and recommendation.

Very truly yours,

A. E. REED,  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER,

By

W. F. Crutchfield,  
Assistant.

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C. FLOYD HUFF, JR.  
Attorney and Counsellor at Law  
Hot Springs, Ark.

December 5, 1936

Al E. Reed  
U. S. Probation Officer  
Federal Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Richard T. Galatas  
331 - AZ  
Alcatraz Penitentiary

Dear Mr. Reed:

The application for parole of the above named convict, whom you know, will come up some time this month.

It may be that the Parole Board will request some information from you regarding him. Among other things, they may ask as to the disposition of a certain State charge against him in Pulaski County in 1934. In this case, the Prosecuting Attorney's record will disclose that the charge was dismissed as it was learned that Galatas had nothing to do with the case.

Should the Board write you, I would appreciate anything you could do that would help Galatas make his parole, as I believe that he has been sufficiently punished, and furthermore, I can guarantee that he will not in any way violate his parole.

Yours truly,

/s/ C. FLOYD HUFF JR

C. Floyd Huff, Jr.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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December 23, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

ALL FIELD OFFICES in Continental U.S.A.

RALPH ROE AND THEODORE COLE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-16, 18-21-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHAPMON FLETCHER</b> IN
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Neighbors, business contacts and associates furnish information that Richard Tallman Galatas was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, each day during the week beginning December 13, 1937, until Saturday, December 18, 1937, at which time he left Hot Springs, Arkansas, ostensibly to visit his wife's relatives at Detroit, Michigan, over the Christmas Holidays. Galatas and wife traveling in 1937 Plymouth Two Door Sedan, Motor # P4-552396. Galatas has fifteen day leave of absence from Eastern District of Arkansas obtained through probation officer, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Kansas City Office to Little Rock Office, December 19, 1937.  
Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 17, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

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This inquiry is based upon a long distance telephone call received from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley at Kansas City, Missouri, by the writer on the night of December 18, 1937, in which Mr. Brantley

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advised that the Bureau was desirous of learning the present whereabouts of Richard Tallman Galatas, and it was also desired that it be ascertained the whereabouts of Galatas on Thursday, December 16, 1937, the date the subjects of this case effected their escape from the Alcatraz Prison at San Francisco, California.

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Miss Hilda Hatley, Assistant Federal Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Arkansas, in the absence of the Probation Officer, Mr. John Reeves, was contacted and advised that on Saturday morning, December 18, 1937, Richard Galatas telephoned her from Hot Springs, Arkansas; the purpose of the call being to learn whether she or Mr. Reeves would be in the office about noon of that day, and being informed that she would be there, she later personally saw Galatas when he called at the office shortly after 1:00 o'clock P. M., December 18, 1937, and made final arrangements for a fifteen day leave of absence from this district for the purpose of going with his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, to Detroit, Michigan, where he stated they would spend the Christmas holidays with the mother of Mrs. Galatas, who, according to the records of the Probation Officer, is Mrs. Lydia McFadden, who in 1935 was residing at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He also indicated that the sisters of Mrs. Galatas, Mrs. Lee Cady, or Cody, employed in 1935 by the Kimble Piano Company of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. C. A. McKaig, who in 1935 resided at Bell River, Ontario, would also be present at the family gathering. He stated at the time, or on some previous occasion, Miss Hatley is not certain, that the Kimble Piano Company where Mrs. Galatas' sister was employed in 1935 was no longer in business. Miss Hatley was unable to furnish any more definite information concerning the addresses of the mother and sisters of Mrs. Galatas. She further stated that Galatas had said that enroute to Detroit he would stop for a while at Chicago, Illinois, but she did not indicate the length of time he would be there, or through whom he could be reached. Miss

Hatley advised that she paid little or no attention to what Galatas was saying about the people he was to visit, but feels certain that she could have learned of this if she had made the necessary inquiry, and that in her future contacts with Galatas she will always secure more definite information. Miss Hatley stated that the last record or recollection previous to December 18th, that she has of Galatas is a notation in her files, and her own personal recollection that he came to the office in the Federal Building in Little Rock, on December 5, 1937. She stated that Galatas informed her that he would probably not remain away the entire fifteen days, but expected to return to Little Rock about December 20th.

The Bureau was acquainted by telephone with the substance of the information above set forth.

#### AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. R. Morley and D. P. Sullivan:

On Thursday, December 16, 1937, prior to press reports of the escape of these two subjects, Special Agent Morley, in a general discussion with Cecil Brock, former Identification Superintendent, Hot Springs Police Department, was informed by Mr. Brock that he, Brock, had talked to Richard Tallman Galatas on the streets of Hot Springs on Wednesday, December 15, 1937. Brock related as the substance of this conversation that Galatas had informed him that he was "clear" for the first time in many years, and that he intended to stay that way. Brock advised Special Agent Morley at this time that Galatas was, and had been residing with his wife at # 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, since his release from the penitentiary early in November, 1937.

Also prior to the escape of these prisoners, Special Agent Morley discussed Richard Tallman Galatas with Captain Jerry E. Watkins of the Hot Springs Police Department. Captain Watkins advised Agent Morley that Galatas had returned



to Hot Springs immediately upon his release from Leavenworth Penitentiary, having been brought back to Hot Springs by Floyd "Babe" Huff, former United States Commissioner at Hot Springs. Captain Watkins stated Galatas was residing at # 18 Dell Street, which is only one and one-half blocks from the home of Captain Watkins. Captain Watkins advised that he in passing back and forth in front of the Galatas home had observed Richard Tallman Galatas almost daily since his release from the Federal Penitentiary.

Subsequent to the receipt of the above information Special Agent D. R. Morley was telephonically advised by the writer that the Bureau desired to determine definitely the whereabouts of Richard Tallman Galatas during the week beginning December 13, 1937.

Observation of the house at # 18 Dell Street, intermittently on December 19, and 20th indicated that the occupants were not at home; the daily papers being left on the front porch and several advertising circulars stuck in the doors of the house.

W. B. Armstrong, Arkansas State Police, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advised Special Agent Morley that he had not personally observed Richard Tallman Galatas since his return from the Federal Penitentiary, but had heard through numerous persons that Galatas was spending all his time in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Efforts by Mr. Armstrong to definitely place Galatas in Hot Springs were not productive.

Agent Morley, having been advised by Arkansas State Trooper Armstrong that Chief of Police Eldon Rasberry of the Hot Springs Police Department had conducted some investigation of Galatas it was deemed advisable to contact Chief Rasberry.

Chief of Police Eldon Rasberry advised Special Agent Morley that shortly after Galatas returned from the Federal Penitentiary around November 1, 1937, he had detailed a man to note the contacts made at Galatas' home, and to obtain any license numbers which appeared to be suspicious in that connection. Pursuant to these orders Chief Rasberry obtained

information that Packard, bearing Illinois 1931 license plates / 1-386-547, was parked at the Galatas home frequently. Telegraphic communication with the State Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Illinois disclosed that the above license plates were issued to one C. H. McKinney of 311 West Walnut Street, Carbondale, Illinois, for a 1937 Packard Sedan, Motor # T 5647. By letter from acting Chief of Police C. J. Bremer, Chief Raspberry learned that McKinney was considered a ne'er-do-well, although he was not wanted for any law violation at Carbondale, Illinois. In connection with inquiries concerning McKinney, both McKinney and Richard Tallman Galatas appeared at the Hot Springs Police Department on November 30, 1937, and talked to Chief Raspberry, advising him that they planned to go into the freight hauling business together and that this was the reason for their association. Chief Raspberry further stated that McKinney's first name is either Corliss or Carlos. The only other known associates of Dick Galatas since his return to Hot Springs, according to Chief Raspberry, are Frank Clark, operator of the Bellair Lodge, 637 Park Avenue, and Bill Brandenburg, who spends most of his time around the Hotel Marion, Little Rock, Arkansas. Efforts by Chief Raspberry to obtain definite information as to Galatas' whereabouts during the week of December 15, 1937, met with negative results.

With the assistance of Assistant Postmaster J. K. Brady, Agent Morley contacted letter carrier # 2, Mr. N. Boston, who delivers mail at the Galatas home. Mr. Boston related that he had not seen Dick Galatas since his return from the Federal Penitentiary, but that from observation he believed the house at # 18 Dell Street to have been occupied regularly until Saturday, December 18, 1937. Subsequent to that time, according to Mr. Boston, the house appears to be deserted, inasmuch as there are newspapers lying on the front porch, and advertising circulars stuck in the front doors. Mr. Boston further advised that he had received no forwarding address, nor temporary forwarding address from the Galatas family. He was unable to furnish any information relative to any Detroit, Michigan, connection of the Galatas family.

In company with Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Agent Morley interviewed Mr. J. C. Childs, Childs Service Station, Park and Ramble Streets. Mr. Childs related that he gets part of the service station business of Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, and that in this connection he had seen Richard Tallman Galatas on either Monday or Tuesday, December 13th or 14th, 1937, having serviced the Galatas car at this time.

Mr. Calvin J. Harris, service station operator opposite the Majestic Hotel, Park Avenue, advised that he gets a substantial portion of Galatas' service station business, and that in this connection he had seen Richard Tallman Galatas at least once every two or three days since his return from the Federal Penitentiary about November 1, 1937. Harris stated definitely that he had seen Galatas at least twice, and probably three times during the week of December 13, 1937. He was unable to state exactly which days Galatas had visited his station.

Mr. Yeldon "Dub" Lewis, Esso Service Station, 701 Park Avenue, advised that occasionally the Galatas family stops at his station for service. In this connection he stated that Galatas had made a purchase of gas or oil from him on either Tuesday or Wednesday, December 14th or 15th, 1937.

Charley Brandenburg, Brandenburg Cleaners, Hatterie Hotel Building, exhibited to Special Agents Morley and Sullivan an order placed by Richard Tallman Galatas personally on December 17, 1937, to have a man's suit and a lady's dress cleaned and pressed. Brandenburg particularly recalled that Galatas stated at this time he wanted the suit back either the same day or before 10:00 o'clock A. M., December 18, 1937.

In this connection Galatas called at approximately 9:00 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, December 18, 1937, obtained and paid for the suit and dress. Mr. Brandenburg exhibited to Agents a duplicate receipt dated December 18, 1937, indicating that this cleaning and pressing bill had been paid. Payment was made according to Brandenburg by Galatas personally.

United States Commissioner Robert J. Clover, Arkansas National Bank Building, stated to Special Agent Morley that he personally knew that former United States Commissioner Floyd "Dabo" Huff had gone to the Leavenworth Penitentiary to meet Calatas at the time of his release from that institution in early November, 1937, and had brought Calatas back to Hot Springs with him, and that Calatas had part-time employment at Carrigan-Stephens Men's Clothing Store, 258 Central Avenue, Hot Springs. Commissioner Clover stated he did not know Calatas personally, but frequently heard of him, and was of the opinion that Calatas had been in Hot Springs all the time since his release from the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowrey, 120 Dell Street, were contacted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan under the pretext that he was a representative of the Parole and Probation Branch of the Department of Justice making routine inquiry about Calatas. Mr. Lowrey advised that he had rented the house at 18 Dell Street to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Calatas for approximately three years; that from observation he had ascertained that both Richard and Mrs. Elizabeth Calatas leave home fairly early each morning, and Richard Calatas returns for approximately one hour around 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock; that Mrs. Calatas is home from approximately 1:00 to 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and that both have been at home every night until Saturday, December 18, 1937, at which time they left to spend the holidays with Mrs. Calatas' family. Mrs. Lowrey stated positively to Special Agent Sullivan that she had seen Dick Calatas at 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, every day during the week beginning December 13, 1937. This observation was occasioned by the fact that Calatas would early each evening feed his dogs in the back yard during which time he was observed by Mrs. Lowrey. Further John Lowrey advised that he particularly recalled Calatas calling on him at his wholesale grocery store at about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, December 16, 1937, in company with a man introduced as Mr. Komey or McKinney. Calatas and McKinney at this time discussed with Mr. Lowrey a proposition whereby they intended to start a freight transportation business, and were "feeling out" Mr. Lowrey as a possible

prospective customer. Mr. Lowrey stated that on the same day, Thursday, December 16, 1937, at approximately 6:00 P. M., Richard Tallman Galatas called upon him at his home, # 20 Dell Street, for further discussion of the above mentioned proposition. The Lowreys advised that Mr. and Mrs. Galatas had recently purchased a new Plymouth automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ayvazian, # 16 Dell Street, were contacted by Special Agent D. W. Morley under pretext similar to that used by Special Agent Sullivan in the above contact with Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey. The Ayvasians stated Richard Tallman Galatas had been residing at # 18 Dell Street with his wife since either the last of October or first part of November, 1937. Mrs. Ayvazian related she had contacted Mrs. Galatas on numerous occasions and that she personally observed Mr. Galatas every day during the week beginning Monday, December 13, 1937. This observation by Mrs. Ayvazian was due to the fact that the Galatas driveway is on the side of the house next to the Ayvazian home, and that she, Mrs. Ayvazian observed Galatas driving in and out of the driveway morning, noon and evening. She stated she could positively and without reservation state that Galatas had been at his home each day during the week beginning December 13, 1937, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Galatas left for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Ayvazian stated she did not know exactly where they intended to go, but she understood they were to visit relatives in Detroit, Michigan, or in Canada just across from Detroit, Michigan. She is unable to furnish any definite information relative to the possible contacts of the Galatas family in Detroit. Concerning the personal habits of Galatas, Mrs. Ayvazian related that he was out every day all morning and afternoon, but that he had never failed to be at the Galatas home during the late evening and night.

Mr. S. H. Patterson, Salesman, Evans-Roader Motor Company, stated he had endeavored to sell Richard Tallman Galatas a DeSoto automobile and in this connection had seen Galatas twice during the week of December 13, 1937. The first time he merely saw Galatas in passing and did not have an opportunity to converse with him, but on Friday,

December 17, 1937, he saw and talked to Galatas on the streets of Hot Springs, Arkansas, learning that Galatas had already purchased a Plymouth automobile through the Hoge Holiman Motor Company.

Mr. Hoge Holiman, and Bookkeeper V. S. Smith, Holiman Motor Company, Chrysler - Plymouth Agency, both advised that Galatas has been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, since his release from the Federal Penitentiary around November 1, 1937. These gentlemen exhibited a contract where by Mrs. E. B. Galatas, # 18 Doll Street, purchased a 1937 Plymouth Deluxe Two Door Sedan, gun metal in color, Motor # P4-552396, serial # 9198169, on November 30, 1937. Both Smith and Holiman related that Galatas had been in the motor company offices on two or three occasions during the week of December 13, 1937, his last visit being on Saturday, December 18, 1937, just prior to his departure for the Christmas holidays. These gentlemen were unable to furnish any information as to where Galatas might be found during his holiday trip. Mr. Holiman related that Galatas had some connection with Currihan-Stophens Men's Clothing Store, but that Galatas had spent practically every day since the quail season opened hunting quail; according to Holiman he frequently goes out alone to hunt. Holiman related that he had not assisted Galatas in obtaining licenses for this car, and that on Saturday, December 18, 1937, Galatas asked him whether he felt that a license would be essential, to which Holiman replied that he felt that because of the fact that new licenses would be out January 1, 1938, no plates would be necessary for Galatas' trip. It is the belief of Mr. Holiman that Galatas does not have a license plate on the car, but merely a tag "License applied for".

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Mr. Barry F. Sullards, Auto License Division, State Revenue Department, assisted Agent Lerloy in a thorough check of the records under both the motor number of the Galatas car, and the name Mrs. E. B. Galatas. There is no record of a registration or an issuance of a license to the Galatas automobile. Mr. Sullards advised that no license was necessary for cars purchased subsequent to December 15, 1937, and that the Arkansas State Officers will not stop unlicensed cars at the present time.

Inasmuch as the above information definitely places Calatas in Hot Springs each day during the week of December 13, 1937, further investigation at Hot Springs was deemed inexpedient at the present time.

The substance of the information above set forth was communicated by telephone to the Bureau (Mr. Tamm) at which time the Bureau indicated that it was the desire of the Bureau that as much information as possible be learned at Hot Springs concerning the place in Detroit where Calatas might presently be located, and that subsequent to this the Detroit Office should be requested to ascertain without any personal contact with Calatas or his relatives whether Calatas was at this time in Detroit, and if so that the Bureau should be advised by teletypewriter message. Therefore as instructed by the Bureau the substance of the above information, in so far as it concerned the present whereabouts of Calatas in Detroit was furnished by the writer telephonically to the Detroit Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION at Trails Inn, Arkansas, will conduct the investigation requested in the report of reference.

P E N D I N G

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI CALLING FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE  
PHOENIX 0711

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES 12-18-37 8. PM FL

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SAC PHOENIX

RALPH ROE WA ETAL FUGITIVE EFP. MARIE BLACKWELL MENTIONED  
REPORT MURPHY OKLAHOMA CITY DECEMBER SEVENTEEN last  
ACCORDING TO GEORGE DONNELLY DEPUTY SHERIFF AND CHIEF OF POLICE  
C C BLAIR WINSLOW ARIZONA OPERATED ARIZONA HOTEL THERE UNTIL  
FEBRUARY THIRTYFIVE WHEN SHE ALLEGEDLY DEPARTED FOR PRESCOTT  
ARIZONA. THIS INFORMATION OBTAINED AT THAT TIME BY SA C J  
ENDRES WHO INFORMED CHIEF OF POLICE E J WYATT AND GEORGE RUFFNER  
DEPUTY SHERIFF BOTH OF PRESCOTT ARIZONA WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD  
ENDEAVOR LOCATE HER AND KEEP HER UNDER SURVEILLANCE. THIS INQUIRY  
MADE IN FEBRUARY THIRTYFIVE AFTER OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE HAD ADVISED  
OF HER CONNECTION WITH ROE AND FACT THAT SHE CONSORTED WITH  
CRIMINALS.

HANSON

END

✓ CC: BUREAU  
CC: OKLAHOMA CITY

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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ER	DEFERRED CABLE
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TYPER	LETTER
IOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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CWS:WB

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
DECEMBER 21, 1937

G. T. Jones  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
478 Federal Building  
San Antonio, Texas

RALPH ROE WAFUG, THEODORE COLE WAFUG, EFP. ROY COLE, BROTHER OF FUGITIVE, REPORTED  
RELEASED FROM HUNTSVILLE EARLY NINETEEN THIRTY SIX. EXPEDITIOUSLY SECURE ALL  
PERTINENT INFORMATION LEADING TOWARD PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR ASSISTING IN LOCATION,  
INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS.

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cc Bureau

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SYSTEM	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTER
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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 21 1937 JET:FB 76-290

J H HANSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
903 PACIFIC COMMERCE BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL BEP ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY RESULTS INTERVIEW.

MR AND MRS FRED COLE AND VIOLA DAWSON. CONTINUE APPROPRIATE COVERAGE COLE

HOME. FORWARD REPORT AMSD. as requested REPORT JE THORNTON DECEMBER TWENTIETH.

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cc: Bureau  
cc: Oklahoma City

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R H COLVIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
202 US COURTHOUSE  
EL PASO TEXAS

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL ETP ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY RESULTS INTERVIEW  
WITH JAMES ROE AND WANDA STUKEY REPORTED RESIDING HOBBS NEW MEXICO PO DRAWER  
M. FORWARD REPORT AMSD.

cc: Bureau  
cc: Oklahoma City

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1729 - 111 Street St.

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GRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 21 1937 JET:PB

C W STEIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL RFP ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY RESULTS INTERVIEW  
MRS PAULINE CORNETT JOHN ROE BATHUR OF SUBJECT ROE MATTIE FINE LICK CO. RIL  
AND BERTIE FRUIT. FORWARD REPORT ASD AS REQUESTED REPORT JE THORNTON DECEMBER  
TWENTIETH.

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WJG. SUP. AW

cc: Bureau

Charge-Governor of the  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1724 - 111 Sutter St

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 22, 1937.

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Captain R. R. Lukens,  
Inspector in Charge,  
United States Coast Geodetic Survey,  
Customs House,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE. Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent W. F. WOOD has advised me  
of the excellent cooperation which was recently given him  
by Miss MARIE SMITHSON and Mr. H. S. BALLARD, of the Un-  
ited States Coast Geodetic Survey.

The information requested by Mr. WOOD  
was of an expeditious nature, and the promptness and thor-  
oughness with which these persons cooperated is very com-  
mendable.

For your information, Mr. BALLARD made a  
special trip over the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge  
late at night, to assist, and therefore I am enclosing  
herewith a check in the amount of \$1.00, to reimburse  
him for the bridge fares.

Very truly yours,

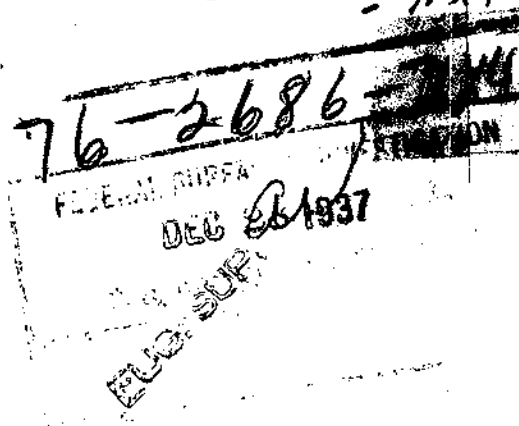
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JET:IST  
Refer file  
#76-290.

M.J.L. PIEPER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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CWS:WB

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
DECEMBER 21, 1937

N.J.L. Pieper  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter Bldg., Room 1729  
San Francisco, California

RALPH ROE WAFUG ETAL EFP. SUBJECTS FATHER, JOHN ROE, DIED JUNE LAST YEAR. MATTIE FINE RESIDING ARDMORE OKLAHOMA LAST HEARD FROM ROE WHEN CONFINED LEAVENWORTH. NOW ENGAGED TO YOUNG MAN IN ARDMORE AND PROMISES COOPERATION. BIRDIE PRUITT, BONDSWOMAN RESIDING ARDMORE SAYS ROE OWES HER MONEY AND UNLIKELY HE WILL CONTACT HER. PROMISES COOPERATION. JIMMY ROE REPORTING US PROBATION OFFICER ELPASO RESIDING WINK TEXAS. ELPASO OFFICE REQUESTED TODAY TO SECURE PERTINENT INFORMATION COVERING JIMMY ROE. ROES RELATIVES DUNCAN OKLAHOMA PROMISE COOPERATION SAYING HE HAS NOT CONTACTED THEM SUBSEQUENT TO BANK ROBBERY SULPHUR OKLAHOMA

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the un-repeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination, to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

Victorville Calif  
Dec 20th 1937.

J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir:,

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Enclosed the photo,s of the boys that escaped from Alcatraz and  
looking at it,brought to my mind the thought,  
That in a case like this,if it is possible,that pictures should  
be printed in all of the principle newspapers,every day.  
That it would be about the best possible way to get them establi-  
-shed in the minds of the reading public and that their capture  
would be almost a certainty.  
Not only in this case,but in any case wherein the Gov was very  
anxious to apprehend any certain criminal.

Respectively

*Fred Ochiltree*  
Fred Ochiltree.

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SAN BERNARDINO DAILY SUN, SUNDAY, DECEMBER

# San Francisco Capitalist Ordered

## G-MEN HUNT ALCATRAZ FELONS



Federal agents have begun a search for two convicts who escaped from Uncle Sam's "Devil's Island" in San Francisco bay although Warden James A. Johnston believes they were swept out to sea by a heavy tide and perished. The desperadoes, Theodore Cole (left), 25, and Ralph Roe, 32, escaped in a heavy fog.

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December 30, 1937.

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Mr. Fred Ochiltree,  
Victorville, California.

Dear Mr. Ochiltree:

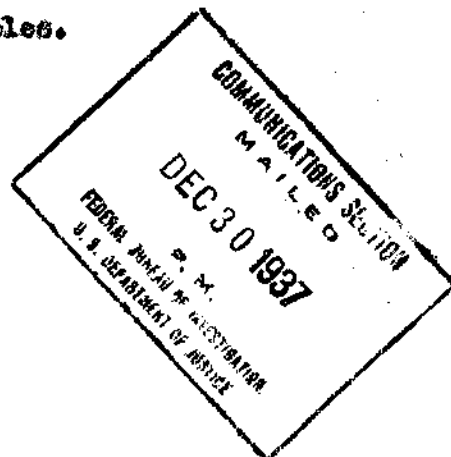
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 20, 1937, in which you suggest that photographs of important criminals be printed in all of the leading newspapers each day until they are apprehended, and that in your opinion this would be the best possible way to effect the apprehension of wanted fugitives.

I desire to thank you for your suggestion and for your interest in this matter as reflected by your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Los Angeles.



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DATE 8/1/51

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA 5:45 PM  
DECEMBER 22d, 1937

G. T. JONES  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
478 FEDERAL BUILDING  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

RALPH ROE, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVES, BFP. DISREGARD CHECK HUNTSVILLE  
FOR ROY COLE AND ENDEAVOR SECURE SAME INFORMATION REQUESTED TELEGRAM LAST  
NIGHT FOR ROY ROE.

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✓ CC \* BUREAU  
San Francisco

GOVT. RATE \* CHG. FBI,  
224 FED. BLDG., OKLA. CITY

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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PORTLAND OREGON

DEC 19 1937

R E VETTERLI FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE  
607 U S COURT HOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE  
NEW YORK CITY

RALPH ROE WA THEODORE COLE FUGITIVES EFF IMMEDIATELY VERIFY WHETHER ONE  
MAXWELL BROWN OPERATES SILK CONCERN 112 MADISON AVENUE NYC AND WHETHER  
HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN PORTLAND AND OTHER WEST COAST CITIES DURING  
PAST WEEK EXPEDITE TELEGRAPHIC REPLY

SPEARS

Off. Bus.  
Chgo. Govt Rate  
FBI 411 U.S. Court House

cc: Bureau ✓

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

## ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeat message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeat message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeat-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY**

INCORPORATED

R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

### DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

### DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
GRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
LETTER	REFERRED CABLE
NT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NT LETTER	LETTER
P RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

# Postal Telegram

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER
CHECK
TIME FILED
STANDARD TIME

the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

Form 2

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

DECEMBER 23, 1937  
5 P M

N J L PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

## TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company, or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered in the day of its due absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2:00 p. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2:00 p. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates. As follows: One and one-half times the fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50

words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty in twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRE	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

WRR:KB

10:30 PM

Phoenix, Arizona  
December 21, 1937

N. J. L. Pieper  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter, Room 1729  
San Francisco, California

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL EFP INVESTIGATION WINSLOW, PRESCOTT, FLAGSTAFF  
ARIZONA FAILED AS YET TO LOCATE MARIE BLACKWELL. REPORT OF AGENT J E  
THORNTON DECEMBER TWENTIETH NOT YET RECEIVED

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cc-Bureau ✓  
Oklahoma City

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unreported-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the reported-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption of the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater sum is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
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INCORPORATED  
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

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Full-rate expedited service.

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#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

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FULL RATE MESSAGE UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
SERIAL SERVICE	CODE RATE (CDE)
DAY LETTER	URGENT
NIGHT MESSAGE	URGENT (CDE)
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED (L.C)
	RADIO LETTER (NLT)
SHIP RADIOGRAM	

# Mackay Radio

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Postal

Telegraph

CHECK
RECEIVER'S NUMBER
TIME FILED
7:15 PM

Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO"  
subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 23 1937

DOMESTIC SERVICES } 15 WORDS FOR USUAL PR  
DCC

H J L PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ONE ELEVEN SUTTER, ROOM 1729  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

RALPH ROE WAFUGETAL EFP COLES PARENTS ARRIVED BELL CALIFORNIA ONE FORTY PM WERE COVERED BY AGENTS THROUGHOUT TRIP BEN MCDANIEL AND FAMILY AT MERCED REPORTED TO YOU ~~AS~~ AS RELATIVES OF COLE BY SHERIFF MERCED NOT RELATED TO COLES BUT ARE MEMBERS SAME CHURCH THEY ARE NOT KNOWN TO FUGITIVE COLE

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cc-Bureau  
cc-Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEC 28 1937 A. M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FOR MESSAGE TELEPHONE TRINITY 0731 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX
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SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE TRINITY 0731 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX

THE MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT  
TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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DEC 28 11 21 AM '00

MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED  
DIVISION ONE

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
GRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
LETTER	LETTER
RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

CHECK

TIME FILED

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Form 2

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which are hereby agreed to

SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 21 1937 JET:TB

B E SACKETT  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
316 SECURITY BUILDING  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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MARIE BLACKWELL WINSLOW ARIZONA. FORWARD REPORT AMSD AS REQUESTED REPORT JET THORNTON  
DECEMBER TWENTIETH.

cc: Bureau  
cc: Oklahoma City

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED  
J. G. SUPP

Charge-Government  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1720

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

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### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL-RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. For particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French when transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinate to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sent to direct, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstance messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

**WEEK END CABLE LETTERS** at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under condition applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL. EEP. RAYMOND ROE RESIDES HAYS KANSAS  
STATES LAST HEARD FROM RALPH BY LETTER THREE MONTHS AGO. RAYMOND  
IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST AUGUST BUT DID NOT VISIT PENITENTIARY. REPORT  
JE TROMNTON DECEMBER TWENTY NOT RECEIVED. RAYMOND LAST HEARD  
FROM BROTHER JAMES AT BIG SPRINGS TEXAS IN SEPTEMBER, EMPLOYED  
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DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO OFFICES.

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RALPH ROE WAS, FUGITIVE, THEODORE COLE WAS, FUGITIVE, RFE. ROES BROTHER,  
JIMMIE ROE WAS RELEASED FROM THE US PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, SEVERAL  
MONTHS AGO ON PAROLE, ACCORDING TO US PROBATION OFFICER AT TULSA. ON  
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WAS GIVEN AS BOX TWO SEVEN SEVEN, WINK, TEXAS. CONTACT PROBATION OFFICER,

SECURING ALL DATA FROM FILE AND DETERMINE WHETHER ROE HAS BEEN ADSENT  
FROM TEXAS AND HIS PRESENT LOCATION, AND TO COVER ANY POSSIBLE CONTACTS  
BY FUGITIVES.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

FILE NO. **76-166**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. M. LACEK</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DTR</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Joe Harris, presently incarcerated in Nebraska State Penitentiary, refuses to give any information concerning subjects Roe and Cole. Description of Harris obtained.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:** Telegram from Oklahoma City Field Division dated December 23, 1937; Bureau telegram to Omaha Field Division dated December 23, 1937; teletype from Omaha to Oklahoma City and San Francisco Field Divisions, dated December 23, 1937.

**DETAILS:** At Lincoln, Nebraska -

Joe Harris was interviewed at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, and he advised that he was a very good friend of subject Roe since their boyhood days. Harris further advised that he also knew Theodore Cole very well but absolutely refused to discuss these subjects in any manner whatsoever. Harris stated that he realized what freedom meant to Roe and Cole, and that he will do nothing or say nothing that will interfere with the freedom of subjects. However, Harris advised that he was speaking the truth when he said that he knows nothing of the present whereabouts of subjects.

Mr. Henry Nothombe, Clerk of the Records Division at the Nebraska State Penitentiary secured the file of Joe Harris which indicated the following information:

Joe Harris, No. 11789 was received at the Nebraska State Penitentiary on December 9, 1933 from York County, Nebraska to serve ten years for

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bank robbery. He is now scheduled for release on January 8, 1941. Harris was born in Kansas City, Kansas on March 16, 1908, had a high school education and his home address is Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The following are a list of relatives of Joe Harris:

Mildred Harris, wife, Shawnee, Oklahoma (no children);  
Albert Harris, father, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;  
Emma Harris, mother, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;  
James Harris, brother, Oklahoma City, Okla.;  
Edna Oxford, sister, Broken, Oklahoma.

The following description of Joe Harris was secured through personal observation and questioning:

Name:	JOE HARRIS
Color:	White
Age:	29
Weight:	160 pounds
Complexion:	Fair
Hair:	Dark blond
Eyes:	Gray
Height:	5 ft. 8½ in.
Scars:	Cut scar, two inches in length on the right point of chin. Appendicitis scar from operation on right abdomen.
Occupation:	Electrician
Teeth:	Good condition
Speech:	Talks with a soft-spoken voice which could be considered a very loud whisper.

The file further indicates that Harris received no correspondence whatsoever since his incarceration at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, but the file does indicate that Al Hartman from Lincoln, Nebraska had visited Harris on October 11, 1937. Harris stated that Hartman had approached him sometime ago and wanted him to "rat" on somebody, but this he refused to do. Harris stated that he did not give any information to Hartman whatsoever. It was learned at the penitentiary office that Al Hartman is an assistant to the special agent of the Burlington Railroad at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at the time the writer was in Lincoln, Hartman was not available for an interview.

Mrs. Goldie Fredrick, Clerk at the Probation Office, State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska secured the record of Joe Harris but it did not reveal any substantial information other than above indicated in this report.

ENCLOSURES: TO SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE, two photographs of Joe Harris, Nebraska State Penitentiary No. 11789.

TO OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE, one photograph of Joe Harris.

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# WESTERN UNION

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## CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC CABLE

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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San Antonio Texas Dec 22 1937

C W Stein  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
224 Federal Bldg  
Oklahoma City Okla

Ralph Ree Theodore Colo Wasfugs BFP Roy Colo sentenced from Wichita County Texas four years burglary received TSP March twenty fourth thirty six continuously confined since incarceration now located Central State Farm Sugarland Texas relatives W T Colo father Iowa Park Texas Jimmie Colo brother Iowa Park Dossie Colo sister Iowa Park Enter Winday sister Kilgore Texas Advise if relatives Roy Colo identical with those of fugitive. TSP records being further checked for release of one Roy Colo early in nineteen thirty six

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San Francisco

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2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

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6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission. In the case of intrastate messages in Texas the company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued.

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### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.



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SACS OKLAHOMA CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL, FUGITIVE, EFP. INFORMANT

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# R A D I O G R A M

FULL RATE MESSAGE UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
SERIAL SERVICE	CODE RATE (CDE)
DAY LETTER	URGENT
NIGHT MESSAGE	URGENT (CDE)
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED (LC)
	RADIO LETTER (NLT)
SHIP RADIOGRAM	

## Mackay Radio

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Postal

Telegraph

CHECK
RECEIVER'S NUMBER
TIME FILED

Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO"  
subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

DOMESTIC } 15 WORDS PER  
SERVICES } USUAL PER

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LOS ANGELES CALIF DECEMBER 23 1937

N J L PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
ONE ELEVEN SUTTER, ROOM 1729  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

*Therence*  
RALPH ROE WAETAL EFF COLE HAS COUSIN MRS RALPH PAYNE ROSEVILLE CALIFORNIA

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OFFICIAL GOVT RATE  
CHG FBI LOS ANGELES

cc Bureau cc Okla City

RNP:T  
10:10 am

TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE TRINITY 0731 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE.  
FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

THE MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT  
TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the un-repeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery; but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls therefor, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

PATRONS SHOULD CHECK CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED, OTHERWISE MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FULL-RATE COMMUNICATION

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

CHECK

TIME FILED

STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH  
DECEMBER 21 1937

N J L PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SUITE 1729, 111 SUTTER STR ET  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

THEODORE COLE AND RALPH ROE EFF. GIRL NITA MENTIONED OUR PHONE CONVERSATION NINETEENTH INSTANT LOCATED, IS HABITUE BAR ROOMS, CONFIRMED LIAR AND ADMITTED STORY CONCERNING COLE FABRICATION

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cc - Bureau

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEC 28 1937 A.M.

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 11:00 p. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, but to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figure explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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CORRECTED COPY

FBI SAN FRANCISCO 12-25-37 8-00 PM AVT

DIRECTOR

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE EFT ETAL. INFORMATION RECEIVED A BODY SEEN FLOATING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY NEAR PIER THIRTY SIX AT FIVE PM TODAY, AGENTS IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED TO SCENE AND BODY HAD DISAPPEARED. HOWEVER AGAIN SIGHTED BY AGENTS WITH FLOOD LIGHTS AND WAS REMOVED FROM WATER BY AGENTS AND SAN FRANCISCO POLICE. BODY APPEARED TO BE THAT OF A MAN ABOUT SIXTY YEARS OLD WITH LEFT FOOT AMPUTATED NEAR ANKLE AND IS POSITIVELY NOT EITHER SUBJECT COLE OR ROE. FINGER-PRINTED BY AGENTS AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES LESTER RECENTLY RELEASED FROM LOCAL HOSPITAL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DECEMBER 23, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ET AL ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

IO FOURTEEN SEVENTY-TWO IT IS DESIRED THAT HEREAFTER SAN FRANCISCO

AS WELL AS WASHINGTON BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF INFORMATION RECEIVED

CONCERNING THIS CASE COPIES OF ALL REPORTS OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

SHOULD BE FURNISHED SAN FRANCISCO

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DEC 23 1937

Mr. Nathan .....  
 Mr. Tolson .....  
 Mr. Baughman .....  
 Mr. Clegg .....  
 Mr. Coffey .....  
 Mr. Crowl .....  
 Mr. Egan .....  
 Mr. Foxworth .....  
 Mr. Glavin .....  
 Mr. Harbo .....  
 Mr. Hendon .....  
 Mr. Lester .....  
 Mr. McIntire .....  
 Mr. Pennington .....  
 Mr. Rosen .....  
 Mr. Schilder .....  
 Mr. Tamm .....  
 Mr. Tracy .....  
 Miss Gandy .....

SENT VIA

COPY SENT TO  
WASH. FIELD OFFICENAVAL RADIO  
WESTERN UNION  
POSTAL42  
473.03 PM

Per

POSTAL

TWS HERE

BI 10 12-23-37 3-03PM GOVT

E P GUINANE FBI JUSTICE 404 NEW YORK BLDG ST PAUL MINN

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS IO FOURTEEN SEVENTY-TWO IT IS DESIRED THAT HEREAFTER SAN FRANCISCO AS WELL AS WASHINGTON BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING THIS CASE. COPIES OF ALL REPORTS OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE FURNISHED SAN FRANCISCO.

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YOU HAVE MADE THIS NBR 10 SHOULD BE 11 ARE YOU SENDING THE THIS SHOULD BE BI 11

OK

SEND THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO THE FOLLOWING ALSO

BI 12 V W PETERSON FBI JUSTICE 423 US CT.HOUSE& CUSOM HOUSE ST LOUIS MO

BI 13 R C SURAN FBI JUSTICE 800 JOSEPH VANCE SEATTLE WASHINGTON

BI 14 N J L PIEPER FBI JUSTICE 1729 ONE ELEVEN SUTTER SANFRANCISCO CALIF

BI 15 G. T JONES FBI JUSTICE 478 FEDERAL SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

BI 16 V C ZIMMER FBI JUSTICE 301 CONTINENTAL BANK SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

BI 17 R E JOSEPH FBI JUSTICE 601 RICHMOND TRUST RICHMOND VA

BI 18 C C SPEARS FBI JUSTICE 411 US COURTHOUSE PORTLAND ORE VIA MRT

BI 19 R J UNTREINER FBI JUSTICE 620 NEW FEDERAL PITTSBURGH PA

BI 20 B E SACKETT FBI JUSTICE 316 SECURITY PHOENIX ARIZ

BI 21 R C HENDON FBI JUSTICE 1300 LIBERTY TRUST PHILADELPHIA PENN VIA MRT

BI 22 B F FITZSIMONS FBI JUSTICE 300 COMM.MER. NAT'L BK & TRUST PEORIA IL

BI 23 H B FLETCHER FBI JUSTICE 629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA NEBR

BI 24 C W STEIN FBI JUSTICE 224 FEDERAL OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

BI 25 R E VETTERLI FBI JUSTICE 607 US COURTHOUSE FOLEY SQ. N Y CITY VIA MRT

BI 26 E E CONROY FBI JUSTICE 1308 MASONIC TEMPLE NEW ORLEANS LA VIA MRT

BI 27 T J DONEGAN FBI JUSTICE 936 RAYMOND COMMERCE NEWARK N J

BI 28 T G MELVIN FBI JUSTICE 1021 BANKERS MILWAUKEE WIS

BI 29 R L SHIVERS FBI JUSTICE 1300 BISCAYNE MIAMI FLA

BI 30 J E CLEGG FBI JUSTICE 2401 STERICK MEMPHIS TENN

BI 31 O C DEWEY FBI JUSTICE 775 STARKS LOUISVILLE KY

BI 32 J H HANSON FBI JUSTICE 903 PACIFIC COMMERCE LOS ANGELES CALIF MRT

BI 33 C FLETCHER FBI JUSTICE 500 RECTOR LITTLE ROCK ARK

BI 34 R B HOOD FBI JUSTICE 407 HAMILTON NAT'L BANK KNOXVILLE TENN

BI 35 D BRANTLEY FBI JUSTICE 1612 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK KANSAS CITY MO

H H REINECKE FBI JUSTICE 506 FLETCHER TRUST INDIANAPOLIS IND BI 36

BI 37 J B REYNOLDS FBI JUSTICE 700 WEST VIRGINIA HUNTINGTON WEST VA

BI 38 J L DALTON FBI JUSTICE 907 AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HARTFORD CONN

BI 39 R H COLVIN FBI JUSTICE 202 US COURTHOUSE EL PASO TEXAS

BI 40 J C NEWMAN FBI JUSTICE 911 FEDERAL DETROIT MICH VIA MRT

BI 41 L M CHIPMAN FBI JUSTICE 739 INSURANCE EXCHANGE DES MOINES IOWA

BI 42 R D BROWN FBI JUSTICE 722 MIDLAND SAVINGS DENVER COLO

BI 43 F J BLAKE FBI JUSTICE 1206 TOWER PETROLEUM DALLAS TEXAS

BI 44 T N STAPLETON FBI JUSTICE 1448 STANDARD CLEVELAND OHIO

BI 45 H D HARRIS FBI JUSTICE 1130 ENQUIRER CINCINNATI OHIO

BI 46 D M LADD FBI JUSTICE 1900 BANKERS CHICAGO ILL VIA MRT

BI 47 E SCHEIDT FBI JUSTICE 914 JOHNSTON CHARLOTTE N C

BI 48 H E ANDERSEN FBI JUSTICE 302 FEDERAL BUTTE MONT

BI 49 J W WARNES FBI JUSTICE 400 US COURTHOUSE BUFFALO N Y

BI 50 W J WEST FBI JUSTICE 10 POST OFFICE SQ. ROOM 950 BOSTON MASS MRT

BI 51 J S BUGAS FBI JUSTICE 320 FEDERAL BIRMINGHAM ALA

BI 52 J W VINCENT FBI JUSTICE 501 HEALEY ATLANTA GA

CLEAR NOW

ACCORDING MY COUNT THIS BOOK CONTAINS 40 THERE IS 42

YOUR RIGHT IM SORRY



~~WESTERN UNION~~

TWS HERE

BI 6      12-23-37      3-40PM      GOVT

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DEC 24 1937

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

W5 70 GOVT COLLECT

MX SALT LAKE CITY UTAH 1013A DEC 24 1937

DIRECTOR

FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE EFP EYEO FOURTEEN SEVEN TWO. RENO NEVADA  
POLICE ADVISE WOMAN CLAIMS RAPED NIGHT DECEMBER TWENTY LAST BY  
MAN CLAIMING BE ROE AND CLAIMING HE STOLE AUTOMOBILE HE WAS USING IN  
SAN FRANCISCO. RENO POLICE DETERMINED DESCRIPTION WOMANS ATTACKER NOT  
IDENTICAL ROE. CAR STOLEN RENO AND RECOVERED AND BELIEVED ATTACKED  
SAME PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SNATCHING PURSES RENO LAST THREE WEEKS.  
INVESTIGATION BEING MADE. SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION ADVISED

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FBI LOS ANGELES

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*EAC*  
*P. Cornelius*

DIRECTOR

SACS SAN FRANCISCO AND PORTLAND

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL EFF NO DEVELOPMENTS THIS DISTRICT EXCEPT MOTHER AND FATHER OF COLE VISITING DAUGHTER BELL CALIFORNIA FOR HOLIDAYS MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE THERE. REFERENCE TELETYPE SALT LAKE CITY TWENTYFOURTH CONCERNING E U NOBBS INVESTIGATION HERE AND INTERVIEW WITH NOBBS REVEALS THIS MAN IN PORTLAND DECEMBER THIRD TO THIRTEENTH SALEM FOURTEENTH AND IN CALIFORNIA SINCE DECEMBER FOURTEENTH. NOBBS RESIDES LOS ANGELES WITH WIFE AND FAMILY DENIES MAKING ANY INQUIRIES PORTLAND OF TIDES OR SIMILAR MATTERS. GOOD REPUTATION LOS ANGE REFERENCE WIRE OF PORTLAND OFFICE TWENTY THIRD CONCERNING DR V C DUFUY INVESTIGATION HERE REVEALS THIS INDIVIDUAL CAME DIRECT SEATTLE TO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER TWELFTH NOT STOPPING PORTLAND ANYTIME OR AT ALL ENROUTE RESIDING HOME FATHER GEN DUFUY INGLEWOOD. DR DUFUY RECENTLY APPOINTED MEDICAL OFFICER NAUTICAL TRAINING SHIP CALIFORNIA STATE TO SAIL PANAMA AND SOUTH AMERICA JANUARY FIRST. DUFUY DESCRIBED AGE THIRTY THREE SIX FOOT ONE SEVENTY POUNDS DARK HAIR EYES AND MUSTACHE. DID NOT SEE ANYONE ON PLANE REMARKING DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AT PORTLAND.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/21/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/16-21/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON - MLA - FB</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J.O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J.H. Reynolds, FUGITIVE. THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson, FUGITIVE.**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Check at Alcatraz reflects JACK LLOYD, #264-AZ, HAL FERNANDEZ, #39-AZ, MACK SMITH, #44-AZ, WILLIAM F. IRAMAN #274-AZ and LEO McINTOSH #74-AZ, were friendly with subjects; however, there is no reason to suspect any of them of collusion. List of visitors at Alcatraz Island since January 1, 1937 obtained. Dental charts and medical records of subjects obtained and this information will be used in endeavoring to identify any body or bodies which may be located in the bay area. Observation by U. S. Coast Guard in bay area continued with negative results. Various other leads reported have been investigated with negative results. All offices with leads pending requested to expedite investigation.

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**REFERENCES:** Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, 12/17/37  
Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 12/20/37  
Kansas City teletype dated 12/20/37  
Portland teletype dated December 20, 1937

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76-2686-78</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">DEC 23 PM</div>	
<b>3-Bureau <u>ALCATRAZ PRISON DELIVERY</u></b> 2-Oklahoma City (encl) 2-Little Rock 2-Los Angeles 2-Kansas City 2-Portland 2-Phoenix	2-El Paso (2 encls.) 1-Dallas 4-San Francisco	

DETAILS:

On December 19, 1937 Agent A. E. FARLAND, who has been on duty at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island under instructions of Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. PIEPER, made the necessary arrangements with Warden J. A. JOHNSTON to view the scene of the escape of convicts ROE and COLE, who escaped from that institution on December 16, 1937, some time after 1:00 P. M.

Agent accompanied Warden JOHNSTON and Deputy Warden MILLER to the blacksmith's shop where an investigation was made both of the blacksmith's shop and of the mat shop. It was ascertained from Warden JOHNSTON that Convict COLE was employed in the blacksmith shop as a janitor and that he had access to all the tools in that place.

The blacksmith shop was in charge of Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE, who was also present at the time of this investigation. Junior Officer STEERE was questioned by both Warden JOHNSTON and Agent FARLAND. He stated that he made a physical check of his crew at 1:00 P. M. His crew consisted of six men in the blacksmith shop and twenty six men in the mat shop, and that Convict ROE was employed at that time in the mat shop, which is located in the same building but in a different room than the blacksmith shop, STEERE having under his jurisdiction six rooms. When asked whether or not he was able to state that he personally saw either COLE or ROE after he made his check at 1:00 P. M., up until the time he made his second check which was at 1:30 P. M., he replied that he was unable to say that he actually saw either one of these men during the half-hour period.

He did state, however, that when he made the 1:30 P. M. check he failed to find either COLE or ROE and as is the custom he immediately notified the Deputy Warden through the armory where the telephone switchboard is located, and that the Deputy Warden immediately came to the blacksmith shop. The window through which the convicts escaped was shown to Agent FARLAND, who took measurements of same and from personal observation it was ascertained that this section contained three panes of glass. The section which was sawed was 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long and 8-3/4" high, and the three panes of glass were broken in this section. Two of the rods were sawed, one of them being found on the outside of the building, and the other on the inside.

STIERRE stated it would be an easy matter for COLE to go through this aperture, but not so easy for ROE, who is a larger man. An examination was made of the frame for the purpose of determining whether or not the metal of the frame had been sawed or whether or not it had been twisted out by the use of a Stillson wrench, and the marks clearly indicated that a hacksaw, or some instrument of that kind, had been used. It could not be definitely ascertained by examination whether or not a saw had been used as immediately after the escape was perpetrated it was deemed advisable by the prison authorities to immediately close the hole and the frame part of this aperture was then welded; however, the marks could be seen at the top which would clearly indicate that a hacksaw had been used for that purpose. Examination in the blacksmith shop determined that any tool used in the blacksmith or machine shops was accessible to anyone employed in the blacksmith shop.

Junior Officer STIERRE was questioned by Warden JOHNSON as to the source of his supply of hacksaws and how many hacksaws he had in the blacksmith shop at one time. STIERRE replied that as a rule it was customary to keep three hacksaws there and that in the event one was broken while in use, the convict who was using it was required to bring the pieces to him personally and that if any part of the hacksaw was missing, a search was immediately made to locate same.

On the morning of December nineteenth, Agent FARLAND, who was on Alcatraz at the time, was called by Special Agent in Charge PIEPER, who advised he had received an anonymous call to the effect that possibly grease had been used by the escaped prisoners to aid them in swimming in the cold water, and that Agent should determine whether there were supplies of grease available, and if any unusual amount had been taken. It was ascertained upon investigation being made immediately thereafter that a small quantity of lubricants, one can of Albany Cup Grease approximately one-quarter full, and several cans containing lighter oil were in the shops. No appreciable amount was missing.

During the investigation it was also ascertained that several five-gallon cans were in the machine shop which contained thin oil and a check was made which determined that none was missing; however, one of the cans was taken and an effort made to pass same through an opening the size of that through which subjects escaped and it was determined that the can could be passed through such a space.

After investigation was completed in the blacksmith and machine shops, Agent and Warden JOHNSTON proceeded to the mat shop which consists of four rooms. Convict ROE was employed in the third room of the mat shop at a work table and was not seen to leave the mat shop to enter the blacksmith shop where the escape was made. A guard is stationed on the roof of this building which is called the "model tower" and a convict could not go from one building to another building without permission of the guard in charge of keys, who signals to the guards in the different towers.

At the time of escape visibility was bad; however, shortly after the escape it became worse. Deputy Warden MILLER states that at the time he made his investigation in the blacksmith shop the visibility was about 200 yards, or as far as the location of the buoys around the island. The buoys are for the purpose of keeping all but Government boats from coming within the prescribed 200-yard limit.

Warden JOHNSTON and Deputy Warden MILLER advised Agent FARLAND that it was the duty of all guards on the towers to report visibility; that in the event visibility was bad at the time the convicts were to go to work they were kept in, and on this particular day the prisoners were kept in for a period of 45 minutes, or until the visibility became better.

After the prisoners escaped through the windows in the blacksmith shop they dropped to the catwalk, a distance of approximately five or six feet, and then to a lower catwalk about six or seven feet down, and then going north on a catwalk which slants toward the water to the corner of the building. Within ten feet from the corner of the building there is a small gate located in the fence which the prison authorities call a "cyclone fence". This fence is about ten feet high and equipped with barbed wire rails for about five feet on from the top. About two and one-half feet from the ground a gate 37-1/2" wide and 37-1/4" high, locked with a Cleveland four-way brass padlock, is located which is used to throw into the bay the unused and refuse portions of automobile tires from which all usable rubber has been extracted in the mat shop. Whenever this gate is used the padlock is opened by the guard on the model tower, lowering the key to the guard in charge of the crew throwing the refuse away, and after the lock is opened the guard immediately pulls the key up.

After going through the gate, a sheer fall of possibly ten or twelve feet is made to reach the top of the old automobile tires and from there to the water is a drop of from 12 to 15 feet.

The investigation made after the escape developed that the convicts in making their escape, used a 24" Stillson wrench to break the padlock on this gate. The Stillson wrench and broken padlock were found at the gate after the prisoners had fled.

Some fifteen or twenty feet to the right of the gate a cave was found which has a small entrance but runs up in under the island a short distance. At high tide the mouth of this cave is as a rule submerged and at the time of the escape an ebb tide, unusually high for this time of year, was running, entirely submerging the mouth of this cave, and the water was very cold.

Shortly after the Stillson wrench and padlock were found at the gate it was again closed and locked with a new heavy brass padlock and as a further precaution, a heavy chain was passed through the gate and it also was locked with a heavy brass padlock, and an immediate search was made by the prison authorities to ascertain whether or not the convicts had taken to the water or waited in some hiding place they may have located on the island. The search at that time resulted negatively and since that time frequent searches have been made, also with negative results.

The guard patrolling the island at night as a rule consisted of one man; however, now the patrol is made by two men, together. Warden JOHNSTON has been in constant communication with the U. S. Coast Guard who have cooperated in patrolling the waters of the bay day and night investigating all rumors. At this time an Agent of this office is aboard one of the cutters assisting in these searches. No concrete evidence as to whether the subjects took to the water or remained on the island has been developed as yet.

On December nineteenth, shortly after noon a boat came within the prescribed limits of the island and was hailed by a guard on the tower; the boat, however, paid no attention to the guard who then immediately fired a shot across the bow of the motor-boat, which immediately turned and went toward the Bay Bridge at full speed. An effort was made to determine whether or not this boat was one of the Crowley Company tugboats of San Francisco, but because of rather poor visibility this could not be done.



Warden JOHNSTON stated the boat may possibly have had a newspaperman aboard, or a photographer, which is frequently the case.

On December 19, 1937, Special Agent in Charge PIEPER called Agent FARLAND at Alcatraz and stated a house had been burglarized in Muir Woods, Marin County, California, and that a footprint had been found on the divan and Agent was requested to obtain the size of shoes worn by the escaped men. In view of the fact the footprint was large it was considered possible that if it actually were that of one of the convicts, it would be that of Subject ROE. A pair of shoes which had been issued to ROE were obtained and the size was noted to be 8-D.

Particular attention was paid to the attitude of the convicts at Alcatraz since the escape and a number of rumors have "leaked out". One which seems to be the most popular is that the convicts are waiting to learn whether or not Subjects actually made a successful get-away; however the consensus of opinion is that they never got out of the water if they got in although some convicts are of the opinion Subjects successfully made their get-away.

Since Agent FARLAND has been on the Island, every facility has been made available to him and Warden JOHNSTON, Deputy Warden MILLER and the staff have been very cooperative. Agent FARLAND has been on the Island since shortly after the report of the escape.

On December 20, 1937 at 9:00 p.m., a telephone call was received by Special Agent in Charge PIEPER from Agent FARLAND at Alcatraz advising that flares had been noticed at Fort McDowell on Angel Island, and also that shots had been heard. Colonel COLE, Commanding Officer at Fort McDowell, was contacted within ten minutes despite some difficulty, and caused a check of the incident and advised within a very few moments that fishermen in two boats had been fishing with seines or nets and were using flares to signal one another and that the officer of the day was unable to attract their attention by shouting at them and therefore fired into the ground, and immediately the two boats left and had not returned. The Military authorities have been most cooperative in all matters.

Reference is made to conference teletype of the Portland Division, to the Director and the San Francisco Officer, dated December 20, 1937, which advised that Agents DEADERICK and MCCAIN had departed from Portland at 9:00 P. M. on that date, Agent DEADERICK going to Dunsmuir, California, and Agent MCCAIN to Crescent City,

California, to cover a check of all automobiles entering California at the northern boundary checking stations between 6:00 P. M., December 15, and 9:00 A. M., December 16. Agents T. FITZHUGH WILSON and DUANE L. TRAYNOR immediately departed in Bureau cars, the former to Crescent City and the latter to Dunsmuir, taking photographs of RICHARD T. GALATIAS and the fugitives in this case, as well as copies of books entitled: "Current Tables, Pacific Coast, North America and Philippine Islands, 1937", "Tide Tables, Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean, 1937", and "Tidal Current Charts - San Francisco Bay", all issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and which were obtained by Agent W. F. WOOD through the courtesy of MR. H. S. BALLARD, Tide Observer.

A letter of appreciation has been addressed to Captain R. M. LUKENS, Inspector in Charge of the U. S. Coast Geodetic Survey, thanking him for the assistance rendered by Mr. BALLARD. These booklets are to be used at the checking stations in an effort to identify any person or persons who recently came from the north into California about the time of the escape and who might have carried such books.

Agent W. F. WOOD obtained the following information from the U. S. Coast Geodetic Survey, with the assistance of MARLE SMITHSON, Scientific Aide and Mr. H. S. BALLARD, Tide Observer:

On the day of the escape, December 16, 1937, the high and low tides were predicted at Golden Gate as follows:

9:18 A. M. High tide	6.8 feet
4:34 P. M. Low Tide	-1.5 feet

The following high and low tides were predicted at Alcatraz Island:

9:28 A. M. High tide	6.9 feet
4:44 P. M. Low tide	-1.5 feet

The predicted tide at Alcatraz at 1:30 P. M. on that date was 1.2 feet. It is noted from the above that the running of the tide at Alcatraz is ten minutes slower than at Golden Gate, which is several miles away and Mr. BALLARD advised that the actual measurement of the tide on December sixteenth when compared with the "predicted tide" showed that on that date the tide was a few tenths of a foot higher, which would cause a slightly stronger current, possibly .2 or a knot faster.

The information relative to the velocity of the current was obtained and the predicted velocity of the current at Golden Gate on December 16 is as follows:

Slack current	11:08 A. M.	Velocity - Zero
Maximum ebb	2:34 P. M.	" 5.8 knots per hour

The predicted velocity of the current at Alcatraz on December 16, 1937 was:

Slack current	10:23 A. M.	Velocity - Zero
Maximum ebb	1:45 P. M.	" 2.9 knots per hour

It is noted that the maximum ebb at Alcatraz is 45 minutes earlier than at the Golden Gate. Mr. ROBERTS of the U. S. Coast Geodetic Survey advised that the rate of flow of the current on December 16, 1937 at 1:30 P. M. would be about the same as at 1:49 P. M. The general weather conditions on the day of the escape, according to the records of the Geodetic Survey, indicated the temperature was 52 degrees and no wind was observed at noon on that date.

Mr. F. G. WINTERS, Junior Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau, San Francisco, reported the following information obtained from readings taken from their station located on the roof of a Government building at 50 Fulton Street:

At 4:30 A. M. on December 16, 1937 a fog settled over the City of San Francisco which became dense by 5:30 A. M. This dense fog disappeared somewhat by 8:00 A. M. but continued on up through 1:30 P. M.

The weather station where these readings were taken is located several miles from Alcatraz.

Mr. B. TREXLER, junior meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, reported the records indicated there was a 5-mile an hour wind blowing between 12 noon and 1:00 P. M. on December 16, and a 4-mile an hour wind between 1:00 and 2:00 P. M. on that date, but that this slight wind was not enough to disturb the fog which lay over San Francisco.

Mr. O. L. JENKINS, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses, Customs House, San Francisco, was contacted by Agent WOOD and advised the lighthouse keepers submit reports showing exactly the hour of each day the fog horns blow and that this information will be obtained for December sixteenth. The following lighthouses are located in the Bay Area:

Lime Point  
Alcatraz  
Mile Rock  
Bonita Point  
Angel Island  
South Hampton Shoals  
Goat Island  
Oakland Harbor

Efforts are being made to contact personally each attendant on these lighthouses in order to secure any information which may be pertinent to this case.

Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, while on official business at Petaluma, California, on the night of December 17th, with Agent F. R. HAMMACK, heard a rumor that on the previous night a resident of Petaluma had been held up at the point of a gun and his automobile stolen by some man. On the possibility the man who held up this person might have been one of the subjects, or might have been accompanied by some other individual at the time this party's car was taken, Chief of Police R. E. PERRON was immediately telephonically contacted and advised that the car reported stolen had been taken several days previously in Marin County and that he is positive the date was prior to the subjects' escape from Alcatraz; therefore no further investigation was made on this matter.

Agent FARLAND, through a check of the records at Alcatraz and from inquiries made through many various guards, obtained information which would indicate the following convicts were friends of the two subjects in this case:

JACK LLOYD, #264-AZ, FBI-61203. LLOYD was a co-defendant with Subject ROE and sentenced to 99 years on a charge of armed robbery of a national bank. His description, photo, fingerprint classification and list of relatives are being made a part of the San Francisco file.

HAL FERNANDEZ, #39-AZ. Received at Alcatraz on August 11, 1934; discharged on July 9, 1936, at which time he was furnished transportation to Anchorage, Alaska. His photograph, description, and list of relatives are being made a part of the San Francisco file.

MACK SMITH, Alcatraz Number 44, McNeil's Island Number 10710, transferred to Alcatraz, August 11, 1934, returned to McNeil's Island on November 20, 1936. Was supposedly released December 17, 1936.

His photograph is being made part of the San Francisco Field Office file.

Information in the file at Alcatraz indicates that there was a detainer placed against this man at McNeil's Island and that he was to be taken into custody by the United States Marshal at Tacoma, Washington for a sentence of five months for attempted escape.

There is no record at Alcatraz of any visitors for this man while he served time there.

WILLIAM F. LEAMAN, Alcatraz Number 274, sentenced January 18, 1935, Los Angeles, California, to serve twenty five years for robbery of a national bank. LEAMAN was transferred to the United States Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, July 6, 1937, and all records concerning this man have been sent to Chillicothe, Ohio.

He is supposed to have been very friendly with both subjects and worked with them at Alcatraz. LEAMAN'S FBI NUMBER is 83971.

Two photographs of LEAMAN, together with his description are being placed in the San Francisco Field Office file.

LEO McINTOSH, Alcatraz Number 74, transferred to Alcatraz, August 22, 1934 and then transferred from Alcatraz to U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, March 18, 1937, and the records would indicate his term would expire at Leavenworth, July 22, 1937.

There is no record of this man ever having had any visitors while at Alcatraz and his complete records have been sent to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Three photographs of this individual, with his descriptions, are being placed in the San Francisco Field Office file.

Leads are not being set forth at this time to locate and interview these persons and consideration will be given to this matter in the future.

Special Agent A. E. Farland obtained dental charts for subjects and from these charts, additional information is being set forth as to the description of the men:

RALPH ROE -

"Varicocele, left  
Defective Vision, Right eye.  
Gunshot wounds, left arm and at medial angle of the right scapula  
(shoulder blade)  
Slight Exophthalmus. (Popeye)  
Small McBurney scar (Appendicitis Operation)  
Slight deformity lower 1/3 of right tibia.  
Weight 160 pounds Height 71 3/4"

Dental: Has a bridge from #32, #31, #30.  
#15, #18, #19 missing. Has pyorrhea.

Admitted to hospital 3 times, - Diagnosis: Duodenal Ulcer  
Chronic Cholecystitis  
Gastric Neurasthenia  
Adhesions, mild, right lower  
quadrant"

Inasmuch as this medical record and dental chart indicates subject ROE has a dental bridge from tooth #30, tooth #31 and tooth #32, and has teeth # 15, 18 and 19 missing, it is believed that this will be very important for identification purposes in the event any unidentified drowned bodies are located or washed up in the bay area.

This medical record and dental chart are being made part of the San Francisco Field Office file.

The medical record of THEODORE COLE indicates that he has a scar 12 inches long on the left thigh which was healed; that he was 65 3/4" tall, weighed 125 pounds and was underweight.

The dental chart indicates that teeth #18 and 31 are missing and that he has cavities in teeth #3, 17, and 30.

This medical record and dental chart for COLE are being placed in the San Francisco Field Office file for possible future identification purposes.

Following is a complete list of visitors to Alcatraz Penitentiary since January 1, 1937:

MRS. ANNA WINELAND (Mother of Alcatraz Number 208 AZ, Box 372  
Hood River, Oregon.

MRS. HILDA MILLER, 2134 Derby Street, Berkeley, California,  
(Sister #208-AZ-Audett).

MR. AND MRS. FRANK KELLER (E. Bentz' sister) 415 South  
31st Street, Tacoma, Washington.

MISS VOLYA COSSACK (sister of L. L. COSSACK) 243 South  
Carondelet Street, Los Angeles, California.

MRS. GERTRUDE CAMPBELL (Wife of HARRY CAMPBELL) 750 $\frac{1}{2}$  Tecumseh  
Street, Toledo, Ohio.

ALBERT A. HILL (brother of HUBERT A. GRINDLE - follows the  
ponies). Mail sent care of MRS. E. J. LITTLEWOOD (BRINDLE'S  
twin sister) 3909 Cleveland Street, San Diego, California.

MRS. JOHN KENDRICK (wife of J. KENDRICK) 202 Chestnut,  
Ashville, North Carolina.

MRS. ELLA PHILLIPS (Mother of BURTON PHILLIPS) 602 W.  
Walnut Street, Salina, Kansas.

MRS. CORA SIMONS (Mother of JAMES L. RIPLEY) 516 North 15th  
Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

MRS. JOSEPHINE GREMMINGER (Sister of GEORGE THOMPSON) 919  
Guerrero Street, San Francisco, California.

MRS. LILLA MILLER, 2190 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

MRS. RUTH KERN (Sister of H. YOUNG) 5957 Benner Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

AUDET, THEODORE J. #208-AZ

1-5-37, Mrs. Anna Wineland, 1700 Willow Street, Alameda,  
California (Mother)

2-9-37 - Mr. and Mrs. Anna Wineland, same.

4-3-37 - Mrs. Hilda Miller, Mrs. Agnes O'Dell - same (sisters)

5-6-37 - Mrs. Hilda Miller, Mrs. Agnes O'Dell, - same (sisters)

6-12-37 - Mrs. Anna Wineland, Mrs. Mary O'Brien - same (Mother &  
sister).

7-3-37 - Mrs. Anna Wineland, Eileen O'Hearn - same

10-26-37 - Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wineland, 2134 Derby St., Berkeley  
(mother and father-in-law) Home - Box 372, Hood River, Oregon)

11-27-37 - Same

12-21-37 - Same (scheduled)

BERTA, CHARLES - 132 AZ.

Mrs. Gabrielle Berta, 526 Thirty Sixth Ave., San Francisco (Mother)  
Visited every month except May, 1937, when MRS. GLADYS BERTA, 980  
Bush Street, San Francisco, (wife) visited.

BENTZ, EDWARD 307-AZ

Sister (Mrs. George W. Johnson, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$  Twelfth Avenue, San  
Francisco, California) visited 4-29-37, 5-29-37, 6-24-37, 8-24-37,  
10-19-37, 11-30-37, 1-28-37.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller (same address) visited 9-11-37 - 2-23-37,  
3-25-37 - Home Address, 415 South 31st Street, Tacoma, Washington.

COLE, THEODORE #258-AZ

Mrs. Violet Dawson, Mrs. Esther Cole, P.O. Box 215, Woodlake,  
California, (sister and mother) 7-2-36.

Mrs. Esther and Fred Cole (Same) - Mother and Father 7-10-37

COSSACK, LOEB L. 313-AZ

Miss Volya Cossack (Sister) 1469 4/5 Scott Avenue, Los Angeles,  
California, 11-14-36.

Mr. R. H. COSSACK 11137 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, California  
(Father) 4-30-37, 5-1-37.

VOLYA COSSACK (Sister) 243 So. Cardondelet Street, (latest) Los  
Angeles, California 7-2-37, 8-28-37.

COLSON, JAMES #60-AZ

Mrs. Anna Otterbeck, Palmer Otterbeck (sister-in-law, brother)  
19 Dearborn Street, San Francisco, California. Mrs. Esther Lally  
(Sister) 34 Angelica Street, San Francisco

CAPONE, ALPHONSE #85-AZ

Mrs. Alphonse Capone, Albert Capone, Mrs. Theresa Capone, wife,  
brother and mother respectively,  
7244 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



CAMPBELL, HARRY #322-AZ

Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, (Wife) 750 $\frac{1}{2}$  Tecumseh Street, Toledo, Ohio.  
2-1-37.

DICKERSON, HOWARD C. #103-AZ

Miss Minnie and Miss Ada Dickerson, 915 Third Street, Napa,  
California (Sisters)  
Mr. L. J. Dickerson (Brother) W. F. Dickerson (Father)  
523 Brown Street, Napa, California

VAN GLAHN, GEORGE #337-AZ

Mrs. Marion VanGlahn, (Mother)  
47 Costa Street, San Francisco, California, 4-27-37, 8-14-37.

WILEY EDWARD E. 245-AZ (Transferred to Leavenworth)

YOUNGBERG, ARTHUR H. #195-AZ

Mrs. Dixie Martinet and Peter Martinet (Sister & Brother-in-law)  
822 E. 104th Street, Los Angeles, California.

YOUNG, HENRY #244-AZ

Mrs. Ruth Kern (Sister) 5957 Benner Street, Los Angeles, California.

FISHER, JOSEPH #253-AZ -(Transferred to McNeil's Island)  
Morris Rubin, General Delivery, San Francisco, California  
(brother-in-law) 8-5-37.

GRINDLE, HUBERT A. #111-AZ

Albert A. Hill, (Brother) - c/o Mrs. E. J. Littlewood  
(GRINDLE'S twin sister) 3909 Cleveland Street, San Diego, California.  
12-4-37.

KERR, GEORGE W. #45-AZ

Mrs. A. J. Anderson (Sister) 1443 Funston Avenue,  
San Francisco, California, 8-11-36.

KRESS, ROBERT #392-AZ

Mrs. Kathleen McClure, Shaw Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.  
(Sister) Home, 3113 W. Garland Avenue, Spokane, Washington 12-16-37.

KENDRICK, JOHN #105-AZ

Mrs. John Kendrick (Wife) 202 Chestnut, Ashville, N.C.  
11-24-37.

LEVIN, WILLIAM #186-AZ

Mr. Morris Levin (father) 595 - 26th Avenue,  
San Francisco, California.  
Mrs. William Levin (wife) 1267 Filbert Street,  
San Francisco, California

MORRIS, DANIEL J. #113-AZ

J. J. Morris, Sr. (father) 57 Paradise Avenue,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris, Jr. 43 Richland Avenue, San Francisco,  
California (brother and sister-in-law).

PETTYJOHN, M. T. #128-AZ

Mrs. M. T. Pettyjohn (wife) Box 492, Watsonville, California

PHILLIPS, BURTON #259-AZ

Mrs. Ella Phillips, Lawrence Phillips, Salina, Kansas  
(602 W. Walnut Street, address for above in Salina, Kansas)  
Mother and brother 9-1-37, 8-31-37.

RIPLEY JAMES L. #344-AZ

Mrs. Cora Simmons, Floraine Simmons (mother and sister)  
516 No. 15th Street, Corvallis, Oregon - 8-31-37 - 9-1-37.

RITCHEY, WM. M. #99-AZ

Mrs. Wm. M. Ritchey (wife) Roosevelt Hotel, San Francisco,  
California 1-9-37, 4-15-37, 5-29-37, 6-5-37. Goes under name  
MRS. HELEN ROBINSON.

SARGEANT, JAMES #129-AZ

Mrs. Mamie Boitano, Mrs. Stella Bacigalupi (aunts)  
2867 - 22nd Street, San Francisco, California, 12-14-37  
also visited by brother GEORGE FRAVEGA (same address)

SULLIVAN HARRY #198-AZ

Mrs. P. J. Sullivan, (Mother) 299 Dolores, San Francisco, California. Mr. P. J. Sullivan (father) 85 Fourth Street, San Francisco, California.

THOMPSON, GEORGE #219-AZ

Mrs. Lilla Miller (wife) - George Miller (son)  
Mrs. Josephine Gremminger (sister) 919 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, California.

JAMES COLSON #60-AZ

Mr. John Lally and Mrs. Esther Lally (brother-in-law and sister) - 34 Angelica Street, San Francisco, California.

D. J. MORRIS #113-AZ

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morris, Sr. (mother and father)  
43 Richland Avenue, San Francisco, California.

J. P. CHASE #238-AZ

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Chase, (brother and sister-in-law)  
14 Crescent Avenue, Sausalito, California.

CHASE JOHN PAUL #238-AZ

CHARLES B. and AMBROSE (brothers) 715 - 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, California.

On December 20, 1937, observations were made by R. C. WILSON, Chief Quartermaster and Officer in Charge of the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter 443, accompanied by Special Agent J. H. Rice.

This inspection covered Angel Island, Racoon Straits, Point Tiburon, Yerba Buena, Off shore Emeryville and Berkeley and again rounded Alcatraz Island.

A watch was maintained on the above shore line and all drift inspected, with negative results.

Chief Boatswain M. LARSSON advised Special Agent Rice that on

the day of this escape he received a radio call from Division Headquarters of the Coast Guard at San Francisco at 2.00 P.M. and immediately proceeded to Alcatraz Island at 2.05 P.M. and was advised by the Alcatraz Launch relative to the escape. At this time LARSSON further advised that he was assisted by four other Coast Guard Cutters and they searched the waters surrounding Alcatraz with negative results.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent F. R. Hammack:

Mr. C. H. ALSFORD, who resides at 2601 Broadway and is employed by the Dollizer Bros. Manufacturers' Agents, 619 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, advised this agent that at about 5.05 PM, December 16th, 1937, he was approached by an unknown man at the corner of Pacific and Scott Streets. This man wanted to know if MR. ALSFORD had an extra coat and vest which he (MR. ALSFORD) might give him, advising ALSFORD that he had been washing a car in the neighborhood during that morning but wouldn't have time to wash another that night. The man then remarked that he didn't suppose any coat or vest ALSFORD might have would fit him anyway after ALSFORD had advised that he did not have any extra clothing. After being told by ALSFORD that no clothing could be given him, the man then went over to the house on the southwest corner of Pacific and Scott Streets, for the purpose of requesting clothing.

MR. ALSFORD described the man who approached him as follows:

Height	5' 5"
Weight	140
Hair	Light blond
Eyes	?
Complexion	Light
Dress	Light gray slacks - gray sweater - black shoes.

He stated that when he saw the pictures of the Alcatraz fugitives in the papers the following morning, he dismissed the matter from his mind as the man who approached him does not resemble the descriptions given of the fugitives.

The San Francisco FieldOffice received the following All Points Bulletin from the San Francisco Police Department:

"EARLY TONIGHT, DECEMBER 20, 1937, RESTAURANT WORKER HERE REPORTED THAT TWO MEN ATE IN HER PLACE AND THEN WENT

SOUTH IN AN OLD MODEL CAR. THESE MEN SHE SAYS RESEMBLE  
COLE AND ROE EVEN TO THE SCARS ON THE FACE OF ONE MAN.  
THIS INFORMATION IS PUT ON FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH.

N. L. CORNELL,  
SHERIFF, MERCED."

The Los Angeles Field Office was immediately advised of the contents of this teletype bulletin and request was made that appropriate investigation be conducted.

On the evening of December 20, 1937, Warden J. A. JOHNSTON Alcatraz Penitentiary, advised this office he had just received a letter from A. B. RIEHL, 922 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, California. In the letter ~~MR. RIEHL~~ stated he is the owner of Malate Island, also known as Red Rock. He called attention to the fact the island might have been used as a refuge by ROE and COLE after their escape. The letter stated that the island is uninhabited and had been worked for magnesium deposits. MR. RIEHL who is a retired police inspector of the San Francisco Police Department requested his information be maintained in confidence.

Arrangements were made with the San Francisco Division of the Coast Guard and Chief Boatswain M. LARSSON, Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter 412 was assigned to assist in the search of Red Rock Island.

About 9.30 A.M. on December 21, 1937, M. LARSSON and crew, MR. RIEHL, Alcatraz Prison Guards GOSNELL, CLINTON, WALLER, DENNISON And Special Agent J. E. Rice, with proper equipment proceeded to Red Rock Island which is situated in San Francisco Bay about 7 miles in a northerly direction from Alcatraz.

Red Rock Island, according to MR. RIEHL, consists of seven acres with an altitude of 190 feet. There are no buildings located on the island. The slopes are precipitous. A thorough and exhaustive search of the island, including the mine shafts, and beach was conducted with negative results. There was no indication the island has been recently visited. MR. RIEHL advised that off shore of Red Rock Island is a popular fishing spot and is often frequented by fishermen. The island is about 1 mile off shore from Richmond, California.

No information has been received to suspect Red Rock Island

as serving a refuge for ROE and COLE, but due to the concealment afforded on the island, Mr. RIEHL desired that this matter be called to the attention of the Department of Justice for consideration and therefore it was exhaustively searched.

The San Francisco Office is not setting out further specific leads at this time as to contacts and interviews with the relatives of the two Subjects or with their possible contacts and connections as the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 17, 1937, was a review of the file in the Office of Origin and contained all available information necessary for investigation on this angle.

The San Francisco Office will continue to conduct full and exhaustive investigation on each and every lead obtained and continue to utilize all facilities in efforts to locate and identify any body or bodies which may be returned by the tides.

Copies of this report are being sent air mail and special delivery to the Bureau and the Office of Origin.

All offices with investigation now pending will please expedite it and forward reports airmail and special delivery to the San Francisco Office.

ENCLOSURES: TO EL PASO: 1 photograph of each Subject  
with descriptive data attached.

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January 7, 1938.

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE -  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. E. Thornton, dated at San Francisco, California, December  
21, 1937, on pages 9 and 10 of which are reflected the names  
of inmates and former inmates of U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz  
Island, California, who were friends of fugitives Roe and  
Cole.

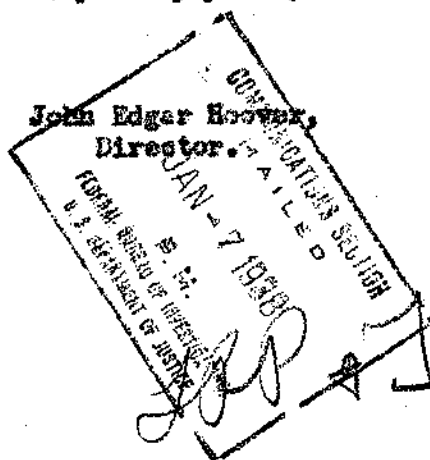
It is noted that no leads are set forth in reference  
report to locate and interview these individuals, but that it  
is stated that consideration will be given to this matter in  
the future.

The Bureau desires that leads be set out immediately  
in order that these individuals may be located and interviewed  
relative to any information in their possession as to any plans  
made by Roe and Cole concerning their escape from the U. S.  
Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/22/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/18-21/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, FUGITIVE. THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson, FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Escaped Federal Prisoners</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>RELATIVES OF RALPH ROE CONTACTED AT DUNCAN, OKLA. AND THEY PROMISED THEIR COOPERATION. JOHN ROE, FATHER OF RALPH ROE, DIED IN JUNE, 1936, MOTHER ALSO DECEASED. RALPH HAS THREE LIVING BROTHERS, JAMES, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN; ROY, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, RELEASED FROM TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY EARLY PART 1936; RAYMOND, RESIDING HAYS, KANSAS. RALPH HAS NO LIVING SISTERS. ELMER INMAN, CLOSE FRIEND OF RALPH ROE, IS NOW CONFINED OKLA. STATE PENITENTIARY. BERTIE PRUITT, ARDMORE, OKLA., BONDSWOMAN FOR MANY KNOWN CRIMINALS, CLAIMS RALPH ROE OWES HER MONEY AND WILL NOT LIKELY CONTACT HER. SHE PROMISES COOPERATION. MATTIE FINE, ARDMORE, OKLA., CLAIMS HEARD FROM RALPH ROE LAST WHEN HE WAS CONFINED US PENITENTIARY, LEAVENOWRTH; STATES SHE IS NOW ENGAGED TO YOUNG MAN IN ARDMORE AND WILL COOPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT. RALPH ROE HAS GIRL FRIEND, NAME UNKNOWN, IN DENISON, TEX., KNOWN TO CHIEF OF POLICE THERE. MRS. LEMMA CALLOWAY, DUNCAN, OKLA., STATES KNEW ROE FAMILY; THAT HER SON, HUBERT, AGE 24, IS MUCH YOUNGER THAN RALPH ROE AND WAS NOT IN SAME SCHOOL CLASSES AND DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM. HUBERT CALLOWAY HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD AT DUNCAN. DR. J. L. WHARTON, DEPEW, OKLA., STATES LETHA JONES, HIS STEPDAUGHTER, RESIDING IN PHOENIX; THAT SHE NEVER MARRIED RALPH ROE TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AND SHE NEVER HAD A BABY; THAT SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A MAN NAMED E. L. PATRICK, NOW SERVING SENTENCE IN FLORENCE, ARIZONA PENITENTIARY.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy, Okla. City, 12/17/37.</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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DETAILS:

This report covers investigative activities of Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer.

Jim Bond, Sheriff, and Deputy Sheriffs Ben Foreman and D. Arthur Wilson, Chickasha, Oklahoma, as well as Deputy United States Marshal Claud Swinney, Chickasha, were contacted on December 19, 1937. They stated they know Ralph Roe and will cooperate in every way with the Government in his apprehension, should they secure any information concerning him and subject Cole.

Chief of Police J. L. Thomas, Chickasha, was also contacted. He stated that in the event he secured any information concerning Roe and Cole, he will immediately communicate with the Oklahoma City Division.

At Duncan, Oklahoma.

Chief of Police C. M. Taylor was contacted and he advised that he is acquainted with the Roe family but does not know Theodore Cole or any of his family. He stated that Ralph Roe was raised at Duncan and Roe's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Roe, are deceased, John Roe having died about the middle of last year and Mrs. Roe having been dead a number of years. He stated that Ralph Roe has three living brothers, James Roe, Raymond Roe and Roy Roe; that Raymond Roe is the only one of the Roe brothers who amounted to anything. It is his understanding that Raymond Roe holds a very good position with the Halliburton Oil Well Cement Company somewhere in Kansas; that the whereabouts of James and Roy Roe are unknown to him. Chief Taylor said that Mrs. Eva March, who is County Clerk of Stephens County, Duncan, is a cousin of Ralph Roe, and she bears an excellent reputation; that she resides at 707 Beech Street, Duncan; also Mrs. S. E. Legg, the wife of S. E. Legg, insurance man of Duncan, is a cousin of Ralph Roe, and Mrs. Legg resides with her mother, Mrs. Bommer, just north of the city of Duncan on U.S. Highway 81, telephone 509-J. Chief Taylor said that S. E. Legg bears an excellent reputation in Duncan and he feels certain that both Mrs. March and Mr. Legg, as well as his family, will cooperate in every way with the Government in aiding in the apprehension of Ralph Roe.

Chief Taylor said that Ralph Roe was a very close friend of Elmer Inman of Tulsa, Oklahoma; that Inman is now confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, serving a sentence.

Mrs. Eva March was interviewed at her residence, 707 Beech Street, and stated she is a cousin of Ralph Roe, her mother and Ralph Roe's mother being sisters. She said that the Roe boys' home life was never very good

after their mother died; that John Roe, their father remarried shortly after their mother's death, marrying a woman who at one time had been confined in the Oklahoma Insane Asylum at Norman, Oklahoma; that this woman mistreated the boys and ran them away from home. She stated there are now four living Roe boys, James, age about 38; Raymond, age about 36; Roy, age about 34; and Ralph, being the youngest living, is about 30 or 31 years of age. She said there was one Roe girl, Alpha, who is now deceased. Mrs. March stated that John Roe, the father of Ralph, died in June, 1936, subsequent to the death of his second wife. She said that John Roe's people were raised at Excelsior Springs, Missouri and had the reputation of being very good citizens, some of John Roe's brothers being dentists and doctors. She was unable to furnish their addresses in Excelsior Springs or the names of the various members of John Roe's family but stated Mrs. Elmer Sisk, who resides on a rural route out of Excelsior Springs, can furnish the names of John Roe's brothers and sisters, as well as their present location. She stated she does not believe Ralph Roe will ever contact any of the brothers and sisters of John Roe as he has never to her knowledge visited with any of them or ever had any close connection with them.

Mrs. March further stated that Ralph Roe has an uncle, a brother of her mother, whose name is John Hickey, and who resides on a farm on Rural Route 4, Duncan, which is two miles north on Highway 81 to the wind-mill filling station, then east on that road seven miles to the Thomas schoolhouse and south to the residence of John Hickey three-fourths of a mile. She said that while Ralph Roe has visited John Hickey, his uncle, at various times while he was around Duncan, she understood Roe at one time had stolen some money from the Hickey residence and she doubts very much whether Ralph will ever contact him.

Mrs. March also said that Mrs. Willis Bonner is a sister to the mother of Ralph Roe, and his aunt; that she resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Legg at the north outskirts of Duncan on U.S. Highway 81. She said that Roe has never visited with Mrs. Bonner, although Mrs. Bonner had a kindly feeling toward the Roe boys. She said she is of the opinion Mrs. Bonner, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Legg, will cooperate with the Government in aiding in the apprehension of Ralph Roe, for she, Mrs. March, has talked to them since the notice came out in the paper of Ralph Roe's escape and they all agreed that it would be far better if Ralph Roe's body were found in the Bay drowned than to have him escape to the mainland; that they, as well as she, would aid in every way possible to cause the apprehension of Ralph Roe for they believe he is lost to society and it will be to the best interests of all of his relatives to see that he is apprehended and confined in the penitentiary to which he was sentenced.

Mrs. March stated she has no idea of any contacts Roe may have in California or elsewhere outside the state of Oklahoma, and has little or

no knowledge of any of Roe's immediate friends in Oklahoma for the reason that he had never visited her at her home and had always been in contact with his father when Ralph was in Duncan. She said that if Ralph has escaped to the mainland he will no doubt contact his brother Roy, if he knows where he is located. She said the last time she saw Roy was in January or February of 1936, when Roy came to her home; that he was at her home for about an hour and informed her on this visit that he had just been released from the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. She said from his conversation he impressed her as being a hardened criminal and she had every reason to believe, if it were possible for him to do so, that he would aid Ralph, his brother, in every way he could in escaping and avoiding apprehension. She said Roy left her home after about an hour's period and did not inform her where he was going; that she has not seen him or heard from him since. She stated that Ralph Roe has never been married to her knowledge and she has no knowledge of any of his girl friends; that Ralph has never been at her home during the past ten years.

Mrs. March stated she has no knowledge of the present whereabouts of James Roe, the oldest brother of Ralph. She said that Raymond Roe, brother of Ralph, is a high class boy and the only one of the Roe family who amounted to anything. She said he is considered a very good citizen, is married and has one daughter; that he is employed in some official capacity by the Balliburton Oil Well Cement Company and in October, 1937 he was living with his family in Hays, Kansas, as she had occasion to talk to Mrs. Roe over the telephone at that time. She said at the time John Roe died in June, 1936, Raymond Roe was the only son who attended the funeral. She said she believed that Ralph, knowing that Raymond, his brother, has a good position and had previously aided him financially when he was not confined in an institution, might attempt to contact his brother for the purpose of securing financial assistance. She said Ralph has never visited much with any of his relatives in Duncan and she doubts very much whether he would contact her or any of his other relatives around Duncan.

Mrs. March promised to cooperate in every way possible in aiding the Government in apprehending Ralph Roe. She said that in the event she secures any information concerning Ralph Roe or anyone who may be a close friend of his, she will contact Brooks Hervey at Duncan in order that he might furnish this information to the Oklahoma City Division. Mrs. March was advised of the Federal Statute regarding harboring.

Sheriff Brooks Hervey and Undersheriff Roy B. Waldrip were contacted and both stated they know Ralph Roe well but are not acquainted with Cole. Photographs of Cole and Roe were furnished Sheriff Hervey. They stated they did not know of any local contacts of Ralph Roe as he has not been around Duncan for the past several years; that in the event they secure any information concerning Ralph Roe, or any of his associates, which will assist in the apprehension of Roe, they will furnish same to the Oklahoma City Division.

Mr. S. E. Legg, District Agent, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, was interviewed at his office in the Ridge Building, 919 Main Street. Mr. Legg said that his wife and her mother, Mrs. Bonner, as well as himself, will cooperate in every way possible in aiding the Government in causing the apprehension of Ralph Roe, for they realize Ralph will only cause trouble to his relatives as long as he is at liberty and they would rather see him confined in a place where they knew he would cause no trouble to anyone. Mr. Legg ascertained telephonically from the Halliburton Oil Well Cement Company, which has an office in Duncan, that Raymond Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, is now located at Hays, Kansas. Mr. Legg was advised of the Federal Statute regarding harboring.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Floyd Randolph was contacted and stated he is acquainted with Ralph Roe but does not know Theodore Cole. Copies of photographs of these two subjects were furnished him. Sheriff Randolph said he is acquainted with Bertie Pruitt, who resides in Ardmore and who has a ranch about four miles northeast of Ardmore near the Pruitt School. He said that Bertie has been a contact for all the big time criminals in the southern part of Oklahoma for a number of years; that she is a bondswoman and has aided criminals in making bonds for them and while it has never been definitely determined, it is rumored that she has rendered them financial assistance. He said that Bertie Pruitt has never given him any information concerning any criminals and never will, regardless of the fact that she may state she will cooperate.

Sheriff Randolph accompanied Agent Smith and the writer to the cattle ranch of Bertie Pruitt, four miles northeast of Ardmore, where she was located and interviewed. She stated that Ralph Roe owes her money and she believes Ralph Roe will not contact her and that she does not want him to contact her; that if he does, she will immediately notify Sheriff Randolph. She promised to cooperate in every way that she possibly could. Bertie Pruitt said that Ralph Roe formerly ran around with Hazel Hudson, the ex-wife of Wilbur Underhill and before Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd robbed the Sulphur, Oklahoma bank, Ralph kept company with a girl in Mannsville, Oklahoma, where Jack Lloyd's wife's people reside, but she does not know their names. Bertie Pruitt in her conversation with Sheriff Randolph and Agents said that she had at one time employed Floyd Jarrett, who is a known criminal, on her ranch, and who is now serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. She mentioned a number of other well known criminals whom she stated she has furnished bonds for at various times. While Bertie Pruitt, who is a woman about fifty years of age, heartily expressed to Sheriff Randolph and Agents her intention to fully cooperate with the Government in this matter, and that she would immediately notify Sheriff Randolph of any information she might obtain about Ralph Roe, or his whereabouts, according to Sheriff Randolph little credence can be placed in her promises. Sheriff Randolph stated he would endeavor to ascertain from time to time whether Ralph Roe ever contacts Bertie Pruitt and any information he might

obtain he would furnish same to the Oklahoma City Division. Bertie Pruitt was advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

Sheriff Randolph accompanied Agents to Mannsville, Oklahoma, where Lon Cheves, Town Marshal, was contacted. Lon Cheves said that Ralph Roe at one time kept company with Emily Sheets of Mannsville, Emily being a sister of Inez Sheets, former wife of Jack Lloyd. Inez Sheets is now supposed to be living in West Texas. He said that Mattie Fine works in some restaurant in Ardmore but he does not know the exact location.

Lon Cheves accompanied Sheriff Randolph and Agents to the home of Mrs. Lelia Sheets, where she was interviewed. Mrs. Sheets said that Emily Sheets, her daughter, is now married to Paul Patton and they operate a lunch room and beer parlor in Oak Lawn Addition of Hot Springs, Arkansas near the race track; that her daughter, Inez, who was formerly the wife of Jack Lloyd, has divorced Jack Lloyd and is now married to an oil well driller named Cecil Noel and they reside in Las Vegas, New Mexico; that her stepdaughter, Mrs. Minnie Edlen (phonetic) is married to Keith Edlen, an oil well driller, and they reside in Pampa, Texas; that Jack Lloyd, her former son-in-law, writes to Minnie Edlen from the Alcatraz Prison. Mrs. Sheets said that Ralph Roe came to their home as a friend of Jack Lloyd and they knew very little about Ralph Roe; that Ralph Roe also kept company with Hazel Underhill, who is now said to be living in Oklahoma City or Tulsa.

Mrs. Sheets said she has no information concerning the relatives and contacts of Ralph Roe. While Mrs. Sheets was being interviewed her husband entered the house. He stated that he, as well as his wife, would cooperate with the Government in every way in aiding in the apprehension of Ralph Roe as he does not have anything to do with any law violators if he can help it, and is not in sympathy with them. Mr. Sheets said that when he was in Kansas at one time during the summer several years ago, Ralph Roe and possibly Wilbur Underhill came to his home unbeknown to him and he very much resents their having visited his home.

The Federal Statute relative to harboring was explained to both Mr. and Mrs. Sheets.

After considerable inquiry at various restaurants in Ardmore, Oklahoma, it developed that Mattie Fine is employed as a waitress at Hardy Solman's Cafe, 215 West Main Street. Inquiry at that cafe developed that Mattie Fine had left that cafe about 4:00 p.m. for her residence. Inquiry at her residence, 102 S.E. 1st Street, Ardmore, developed that Mattie Fine had been to her residence but had gone to the beauty parlor and would not be home until after 6:00 p.m. She was interviewed at her residence that evening, December 20th, and stated that she met Ralph Roe through her friend, Inez Sheets, the former wife of Jack Lloyd, during the summer of 1934, and that she kept company with Ralph

until the fall of 1935, and after he was arrested with Jack Lloyd for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma, she accompanied Inez Lloyd to Muskogee for the purpose of visiting Ralph Roe, but she was refused admission to the jail to see Ralph Roe because she was not his relative. She said that the last letter she received from Ralph Roe was over a year ago, at which time he was confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She said she is now engaged to a young man in Ardmore and she has no regard for Ralph Roe as he will only cause her trouble if he contacts her. She stated she will cooperate in every way possible with the Government in aiding in the apprehension of Ralph Roe, and should she receive any information concerning him, she will immediately notify Sheriff Randolph at Ardmore in order that he may relay such information to the Oklahoma City Division. She stated she knows little or nothing about the friends and contacts of Ralph Roe for the reason that he never revealed to her his criminal operations prior to his arrest for the robbery of the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

The Federal Statute relative to harboring was explained to Mattie Fine in the presence of her sister and mother, and she promised to cooperate with the Government in every way.

At Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Bose Johnson was interviewed at his residence. He stated that Ralph Roe did not have any contacts in or around Sulphur to his knowledge; that J. B. Ponder, a bootlegger at Ardmore, has served sentences in Oklahoma State Penitentiary and no doubt has a grapevine contact with many criminals and their activities. He stated he believed if Ponder were contacted by Jim Lathrop, Deputy Sheriff at Ardmore, Ponder might be able to furnish information of value regarding Roe.

Sheriff Johnson said that Ralph Roe in the early part of 1935 had a girl friend in Denison, Texas and at that time they were endeavoring to apprehend Roe for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma; that he, Johnson, contacted the Chief of Police of Denison, Texas in the early part of 1935 and arranged with the Chief of Police at that time to watch the home of Roe's girl friend, and the Chief of Police at Denison should be able to furnish the name and address of that girl friend of Roe. Sheriff Johnson said he would endeavor to obtain information concerning Ralph Roe from Homer Bishop, an attorney at Seminole, and would furnish such information to the Oklahoma City Division; that Homer Bishop is a very good friend of his and if he has any information concerning Roe and his contacts, he believes Bishop would so inform him.

After Sheriff Johnson said that J. B. Ponder might be able to furnish information concerning Ralph Roe, if contacted by Deputy Sheriff Lathrop at Ardmore, Deputy Sheriff Lathrop was contacted by the writer telephonically and requested to interview J. B. Ponder and secure any information he might have concerning Roe and his associates and contacts. Later Deputy Sheriff Lathrop

advised telephonically that he had contacted Ponder and Ponder stated he was not well acquainted with Roe but he would make some inquiry and in the event he secured any information of value concerning Roe he would furnish same to him, Deputy Sheriff Lathrop, and such information would be furnished the Oklahoma City Division.

On December 20th teletype was received from the Phoenix Division advising that [REDACTED]

Dr. J. L. Wharton, Depew, Oklahoma, was interviewed at his office. He stated he has a stepdaughter named Letha Jones, who is now residing in Phoenix, Arizona on Madison Street. He stated he is sure she has never been married to Ralph Roe and she has never had a child. He said that the first time he ever heard of Ralph Roe was a newspaper account of Roe's escape from the U.S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island and he has never heard his wife mention the name of Ralph Roe, nor has the name of Ralph Roe ever been mentioned in any of the letters of Mrs. Letha Jones. He said that Letha Jones has been away from home off and on for the past five years; that she would frequently go to Oklahoma City and return home for a few days, then to Tulsa and Seminole and various places, then returning home for a few days visit. He said that she is a confirmed drunkard and spends every cent she gets hold of for whiskey; that she has a good education and is a good nurse but cannot let whiskey alone. He said that about two years ago she became involved with a man named E. L. Patrick and that Patrick for some violation was sentenced to a term in the State Penitentiary at Florence, Arizona, but Mrs. Jones apparently was not involved in the violation as she was not arrested; that from letters received from E. L. Patrick it appears Mrs. Jones has his clothes and Patrick has written two letters to Mrs. Wharton asking for the whereabouts of Mrs. Letha Jones in order that he might have her forward his clothes to him at the Florence, Arizona Penitentiary. Dr. Wharton said W. H. Jones, the husband of Letha Jones, is employed in a coal mine somewhere in Colorado, but he does not know the whereabouts of his wife as he has written Mrs. Wharton several times asking as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Jones. Dr. Wharton said that the last time Mrs. Jones left their home they did not hear from her for over a year until one day they received a telegram from Phoenix, Arizona stating that she, Mrs. Jones, was ill and requested that they forward \$10.00 by telegram. Dr. Wharton said they wrote a letter to the Chief of Police at Phoenix, Arizona and asked that

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he contact Mrs. Jones and ascertain whether she was in need of medical assistance; that upon being so advised, they forwarded the money requested, and later received a letter from Mrs. Jones requesting that they not write the Police any more about her.

Dr. Wharton described Letha Jones as being:

Age - about 22  
Height - about 5' 5 or 6"  
Weight - about 115 lbs.  
Hair - black  
Eyes - blue  
Marital status - married, no children.  
Relatives - Husband, W. H. Jones, address  
unknown, in Colorado.  
Mother, Mrs. J. L. Wharton,  
Depew, Okla.  
Stepfather, Dr. J. L. Wharton,  
Depew, Okla.  
Race - white, 1/16th Delaware Indian.

Dr. Wharton said that in the event he ascertains that Mrs. Jones has ever been connected in any way with Ralph Roe, he will again advise the Oklahoma City Division.

On December 21st telegram was received from the San Francisco Division advising that Hubert Calloway, San Francisco restaurant employee, recently boasted he knew and went to school with subject Cole at Duncan, Oklahoma, and requested Calloway's background and possible connection with subjects be ascertained through his mother, Mrs. Lemma Calloway, 1307 Mulberry Street, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lemma Calloway was interviewed at her residence, 1305 Mulberry Street, Duncan, Oklahoma. She said she has a son named Hubert who is 24 years of age, employed in a cafe in San Francisco; that Hubert has been away from home for the past four or five years, so employed; that Hubert when a boy attended school in Duncan and that she knew Ralph Roe's father and mother and the Roe boys when they were small; that Ralph Roe was much older than her son Hubert and therefore was not in the same school grades as her son; that she does not believe Hubert knew Ralph Roe as Hubert never played with Ralph Roe when a boy as Hubert had had nothing to do with the Roe boys as they had always been trouble since small boys. She said she is sure that Hubert never knew Theodore Cole. Mrs. Calloway said her son Hubert was en route to Duncan via bus for the Christmas holidays. She was informed of the Federal Statute relative to harboring and she promised her cooperation in the event she received any information concerning Ralph Roe, stating she would furnish such information to Sheriff's office at Duncan, to be forwarded to the Oklahoma City division. Mrs. Calloway from observation appears to be operating a home laundry and apparently is a hard working woman.



Check of the criminal records of the Sheriff's office and Police Department at Duncan failed to reflect a criminal record on Hubert Calloway.

Sheriff Brooks Hervery and Undersheriff Roy B. Waldrip, Duncan, were informed of the fact that Hubert Calloway claimed he knew Ralph Roe and also that Hubert Calloway was on his way, via bus, to Duncan for the Christmas holidays. They promised they would endeavor to ascertain through their local informants whether Hubert Calloway had ever had any connection with Ralph Roe.

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, was contacted by Agents and he said he is acquainted with Ralph Roe and has heard of subject Cole, but is not personally acquainted with him. He said that his informant, Ray "Tang" Hall is now confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth serving a sentence; that while "Tang" Hall was at Seminole every known criminal who ever came to Seminole at some time or the other got in touch with Hall and "Tang" Hall was one of the best informants he, Jake Sims, ever had; that he feels sure if Hall were "on the ground" at Seminole, Ralph Roe, if alive, would contact Hall at some time.

Chief of Police Sims stated that at the time Wilbur Underhill was killed in a house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Ralph Roe with a girl named Emma Mae Nichols was also in the same house with Underhill; that Eva Mae Nichols was also killed at this time by a posse. He said that Emma Mae Nichols has a sister named Lena Stewart, who was also a girl friend of Ralph Roe and Emma Mae and Lena often quarreled over Ralph; that it is his opinion Lena Stewart would assist Ralph Roe if he ever contacted her; that Lena Stewart is now in Russell, Kansas, where she is living with an oil well driller, formerly of Seminole, whose name is unknown; that every night Lena Stewart goes to a dance hall on the outskirts of Russell which is called the Okey or the O.K. Dance Hall.

Chief of Police Sims said that a girl friend of Ralph Roe's in Seminole who used to work in a beauty parlor, and was also a former sweetheart of Elmer Inman, a close friend of Roe's, is married to a man named Otis Swan and they reside at Hobbs, New Mexico; that this girl was only known to him by the name of Clara Belle; that it is possible that if Roe knew the present location of Clara Belle, he might contact her for assistance. Chief Sims said that Ralph Roe is also very friendly with the Parnell boys at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and is a close personal friend of Elmer Inman, who is now serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that it is his opinion Elmer Inman receives information through the grapevine system from the outside concerning various criminals and no doubt if Elmer Inman is contacted, he may be able to furnish information of value.

Chief Sims said that after the holidays, if Ralph Roe is not

apprehended, by that time, he intends to drive to Leavenworth and visit "Tang" Hall at the U.S. Penitentiary and interview him with the idea of securing any information he may be able to furnish which might assist in the location and apprehension of Roe.

Chief of Police Sims said he is of the opinion Hazel Underhill, former wife of Wilbur Underhill, is now somewhere in Tulsa, Oklahoma; that if she is ever contacted by Ralph Roe, she will render him every assistance. Chief Sims said that from his knowledge of subject Cole, Cole will immediately go to his sister's home at Stroud, Oklahoma and that is the best possible place to locate him, if he has been successful in reaching the mainland alive. He also said that subject Cole has an attorney at McAlester, Oklahoma, whose name he cannot recall, who handled Cole's appeal from the death sentence; that as this attorney was successful in getting Cole's sentence commuted from death to that of fifteen years, Cole's opinion of this attorney is very high and at some time, if he thought it might be of benefit to himself or any of the other prisoners at Alcatraz, Cole might contact his former attorney. Jake Sims stated he would endeavor to secure the name of this attorney and furnish same to the Oklahoma City Division for its information.

On December 18th information was received from Detective William Kelly of the Tulsa Police Department to the effect that Jimmie Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, had been released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas six or seven weeks ago and that Jimmie Roe is an aviator and has four or five hundred flying hours to his credit.

The Kansas City Division was requested by letter to ascertain from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth whether Jimmie Roe had been released from that institution, and secure description and all pertinent information concerning him, furnishing such information to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, in addition to the Oklahoma City Office, together with a late photograph of Jimmie Roe. Copy of this letter was furnished the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, requesting that they consider the fact that Jimmie Roe is an aviator, with considerable flying experience, in conducting investigations in their divisions.

On December 21st a teletype was sent the El Paso Division advising that Jimmie Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth several months ago on parole and had been reporting to the U.S. Probation Officer at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that on September 23rd last his file was transferred to the United States Probation Officer at El Paso, Henry C. Clifton, and Jimmie Roe's new address was given as Box 277, Wink, Texas. This teletype requested the El Paso Division to contact the Probation Officer and secure all data from his file and determine whether Jimmie Roe had been absent from Texas and his present location, and to cover any possible contacts by fugitives.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Hays, Kansas will locate Raymond Roe, employed by the Halliburton Oil Well Cement Company, and interview him relative to his brother Ralph Roe, securing any information of value which may assist in locating and causing the apprehension of Roe. Arrange for the proper coverage at Hays in the event of Roe contacting his brother. Raymond Roe should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

At Excelsior Springs, Missouri will contact Mrs. Elmer Sisk, who resides on a rural route, and secure from her the names, addresses and history of the Roe family reared at Excelsior, and contact them relative to Ralph Roe.

At Russell, Kansas will endeavor to locate Lena Stewart, who is said to visit every night at a dance hall at the outskirts of Russell known as the Okey or O.K. Dance Hall. Ascertain where she is residing and obtain any information from her as to possible contacts of Ralph Roe. She should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring. Proper arrangements should be made for coverage at Russell with local officers in the event Ralph Roe should contact Lena Stewart.

THE HUNTSVILLE DIVISION

At Huntsville, Texas will check the records of the Penitentiary on Roy Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, who is reported to have been released from the penitentiary at Huntsville in the early part of 1936. Will expeditiously secure all pertinent information, including the photograph of Roy Roe, which may lead toward the present whereabouts or assist in locating Ralph Roe.

THE DALLAS DIVISION

At Denison, Texas will contact the Chief of Police and ascertain from him the name and location of the girl friend of Ralph Roe, whom Sheriff Bose Johnson at Sulphur, Oklahoma requested be watched in an endeavor to apprehend Ralph Roe in the early part of 1935. This girl should be interviewed, and secure from her all information she may possess regarding Roe and his contacts. She should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring. Arrangements should be made with the Police for the proper coverage at Denison on this girl's residence, in the event Ralph Roe should contact her.

At Pampa, Texas will locate and interview Minnie Edlen, wife of Keith Edlen, an oil well driller, and obtain from her any information she may be able to furnish concerning Ralph Roe and his contacts. Jack Lloyd, former associate of Ralph Roe, who is now confined in the U.S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, is said to be corresponding with Minnie Edlen. It is possible that she may have received information from Jack Lloyd relative to Ralph Roe. She should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring. Arrangements should be made for the proper coverage at Pampa in the event Ralph Roe should contact Mrs. Edlen.

#### THE EL PASO DIVISION

At El Paso and Wink, Texas will conduct appropriate investigation relative to Jimmie Roe as requested in teletype of the Oklahoma City Division dated December 21, 1937.

At Las Vegas, New Mexico will locate and interview Mrs. Inez Noel, the wife of Cecil Noel, an oil well driller, relative to Ralph Roe and obtain from her any information of value she may possess which may aid in the location and apprehension of Ralph Roe. She should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring, and proper arrangements should be made for coverage in the event Ralph Roe should contact her at Las Vegas.

At Hobbs, New Mexico through the local authorities will locate Mrs. Otis (Clara Belle) Swan and interview her relative to her knowledge of Ralph Roe and his contacts, and obtain any information she may possess which may assist in locating and apprehending Roe. Clara Belle is a very close friend of Elmer Inman, a close associate of Ralph Roe, and also was a very good friend of Ralph Roe's. Proper arrangements with the local authorities should be made for coverage in the event Ralph Roe should contact Clara Belle Swan. Clara Belle Swan should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

#### THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Oak Lawn, Hot Springs, Arkansas, will locate and interview Mrs. Paul Patton, nee Emily Sheets, relative to Ralph Roe and obtain from her any information she may possess regarding him and his known contacts which may aid in the location and apprehension of Roe. Mrs. Patton, as well as her husband, should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

#### THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At McAlester, Oklahoma will interview Elmer Inman, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, for any information he may be able to furnish

concerning Ralph Roe which may aid in his location and apprehension.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma through the local Police Department will endeavor to secure the location of Hazel Underhill, former wife of Wilbur Underhill, and interview her relative to Ralph Roe, securing from her any information she may possess of value which may aid in locating and apprehending Roe. Arrangements will be made for the proper coverage in the event Ralph Roe should contact Hazel Underhill. Hazel Underhill should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

At Seminole, Oklahoma will keep in touch with Jake Sims, Chief of Police, and obtain any information he has secured relative to Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

PENDING

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 22, 1937.

W  
Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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Reference is made to San Francisco telegram  
to the El Paso Office, dated December 21, 1937.

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For your full information, there is enclosed  
herewith report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco,  
California, dated 12/20/37, together with a copy of a teletype  
from the Kansas City Office to the San Francisco Office, dated  
December 20, 1937, which indicates JAMES ROE and WANDA STUKEY  
may possibly be located through Post Office Drawer M, Hobbs,  
New Mexico.

It is requested that these two persons be  
immediately directly and openly interviewed, for any informa-  
tion which they may have concerning either of the Subjects.

They should both be clearly advised of the  
Federal Harboring Statute.

It is requested that any pertinent informa-  
tion be sent telegraphically, and a report forwarded air mail,  
special delivery to the San Francisco Office.

Very truly yours,

Encs.-2.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

D.c. Bureau.  
c.c. Oklahoma City.

JET:IST  
Refer file  
#76-290.

N.J.L. PREPER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1881  
Seattle, Washington  
December 22, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Portland, Oregon

Re: THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE  
ROBERT COE - FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telephonic request there are listed below persons leaving Seattle, Washington for Portland, Oregon or San Francisco, California by plane from December 12 through December 15, 1937.

NAME	ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER	DESTINATION
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December 12, 1937

Dr. V. G. DuPry	New Washington Hotel	San Francisco
J. A. Blanchard	Standard Oil Company	San Francisco
E. Welch	New Washington Hotel	San Francisco
Dr. R. E. Malaris	Prospect 3003	Portland
Ben Fish (via train)	Cowman Hotel	Portland

December 13, 1937

E. W. Bass	El. 2132, c/o American Can Company., J. F. McCharles	San Francisco
Robert Gordon	The Camelion Hotel	Portland
A. J. McCabe	The Camelion Hotel	Portland
J. W. Brown	Roma Wine Company	Portland
R. Morris	Main 5900, br 371	Portland
B. A. Wiser	Vancouver, B. C.	Portland
J. C. Myers	Central Bus Station	Portland
Mr. Wilson	El. 0160	Portland

December 14, 1937

D. F. McCormack	c/o Sherman Clay & Co.	San Francisco
W. H. Whitcomb	Frey Hotel, El 3615	Portland
H. A. White	Olympic Hotel	Portland
E. B. Weber	Seneca 2034	Portland

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NAME	ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER	DESTINATION
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December 14th cont.

M. Jacoby	c/o Universal Pictures, Main 3248	Portland
R. E. Seeley	El. 1020, Olympic Hotel	Portland
F. J. McKensie	c/o Sears Roebuck & Co.	Portland
H. M. Gould, Jr.	Seneca 0100	Portland
M. Collins	Washington Athletic Club	Portland
M. A. Olsen	Boarded plane at Tacoma, Washington	San Francisco
R. H. Baldwin	General Insurance Company, Kenwood 2783 or Evergreen 0622	San Francisco
Lo Cox	Main 0182 or East 7774	Portland

December 15, 1937

L. A. Eisner		San Francisco
W. B. Morse	c/o Carter McDonald, 1200 Alaska	Portland
F. A. Musgrave	Benjamin Franklin Hotel	Portland
Vincent Lopez	Benjamin Franklin Hotel	Portland
W. E. Moore	Olympic Hotel	Portland
C. W. Urguhart	Vancouver, B. C. to Chicago	via Portland
J. R. Combs	Vancouver, B. C. to Pitts- burgh via	Portland
H. S. McGrath	Washington Athletic Club	Portland
N. P. Nelson	El. 2424, br31 or El. 3645	Portland
Jack Gilpatrick	Richmond Beach 601	Portland
R. R. Kleinschmidt	Olympic Hotel	Portland
J. C. Huntington	Olympic Hotel	Portland

Investigation is now being conducted by the Seattle Field Office to determine the identity of the above parties.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Suran  
Special Agent in Charge

DC:MM  
cc-Bureau  
San Francisco



CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

# Postal Telegraph

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All America  
Cables

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 23, 1937  
5 P M

F J BLAKE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1206 TOWER PETROLEUM  
DALLAS TEXAS

RALPH ROE THEODORE COLE WASFUGS EFF ROY ROE BROTHER OF RALPH ROE NOW CONFINED OSP  
HIS WIFE MARY ROE DARBY REPORTED RESIDING BORGER TEXAS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION

cc Bureau  
San Francisco

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission, and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

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SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full-rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours; subject to the priority of the transmission of full-rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT MESSAGES. Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the address on, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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### CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinate to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

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## CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC		FOREIGN	
TELEGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE CABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFERRED CABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
NIGHT MESSAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NIGHT CABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
NIGHT LETTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHIP RADIOGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	RADIOGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Oklahoma City, Okla., December 23, 1937

H. B. FLETCHER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

RALPH ROE WAS THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVES EMP JOE HARRIS RECEIVED STATE

PENITENTIARY LINCOLN NEBRASKA DECEMBER NINTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE THEIR NUMBER

ELEVEN SEVEN EIGHT NINE BANK ROBBERY TEN YEARS. CHECK PENITENTIARY RECORDS OBTAIN

DATE RELEASE LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS VISITORS LATE PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION

HARRIS AND FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO AND THIS DIVISION AMASD FURNISHING SUBSTANCE

THIS INFORMATION BOTH DIVISIONS BY TELETYPE EXPEDITE.

CC- Bureau  
San Francisco.

Charge to - Federal Bureau of Investigation,

224 Federal Bldg, Oklahoma City, Okla. Gov't rate.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FULL RATE MESSAGE UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED	
DOMESTIC	
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
SERIAL SERVICE	CODE RATE (CDE)
DAY LETTER	URGENT
NIGHT MESSAGE	URGENT (CDE)
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED (LO)
	RADIO LETTER (ALT)
	SHIP-RADIOGRAM

# Mackay Radio

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial Cables

Postal



an America Cables

Telegraph

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RECEIVER'S NUMBER
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Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO" subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

San Francisco, California

C. W. STEIN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE ETP HUBERT CALLAWAY SAN FRANCISCO  
RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE RECENTLY BOASTED HE KNEW AND PROBABLY HAD TO SCHOOL WITH SUBJECT  
COLE AT DUNCAN OKLAHOMA CALLAWAY WORKING IN SAN FRANCISCO TIME OF ESCAPE AND  
INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS STOP OBTAIN IMMEDIATELY CALLAWAYS BACKGROUND  
AND POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECTS THROUGH CALLAWAYS MOTHER MRS. LEMMA CALLAWAY  
THIRTEEN NAUGHT SEVEN MULBERRY STREET AND OTHER SOURCES DUNCAN OKLAHOMA

cc: Bureau

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TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1303 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

DOMESTIC SERVICES } 15 WORDS FOR THE  
12-20-37 9:45 PM HKT:FD  
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
FUG. ST. 10-10-37

THE MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT  
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2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls therefor, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

# R A D I O G R A M

FULL RATE MESSAGE UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
FULL RATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
SERIAL SERVICE	CODE RATE (CDE)
DAY LETTER	URGENT
NIGHT MESSAGE	URGENT (CDE)
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED (LC)
	RADIO LETTER (NLT)
SHIP RADIOGRAM	

## Mackay Radio

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Postal

Telegraph

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RECEIVER'S NUMBER
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Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO"  
subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

DOMESTIC } 15 WORDS FOR  
SERVICES } USUAL PR

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 23, 1937

**E. E. CONROY**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1308 MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ALLEGEDLY

RALPH ROE AND THEODORE COLE FUGITIVES EFF COLE/ IDENTIFIED AS BEING ON SUNSET  
LIMITED SP RAILROAD NIGHT DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST FROM SANFRANCISCO, GETTING  
OFF GLENDALE CALIFORNIA MORNING DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND. STATED TO HAVE  
OCCUPIED BIRTH ON TOURIST SLEEPER. INTERVIEW PORTER J. J. JONES ARRIVING  
NEWORLEANS TONIGHT SAME TRAIN FOR PURPOSE IDENTIFYING COLE AND ASCERTAINING  
WHAT BIRTH HE OCCUPIED ETCETERA

HANSON

**CHARGE:** OPT. BUS. GOVT. RATE  
**F.B.I., LOS ANGELES**  
**THREATS**  
cc Bureau, San Francisco, Okla. City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE TRINITY 0731 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE.  
FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RADIO POSTAL CALL BOX.

THE MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT  
TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the Unrepeated-message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED-MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED-MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls therefor, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 24, 1937

✓  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
THEODOR COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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There are enclosed two copies of the report of the undersigned dated December 22, 1937 in the above entitled matter in which San Francisco was erroneously carried as the office of origin.

There are also transmitted copies of other pertinent serials from the Portland file which were not previously forwarded to your office.

Very truly yours,

G. C. SPAIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL  
CC Bureau  
San Francisco  
Seattle  
Butte  
Little Rock  
Kansas City  
Los Angeles  
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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Antonio Texas Dec 23 1937

C W. Stein  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
224 Federal Bldg  
Oklahoma City Okla

Ralph Roe was Fugitive etal BFP Roy E Roe as R A Belmar released TSP Huntsville Texas December eighteenth thirty six. Received Oklahoma Penitentiary McAlester as Roy Rowe number three five five naught nine February ninth thirty seven. on admission TSP gave relatives father James Roe Panhandle Texas Wife Mary Roe Darby Borger Texas brother Jim Roe Kansas City Mo. Ascertain if still confined Oklahoma penitentiary and advise Dallas contact relatives Panhandle and Borger if no more recent address obtained

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Ch FBI  
O B Govt rate paid  
Day Letter

cc Bureau,  
Dallas  
Kansas City  
San Francisco

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## ALL MESSAGES TAKEN

## COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

- to guard against mistakes or delays, the un-repeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an un-repeated message and paid for as such, in consideration it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:
- The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the un-repeated message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption of the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
- In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater sum is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
- The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach destination.
- Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
- No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
- The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is received by the company for transmission. In the case of intrastate messages in Texas the company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued.
- It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be required, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
- Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
- No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED  
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### GRAMS

rate expedited service.

### T MESSAGES

ated up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

### LETTERS

ferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred message and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subject to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

Each Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on any of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular messages under the conditions named above.

### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

### DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
GRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
LETTER	LETTER
GRAM	RADIOGRAM

SHOULD CHECK CLASS OF SERVICE  
D. OTHERWISE MESSAGE WILL BE TRANS-  
AS A FULL-RATE COMMUNICATION

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

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STANDARD TIME

the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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SALT LAKE CITY UTAH  
DECEMBER 24 1937

N J L PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SUITE 1729 - 111 SUTTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEC 28 1937

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AND BELIEVED ATTACKER SAME PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SNATCHING PURSES RENO LAST THREE  
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cc - Bureau  
Oklahoma City

# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise stated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY QUOTED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIAL RATE, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from an unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or pure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

#### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

TELEGRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

LETTERS. A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate, and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or more and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT MESSAGES: Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

NIGHT LETTERS: Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day. At rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

#### CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Portland, Oregon  
December 24, 1937

K H. B. Fletcher,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
629 First National Bank,  
Omaha, Nebraska

RETEL RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE REAL FIRST LICENSE NUMBER RECORDED AT  
CHECKING STATION AS TWO FOUR DASH TWO THREE THREE NINE. NO DASH  
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CC Bureau, Oklahoma City

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

# ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such, in consideration of it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater sum is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message, and with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be used, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED  
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

Full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

### DAY LETTERS

Deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 10 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date, regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular messages under the conditions named above.

### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

### DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

## CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

## Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
CablesAll America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

CHECK

TIME FILED

STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

San Francisco, California

December 21, 1937

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

## TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

and against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it to be telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise stated, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE SENDER OF THE MESSAGE AND THE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payable or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and a charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward a message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

GRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

RS. A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate, one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the terms of this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

1. Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service. The transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

2. Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the same above.

3. RS. Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the day, delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, paid.

4. TERMS. Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram or 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination; postage prepaid.

### CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Messages in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (e.g., Post London, etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

WEEK END CABLE LETTERS at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

# Postal Telegraph

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San Francisco

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

## TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the un-repeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission, and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated message rate and an additional charge equal to one tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until they are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

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## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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### CABLE MESSAGES

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NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box #709,  
Portland, Oregon,

December 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

As a result of investigation conducted at the California Highway Patrol and California Agricultural Quarantine Checking stations along the Oregon-California border there were secured the license numbers of all automobiles, together with such other available data as was on file, that passed through those stations on December 15th and 16th, 1937. As nearly as could be established the check of these cars was limited to the hours between approximately 6:00 P.M. December 15th and 9:00 A.M. December 16th.

In this connection I am transmitting herewith to the San Francisco office the lists showing the automobiles entering these stations bearing California registrations, together with all additional information that could be secured at the checking stations. It will be noted under the heading "Route", that the name of a town is listed opposite each car, this record intending to reflect the place visited by each individual car. The officials of the checking stations advised that the information furnished under this heading is not entirely accurate in all cases as they relied solely upon information furnished them by the car owner.

Two copies of this letter are being transmitted to the Seattle office, attached to which are the lists of automobiles which were secured at the checking stations as having passed through these stations on December 15th and 16th, bearing Washington registration, together with those cars bearing British Columbia registration.

These lists are furnished the San Francisco and Seattle offices in order that immediate investigation can be conducted to determine the identity of the owners of these cars, the reputations, reliability and other data which might assist in determining whether any of these persons could be identical with the unknown individual who purchased the tide and current books in Portland pertaining to Alcatraz Island on December 15th, 1937. The owners of the instant cars should be located and even though their reliability and standing should be established they should be interrogated as to whether they purchased the two tide and current booklets. In this connection please refer to report of the undersigned dated December 22, 1937, copies of

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which were furnished the San Francisco and Seattle offices.

It will be necessary to ascertain through the State Automobile Registration Bureaus in the respective states data regarding the identity and residence of the owner of each automobile referred to in the attached lists.

The Bureau has instructed that investigation of these cars be given immediately and expeditious attention, and that the present whereabouts of the individuals concerned with these cars be ascertained in order that immediate leads can be transmitted to the appropriate Divisions for the purposes of interviewing these individuals.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau (2) AMASD, encl.

cc-Seattle (2) AMASD, encl.

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

C. C. SPEARS,

Special Agent in Charge.

Cars bearing Washington licenses passing through Station #7,  
Dunsmuir, California;

December 15, 1937

License No.	Year	No. Passengers	Make & Type	Cal. Permit No.
K 6717	37	3	Studebaker Coupe	268272
A 18164	37	2	Chevrolet Coupe	268276
E 22746	37	2	Lafayette Vict.	268283
B 29943	37	4	Reo Sedan	268285
U 3998	37	4	Dodge Sedan	268286
T 5149	37	2	Chevrolet Coupe	157251 Temp
A 40165	37	3	Packard Sedan	157365 "
U 629	37	2	Oldsmobile Sedan	157367 "

December 16, 1937.

C 44-214	37	3	Pontiac Coupe	268570
D 19-997	37	2	Oldsmobile Coupe	268572
U 4762	37	1	De Soto Coupe	268580
A 59-272	37	2	Chevrolet Sedan	268585
31413	37	2	Chevrolet Truck	268588
V 30	38	5	---	268589
D 3249	38	3	Chevrolet Coach	157210 Temp
B 5467	38	2	Chevrolet Sedan	157212 "
E 521	38	4	Pontiac Sedan	157216 "
A 36-164	38	1	Willys Coupe	157217 "
C 6291	38	2	De Soto Sedan	157218
E 14902	37	2	Dodge Coupe	157219
O 1242	38	3	Packard Sedan	157220
E 17	38	1	De Soto Sedan	157221
J 2531	37	4	Plymouth Sedan	157224
A 40-135	38	3	La Salle Sedan	157225
E 13-945	37	2	Chevrolet 2 door	157228
D 52-95	38	1	Plymouth Sedan	157229
K 1979	38	1	Chevrolet Tudor	157232
A 40-687	38	2	Oldsmobile Sedan	157234
E 10-634	37	1	Chevrolet Coupe	268590
A 125 797	37	4	Dodge Sedan	268591
I 6346	37	2	Chevrolet Tudor	268599

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Cars bearing Washington licenses passing through Hornbrook,  
California:

December 15, 1937:

Passengers	License No.	Route traveled	Make
2	B 15282	Tacoma	Buick C
5	U 629	Osborne	Oldsmobile Sedan
2	C 6291	Spokane	DeSoto Sedan
1	A 36164	Seattle	Willys C
4	A 7500	Seattle	A. S.
2	C 44214	Grand Coulee	Pontiac C

December 16, 1937:

1	A 14285	Seattle	Chevrolet
3	D 3249	Everett	Chevrolet S
2	B 5469	Tacoma	Chevrolet S
2	B 21598	Tacoma	Nash S
2	D 19997	Bellingham	Oldsmobile C
2	E 14902	Seattle	Dodge C
2	A 59272	Seattle	Chevrolet S
4	M 9756	Seattle	Plymouth Sedan

Cars bearing Washington licenses passing through Redwood  
Highway, California:

December 15, 1937:

2	83424	E. Sound	Truck
3	D 729	Seattle	---

December 16, 1937:

2	A 52776	Seattle	---
1	G 188	Vancouver	---
2	E 20638	Mapato	---

Cars bearing Washington licenses passing through Dorris,  
California:

December 15, 1937:

Passengers	License No.	Route traveled	Make
4	V 3998	Grand Coulee	
2	E 22746	Yakima	
3	GT 854	Grand Coulee Truck	

December 16, 1937:

4	E 521	Yakima
3	O 1242	Walla Walla
2	E 17	Yakima
3	A 40135	Seattle
1	E 10634	Yakima

Cars bearing Washington licenses passing through  
Smith River, California:

December 15, 1937:

4	A 120757	Seattle
2	K 203	Wenatchee
3	U 2122	Grand Coulee
1	A 50172	Seattle

December 16, 1937:

4	H 846	Aberdeen
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Cars bearing British Columbia license plates passing through  
Dunsmuir California:

December 15, 1937:

License No.	Year	No. Passengers	Make & Type	Permit No.
82332	37	2	Packard Coupe	268273
3-134	37	4	Studebaker Sedan	268284

December 16, 1937:

83-738	37	4	Oldsmobile Sedan	268582
89-838	37	2	DeSoto Coupe	268593
42-728	37	2	Dodge Sedan	268594
57-030	37	2	Ford Roadster	268595

Cars bearing British Columbia license plates passing through  
Hornbrook, California; December 16, 1937:

83-738	37	Route traveled Victoria, B. C. - Oldsmobile Sedan. 2 passengers		
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Car bearing British Columbia license plates passing through  
Smith River, California, December 16, 1937:

16830	37	2 pass.	route - Vancouver, B. C.	
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Cars bearing California license plates passing through Hornbrook, California:

December 15, 1937

Passengers	License No.	Route	Make of car
3	4 J 330	Medford	V8 S
1	2 E 5656	Medford	Chevrolet C
2	5 A 3591	"	V8 C
1	W 3690		Plymouth S
2	4 A 1172	Ashland	V8 C
1	K 5831	S. F.	Ford T
4	6 D 4173	Medford	Pontiac C
2	1 P 598	Ashland	Olds S
2	A 3883 C		V 8 pickup
2	MO 8356	Seattle	Willys S
1	1 R 2847	Roseburg	V8 S
2	2 E 5590	Medford	V8 C
2	A 3883 C	Grants Pass	V8 pickup
2	5 W 46	Corvallis	V8 C
6	HR 0141	Bremerton	Olds S
1	4 T 7597	Seattle	Dodge C
1	K 9337	Portland	Pontiac S
3	9 U 2391	Ashland	Oak S
1	A 1827 C	Grants Pass	V8 S
1	1 E 303		Plymouth C
2	4 Q 6943	Portland	Stude C C
2	2 E 5818	Medford	V8 S

December 16, 1937

2	4 D 8069	Medford	Packard
4	1 A 9113	Portland	V8 S
3	4 Z 9140	Seattle	V8 S
2	5 E 717	Corvallis	Model A C
2	2 Q 7268	Ashland	V8 C
3	1 C 8608	Corvallis	Model A C
4	6 C 6982	Bremerton	V8 S
2	M 4693 V	Portland	Pontiac S
4	1 M 8396	Eugene	Durante & Trailer
6	9 X 2752	Bremerton	V8 S
1	5 G 9609	Seattle	PG S
2	8 Y 2938	Medford	A C
3	6 N 5622	Tacoma	A C
2	9 T 7166	Bremerton	A C

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Hornbrook Dec. 16, 1937 (cont.)

Passengers	License No.	Route	Make of car
1	2 G 5154		Studebaker S
1	1 Z 3580	Vancouver	Chevrolet C

Cars bearing California license plates passing through Redwood Highway, California:

December 15, 1937:

1	<u>A</u> 6364	Grants Pass
	A	
3	4 F 1586	Selma
1	3 K 3193	Grants Pass
3	9 J 8611	Grants Pass

December 16, 1937

2	2 G 5149	Yreka
2	<u>A</u> 1007	Madford
	F	
2	7 V 3186	Rogue River
1	2 G 8481	Portland

Cars bearing California license plates passing through Derris, California:

December 15, 1937:

5	2 E 5179	Klamath Falls
1	1 X 8183	Spokane
2	9 F 7161	K. F.
3	3 B 7795	Klamath Falls
2	7 D 8387	Weiser, Idaho
2	A 58664	K. F.
2	1 G 1799	Spokane
2	4 J 127	K. F.
1	4 A 3390	Twin Falls

December 16, 1937:

1	9 K 8247	Coulee
2	1 R 6988	Seattle
1	L 9100	Tule
1	7 F 7225	Portland
2	5 A 1401	K.F.
1	7 H 8752	Portland
4	6 U 528	Yakima

Cars bearing California license plates passing through Smith  
River, California:

<u>Pass.</u>	<u>December 15, 1937:</u> <u>License No.</u>	<u>Route</u>
1	6 V 9076	Canada
1	8 U 7728	Seattle
1	6 R 9223	Seattle
2	6 Q 3273	Marshfield
2	8 Q 8465	Marshfield

<u>Pass.</u>	<u>December 16, 1937:</u> <u>License No.</u>	<u>Route</u>
2	8 J 321	Coquille
1	3 G 691	Portland
2	5 H 7193	Seattle


Kansas City; Missouri,  
December 23, 1937.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Re: RALPH ROE with aliases -  
FUGITIVE; ET AL;  
Escaped Federal Prisoner.

The Bureau has advised that it desires that hereafter San Francisco, as well as Washington, be promptly advised of all information received concerning this case and that copies of all reports or other communications should be furnished San Francisco.

Please be guided by the foregoing instructions.

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/23/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/16-23/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON - MLA</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

All leads exhaustively investigated in San Francisco Bay Area so far fail to develop information indicating either or both subjects have participated in any robberies, thefts, auto thefts, or other criminal activities. Investigation being continued intensively. No body or bodies have been located in Bay Area waters.

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**REFERENCES:** Reports of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated December 20, 1937 and December 21, 1937;  
Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 17, 1937.

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DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

The following quoted note was brought to the San Francisco Field Office by [redacted] Editorial Department of the San Francisco Examiner:

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"AL,

Things Went as we Planed had to wait on boat Got money and clothes. O.K. Get in touch with "G" and leave money in Place planed.

C."

This note was turned over to [redacted] by one [redacted] and informant and at the time he turned it over, left no address. However, arrangements were made to locate [redacted]

[redacted] called at the San Francisco Field Office through an arrangement made with [redacted] and informed that he found this note



He also admitted that he was fingerprinted in Los Angeles either in 1928 or 1929 on a vagrancy charge and then released. He claims that he had not shown the note to anyone except [redacted]. However, the note was indiscriminately handled at the newspaper office before it was turned over to the San Francisco Field Office.

[redacted] although interviewed exhaustively, insisted that the note was found as he said and he knew nothing of its background or connection with the instant case and was turning it over for whatever value it might prove to be.

Special Agent A. E. Farland obtained specimens of the handwriting of both subjects at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

The handwriting specimens of subject ROE, Alcatraz Number 260, consist of the following:

A letter dated September 24, 1937, starting out, "Hello Sis," also two sheets of handwriting of Spanish idioms, also drawings of a man and a girl.

The handwriting specimens of Subject COLE, Alcatraz Number 258, consist of the following:

One sheet of figures, two envelopes with figures on the outside, his signature on an Alcatraz form dated October 27, 1935, and his signature on a questionnaire.

These specimens are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory with the request that they be compared with the note turned over to the San Francisco Field Office by MR. HARRY LONG, and also with the request that the office of origin be advised of the results.

Arrangements have been made with the National Automobile Theft Bureau, San Francisco, California, to obtain an immediate report of any stolen cars in the bay area; also all reports on the State All Point Teletype bulletins are being checked concerning stolen cars. This list is obtained daily and has been obtained since December 14, 1937, two days prior to the escape and these are being checked thoroughly.

This information is not being set forth in the report inasmuch as in most instances the cars have been recovered by the owners or have been used in joy rides and abandoned, and it is believed that this information is too voluminous to be set forth in a report, inasmuch as so far it has been negative.

This list is being maintained in the San Francisco Field Office file.

MR. E. X. BUSH telephonically advised the San Francisco Field Office on December 22, 1937, to the effect that two men were seen looking through field glasses towards Alcatraz from the premises at 351 Marina Boulevard.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. B. Myerson:

Agent Myerson proceeded to the premises at 351 Marina Boulevard and this was found to be a privately owned residence, the owner, one LLOYD S. HARRILLAN, who is engaged in the real estate business at 41 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Agent learned from the maid at said address, ~~BERTHA JONES~~, that MR. and MRS. HARRIMAN were out for the day; that earlier in the day, both MR. HARRIMAN and a friend of his, one ~~MR. JACKS~~, also in the real estate business, were gazing out across the bay through some field glasses, as they very often did. The maid explained that field glasses were a hobby of HARRIMAN'S and then proceeded to escort agent through the entire premises, consisting of main floor, second floor and basement.

In the living room were seen three tri-pods, on two of which were mounted strong field glasses. Neither one, however, was pointed towards Alcatraz when agent entered. Agent directed the glasses towards Alcatraz and while they brought the buildings up to the foreground, no sign of life could be seen.

Nothing of a suspicious nature was noted throughout the balance of the house. Every door was opened by the maid at her own insistence, and agent glanced into the rooms or closets and noted the contents.

It should be noted that the neighborhood of 351 Marina, which is on the bay front, is composed of homes and apartments which have large front windows from which complete views of the water, Alcatraz, the yacht club and other items of interest are visible. It is believed that binoculars will be found in most of these homes on Marina Boulevard and that there is nothing significant about the practice of directing them at Alcatraz.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCulloch at Sacramento, California:

With reference to newspaper stories of December 20, 1937, stating that a hardware store burglary in Sacramento might possibly be connected with instant case, Agent J. R. McCulloch contacted Captain W. ~~ADAM~~ THOMAS, Sacramento Police Department, who produced the report of the robbery of the Kimball-Upson Company, sporting goods and hardware store, to be examined by Agent.

This report reflected that the Kimball-Upson Company is located at 1700 K Street, being on the corner of 17th and K, and that this company was robbed on either December 19th or 20th between the hours of 1:30 P.M. on December 19th and 8:00 A.M. on December 20th. Entrance to the building had been gained by the breaking of the glass in a window at the rear of the building and the cutting of the heavy wire with which the window was reinforced. This wire was neatly snipped with wire clippers

and had been pushed back to allow entrance. JOHN CRUMP, of the Sacramento Police Department, had thoroughly processed the window and window-pane for fingerprints with negative results. The window is directly above a cement alleyway, obviating the possibility of obtaining footprints or tire tracks. A revolver found in the store which was believed to have been handled by the thief or thieves had also been taken to the Sacramento Police Department and processed for prints without any being developed.

The following is a list of the property stolen from the Kimball-Upson Company, of which L. S. UPSON, of 751 21st Street, is the proprietor

1 Fountain pen desk set	\$2.95
3 Yankee watches, valued at \$1.50 ea.	4.50
1 Cigarette case and lighter	10.00
1 Vogtlander camera	17.95
3 Alarm clocks	6.75
7 Pocket knives	8.50
1 Ronson desk lighter	20.00
1 Stanley vacuum jug	8.50
1 Chemical set	7.50
1 Hammond clock	9.95

The following firearms were included in the loot:

1 Model 70-270 Winchester, 57 W. Sight  
 1 37-22 Harris and Richardson Remington Target No. 00358  
 1 Model 341 P.W. Weaver with telescope sight  
 2 Model 71-348 Winchester rifles  
 1 Model 81-A-25 Remington automatic rifle  
 1 Model 81-A-30 Remington automatic rifle  
 1 Model 81-A-32 Remington automatic rifle  
 1 Sportsman 16 gauge skeet grade gun  
 2 Model 220 B Coleman Lanterns  
 1 Model 64 Peer rifle .30-.30  
 2 Sportsman Models 12 gauge, 30 inch, ribbed barrel  
 2 Sportsman Models 12 gauge, 30 inch, plain barrel  
 1 Model 11A, 12 gauge, 32 inch ribbed barrel  
 1 Model 5422 Hornet W. 48 Lyman sight  
 2 Model 341-A Remington, bolt action repeater  
 2 Model 341-P Remington bolt action repeater  
 1 Colt Ace .22 automatic pistol No. 7065  
 2 Harrington and Richardson Sportsman revolvers Nos. 16318 and 16317  
 1 Model 42-410 gauge Winchester ribbed barrel  
 1 Model 42-410 gauge Winchester plain barrel  
 2 Model 41-A22 single shot rifles.

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The approximate value of these above-named firearms was set at \$2,000. No ammunition was believed to have been stolen.

A later check also disclosed that the following articles had been stolen:

1 Exide battery for Ford V8, No. XL151S, value	\$15
1 Universal Tropic Air Heater with defroster	20
1 Alemite grease gun, value	5
Quantity of Champion spark plugs, value	40
3 sheep-lined canvas hunting coats, value not stated.	

CAPTAIN THOMAS informed that the loot had been placed in a radio cover and taken to the alley at the rear of the store building where the stolen property had apparently been placed in a truck or an automobile as the radio cover had been left by the broken window. CAPTAIN THOMAS stated that the thief or thieves had not worn gloves as several smudges had been found by JOHN CRUMP of the Police Department's Bureau of Identification, but that no print or fragment thereof had been found. He advised that there were no suspects in this robbery but that it was believed to be the work of an organized gang inasmuch as a burglary where a very similar modus operandi was employed took place in a sporting goods store in Vallejo, California, on August 5, 1937, at which time a quantity of firearms and other goods were stolen similar to that taken in this burglary.

CAPTAIN THOMAS could give no further information other than that he believed that a false fire alarm which had been placed at 14th and K Streets at 2:05 A.M. Sunday morning had probably been placed by the thieves, they knowing that such alarm would attract the policeman in that vicinity and give them an opportunity to perpetrate the burglary at 17th and K without molestation. It was CAPTAIN THOMAS' belief, which is shared by Agent, that this burglary was not the work of the subjects in this case due to the alarm clocks, fountain pen set, and so forth that were stolen as well as the firearms. It may also be noted that the three Remington automatic rifles are the only firearms of a type which would probably appeal to subjects, the others being odd types of rifles and pistols. The Kimball-Upson Company was unable to give the serial numbers for the firearms other than those noted. All the loot was insured. The value of the property stolen was set at \$2,139.10.

Another burglary in Sacramento at which firearms were taken was reported by CAPTAIN THOMAS to have occurred on December 18, 1937, at 3:10 A.M., the gunsmith shop of F. J. WEBERHARDT at 509 J Street having been burgled after the thief had broken a window on the porch in the back of the store, had entered this window and had broken another window into the building. The thief had stolen a .44 caliber double action revolver, 4½ or 5 inch barrel (This revolver was a Biesly model), a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson special revolver, No. 58247, which contained six cartridges, a .30 caliber German

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Luger in a leather holster, and a Colt army special .38 caliber revolver with 6 inch barrel.

DETECTIVE JACK KENEALY, who investigated this burglary for the police department, advised that the burglar had rifled only two or three drawers, apparently knowing what and where the articles were that he wanted. He was seen leaving the place by JOHN BARTLETT, 509<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> J Street, who lives above the store, and when BARTLETT flashed a light on the man the thief jumped over a five-foot board fence and bumped into an automobile parked behind it, at which time his hat fell off. He ran down an alley discarding a holster. BARTLETT had described the man as being quite young, height, about 5' 6" and wearing a blue coat and striped overalls. KENEALY stated that LESLIE COX, of the Sacramento Bureau of Identification had obtained a .22 caliber Colt target pistol which the thief had dropped on the floor and had processed this pistol, together with glass from the broken window and other articles believed touched by the thief, but had been unable to develop any latent fingerprints.

DETECTIVE RAY KUNZ, who has been assigned the case by the Sacramento Police Department, advised agent that he has a good suspect in the case and that he believes the thief to be a Sacramento youth whom he is investigating. It may be noted, that the numbers of the goods stolen could not be obtained from MR. EBERHARDT, other than the number set out, and that the value of the goods could not be estimated by him, and it is not believed that they were insured. No ammunition was obtained other than the six cartridges with the Smith and Wesson revolver. The cash register was not molested, apparently the thief wishing to obtain only the guns. The thief's hat which he lost at the time he jumped over the fence was recovered by police officers and at the time of agent's call at the Sacramento Police Department, which was early in the morning, the property room in which the hat was placed was locked and could not then be opened by any of the officers present.

In company with DETECTIVES JACK KENEALY AND JOHN GABRIELLI, agent proceeded to 509 J Street and 1700 K Street, the scenes of the burglaries discussed herein. An examination of the broken windows was made and it was noted that these had been dusted for prints already. The cement alleys at the rear of both buildings burglarized made the obtaining of footprints or tire prints impossible. In view of the nature of the first burglary and as the thief in the second burglary was seen to be quite young and is believed to be known, it is not believed that these burglaries were perpetrated by subjects.

In response to a telephonic communication from MR. WANDS, Superintendent of Mails, Ferry Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., December 20, 1937, to the effect that he had received an anonymous card which stated that:

"GEORGE WIGGINS, 1900 Columbia Boulevard, Richmond is feeding your 2 rock island convicts in a jungle camp on the railroad about 1/4 mile north of above address. WIGGINS is an ex-convict, ex-hobo and professional reliefer."

Agents A. V. TRICHAK and H. I. BOBBITT, at Richmond, California, interviewed J. R. THOMAS, Postmaster, who advised that CHARLES MOORE, carrier, would be more conversant with the district near 1900 Columbia Boulevard, and that his only knowledge of this community was that it was a rendezvous for transients.

CHARLES MOORE, carrier, Richmond Post Office, advised that there is no 1900 Columbia Boulevard but that GEORGE WIGGINS and CHARLES KYLLO live together on Columbia Boulevard and receive their mail in a box that is numbered 1820 and 1930; that he had never known these individuals, nor any of their companions, but did know that several persons living below the railroad tracks in board shacks received their mail through this box. Moore also stated that there was a small "jungle" about one-fourth of a mile north of WIGGINS' residence, in which there were several transients at the present time.

A discreet neighborhood investigation was conducted concerning the activities, reputation and companions of GEORGE WIGGINS and CHARLES KYLLO, 1820, 1930 Columbia Boulevard, and at the same time an effort was made to learn the identity of the author of the anonymous note. No information was discovered at time of the above investigation that would indicate that either KYLLO or WIGGINS had any connections with, or were of the criminal element, or had ever engaged in any criminal activities themselves, including harboring. Nor was any information discovered that would indicate the identity of the author of the note.

Agents interviewed CHARLES KYLLO at 1820, 1930 Columbia Boulevard, and with his permission searched his dwelling and adjacent premises, finding nothing that would indicate that he was aiding or had any connection with the subjects in instant case. KYLLO stated that he and GEORGE WIGGINS had lived in this vicinity since 1930, making their living hauling timbers from the Bay, selling the same for firewood, working for W.P.A., and other various jobs, that he had no criminal record, nor did he know of any that WIGGINS had. He told Agents that he was well acquainted with the men living in the shacks below the railroad tracks, of whom there were approximately 12 in number;

that these men had lived in these shacks for periods ranging from two months to twenty-five years; that at the present time there were two or three men in the "jungles" north of his residence, and that while he did not know these men personally, he believed that they were merely transients. KYLLO further stated that he had not seen any strangers in the vicinity answering the descriptions of the subjects, and that he had aided no person in the last ten days.

KYLLO accompanied Agents, and at the "jungle" there were found two men, living in the typical hobo camp by the side of the railroad track. These men gave their names as JOE WALSH and JAMES WATSON, ages 61 and 54, respectively. There was evidence of another inmate being in camp, but they, the two above men, stated that he was 60 years of age, and absent gathering firewood; that he was known as "OSCAR." Agents observed this individual upon his arrival and found him to be of age described. Neither of the above individuals disclosed any information pertinent to the instant case during a thorough interrogation concerning any persons they had observed within the past four days (the length of their period of stay at this "jungle"), the unusual activities of any boats, or the landing of any persons on the bay shore.

Agents then searched all the box cars in that vicinity and while finding evidences of recent habitation, found nothing that would indicate that these habitants were identical with the subjects in this case. A thorough search was conducted of the shacks in the vicinity of the railroad tracks, and the inhabitants thereof vigorously questioned concerning their knowledge of any events which would indicate that they knew any facts pertinent to this case, with negative results.

GEORGE WIGGINS, upon his arrival from his work at the WPA project, Walnut Creek, was interviewed by Agents. He stated that he was employed on the WPA Waterworks Project, Walnut Creek, and had been so employed for approximately 18 months; that he had lived in that vicinity since 1930 with CHARLES KYLLO; that while he had been convicted on a bootlegging charge in Portland, Oregon, and had served a sentence of 60 days therefor, he had no connection with any criminals and knew nothing of the subjects in instant case. He stated that he had not aided or helped any person recently in any manner, nor had he observed any strangers in the neighborhood answering the description of instant subjects.

Neither WIGGINS nor KYLLO had any knowledge of who might have stated that they had been harboring criminals, nor could they recall any enemies that they might have had. Both men stated that should they find any facts pertinent to this case, they would communicate them to the San Francisco Field Division. Both men were warned against aiding or harboring any fugitives.



MISS MARJORIE SAMPLES, District Attorney's Office, Richmond, California, telephoned Special Agent in Charge PIEPER at the San Francisco Bureau Office on December 20, 1937 and stated that MR. and MRS. (EVELYN) MARTIN L. MORGAN, who are in the used clothes business at 304 McDonald Avenue, Richmond, and also own a boarding house at 90 West McDonald Avenue in that city, were proud of the fact that they had known (BABY FACE) "NELSON" and "BONNIE PARKER," and that they are known to have a reputation of being sympathetic to criminals and cater to ex-convicts.

Special Agent A. V. TRICHAK contacted E. K. BALSIGER, mail carrier on the route covering 90 McDonald Avenue, Richmond, California, and he stated that he was not personally acquainted with MR. and MRS. MARTIN L. MORGAN and knew nothing of the occupants of the boarding house at that address except that he has delivered mail for persons there named J. H. WALPOLE, W. V. HALLOWAY, and a party by the name of McDONALD. The latter still receives mail there but WALPOLE and HALLOWAY have moved. BALSIGER stated that he knew nothing of the reputation and character of the MORGANS or the type of persons they may cater to, although he has observed a lot of tough looking characters there. MRS. MORGAN, according to BALSIGER, stays at 320 - 1st Street, Richmond, which is diagonally across the street from 90 McDonald Avenue.

At the office of HOMER V. PATTERSON, Assistant District Attorney, 406 American Exchange Building, Richmond, Agents BOBBITT and TRICHAK contacted T. H. ALPHEE, attorney, who stated that MISS MARJORIE SAMPLES, secretary to PATTERSON, was not available for interview as she had taken the day off to do her Christmas shopping. ALPHEE stated, however, that MISS SAMPLES had no information about the escaped convicts but that she based her suspicions on the fact that a red-headed boy who had served time in a state reformatory and frequently called at the office since his release told MISS SAMPLES that he had visited at the boarding house located at 90 McDonald Avenue and had seen there a photograph which he recognized from newspaper photographs as being a photograph of JOHN PAUL CHASE, and since the newspaper write-ups concerning the Alcatraz escape indicated that there may have been some connection between CHASE and the escaped convicts, she reported her suspicions to the San Francisco Bureau Office. ALPHEE stated that the red-headed boy was rather simple-minded and probably didn't know what he was talking about but that there is a possibility the convicts may have stayed at the boarding

house as the MARTINS apparently cater to the criminal element.

The above information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge PIEPER who advised that the information did not appear to warrant further investigation at that time and further investigation was therefore suspended.

On December 22, 1937, Inspector ~~ENGLISH~~ of the San Francisco Police Department telephonically advised that one pawnshop dealer expressed his opinion that COLE had pawned some articles with him at 12 noon. Agent H. I. BOBBITT, accompanied by Inspector ~~ENGLISH~~, interviewed ~~BEN~~ PREISMAN, Manager of the Eagle Loan Office, 123 Third Street, San Francisco, and PREISMAN stated that at 11:30 a.m. two men had visited the pawnshop and had asked to pledge an overcoat and a suit; that he had told them that he would not accept the overcoat but would accept the suit if brought back to him in a separate box. He stated that they had then left and had returned at approximately 11:58 a.m. with the suit in a box, and he at that time had accepted the same for pledge, giving the possessor of the suit \$5.00 therefor. PREISMAN advised that upon their second visit he had noted the resemblance of one of the men to THEODORE COLE, Subject in instant case; that this party, whom he believed to be COLE, signed the pledge ticket using the name of ~~PAUL~~ STULGES, address, Chicago, Illinois.

This party advised PREISMAN that he had no local address, and upon receiving the \$5.00 bill handled it and was addressed by the other man who stated, "That won't go far in Reno." PREISMAN further advised that these men had then left, going west on Third Street toward Mission Street; that ~~MARY~~ PAUL had followed these two individuals to the front of the store and after observing them walking toward Mission Street had returned and called the San Francisco Police Department.

PREISMAN stated that he had neither seen these individuals before nor after the two visits that they had paid him at the pawnshop this morning.

MARK PAUL, clerk in the pawnshop, stated that he returned to the store at approximately 11:45 a.m. and there had noted the two individuals in the store and had especially noted that one of them resembled COLE very closely; that he had picked up a clipping of a newspaper in which COLE'S picture appeared and stood in the store comparing this individual's features with the picture of COLE. He stated that he had especially noted that the right ear of this individual compared very closely with that in the picture, and also that this individual had a crescent shaped scar approximately an inch and a half or two inches in length at the right corner of his mouth. He stated that these two men had noticed him comparing them with the picture, and although they did not say anything to him, they had completed their business and left the store without any unnecessary delay. PAUL completed the description upon the pledge ticket, and this is as follows:

Age	30
Height	5' 8"
Complexion	Medium
Dress	Brown striped, medium

Time: 12 noon

This pledge ticket further discloses it was made for one brown check suit "Truvalu" and that the signature of this individual as PAUL STULGES appears on the lower left-hand corner with the address of Chicago, Illinois written under the name. This is the only place that this individual has written upon this ticket.

An examination of the suit left by these individuals revealed that it was a blue check, bi-swing back, single-breasted suit, with the label, "G. N. & Co., Tru-Value Clothes, Chicago" on the inner coat pocket. This label appeared to have replaced one that had formerly been upon the suit. Upon the inner lining of the inside coat pocket appeared the union tag with the number, Series Y-729059. Upon the inside of the left rear pocket were stamped in red ink the figures, 763-38.

Descriptions of these individuals as given by PAUL and PREISMAN are as follows.

Description of individual thought to be Cole as given by Ben Preisman:

Age	27 to 30
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Slim
Eyes	Color undetermined but appeared to twinkle
Hair	Believed to be dark
Face	Round
Scars	Scar on middle right cheek
Dress	Brownish hat, dark gray, double-breasted overcoat and dark brown suit thought to be single-breasted and ill-fitting.

Description of individual thought to be Cole as given by  
Mark Paul:

Age	30
Height	5' 8"
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complex.	Medium
Eyes	Undetermined
Scars	Crescent scar approximately an inch and a half curving below the corner of right lip
	Dark hat, brown striped suit, of which the trousers seemed to be too short for him

Description of the individual accompanying the person thought  
to be COLE as given by BEN PREISMAN:

Age	30
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 lbs.
Nose	Roman
Complexion	Dark
Face	Round
Dress	Black hat, short leather jacket, gray trousers

Description of the individual accompanying the person thought  
to be COLE as given by MARK PAUL:

Age	33
Height	5' 7"
Weight	135 lbs.
Face	Thin
Complexion	Dark
Cheeks	Appeared to be lined
Dress	Dark hat, light corduroy trousers, chamois suede jacket, and light- colored shirt.

Both PREISMAN and PAUL advised that they would call the San Francisco Field Division if these two individuals returned or if they learned any further information concerning them. The pawn ticket which was signed for the suit was obtained, and the same is being forwarded the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the subjects' handwriting and fingerprints.

At 8:15 a.m. December 22, MR. PRODFIT, Manager of an apartment house at 450 Eddy Street, San Francisco, called the San Francisco Field Division Office and advised FRED DUFUIS, Night Clerk, that two men with an Oklahoma license tag on their car had inquired as to the manner of locating a party in Oakland, California. They stated that they were taking a couple of fellows back to Oklahoma with them and admitted knowing the convicts.

MR. PRODFIT advised Agent H. I. BOBBITT that he had no information other than that disclosed to FRED DUFUIS, but that a boarder at his place by the name of JOHN GALBRAITH had advised him of these facts and he had communicated the same to the San Francisco Field Division. GALBRAITH, upon arrival at 450 Eddy Street, stated to Agent that one VERNON STOCKTON had come to the Southern Pacific Roundhouse at Third and Mariposa Streets and had told him that he had just returned from Oklahoma, riding therefrom with another fellow whom STOCKTON had introduced to him but whose name GALBRAITH did not remember. He stated that this individual had driven him to his home after work, accompanied by VERNON STOCKTON, and that upon their way home this individual had told him that he had recently left Oklahoma and was driving out to visit one N. T. WEBER of Oakland, California.

GALBRAITH advised that neither STOCKTON nor this individual had mentioned the Subjects in instant case or that they had known them, but he had merely wondered whether or not they had been lying to him as to the parties they intended to see in Oakland as this individual stated that he intended to return to Oklahoma in a short time. GALBRAITH had no reason to suspect that these parties were connected with the Subjects other than the facts above set out. This unnamed individual was described as follows:

Age	25 to 26
Height	5' 6"
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complexion	Light
Hair	Blond

The car they were driving was described as a 1936 or 1937 Plymouth Sedan, 1937 Oklahoma license tags on it, and equipped with a defroster upon the windshield.

GALBRAITH advised that VERNON STOCKTON could be contacted through one BILL HARRIS or DOUGLAS CURTNER living in the Brisbane District, San Francisco.

The following investigation was made by  
Special Agent H. K. JOHNSON:

MR. CHARLES H. ~~UPTON~~, U. S. Probation  
Officer at San Francisco, telephonically notified Special Agent  
in Charge PIEPER the night of December 18, 1937 that a counter  
man next to the kitchen of Compton's Restaurant, Geary Street,  
had been overheard bragging that he knew Subject COLE back in  
Oklahoma.

Agent proceeded immediately to Compton's  
Restaurant, 333 Geary Street, and was informed by Manager F. ~~BERG~~  
that "SPARKY" ~~CALLAWAY~~, counter man, had made remarks that he  
knew Subject COLE in Oklahoma, and had gone to school in  
Oklahoma with COLE. ~~BERG~~ stated that ~~CALLAWAY~~ had just left the  
restaurant for the night, almost 9:40 P. M.; that ~~CALLAWAY~~ had  
not received his wages for the past week and was probably leaving  
for his home in Oklahoma after work on December 19, 1937. ~~BERG~~  
stated that he would hold up ~~CALLAWAY'S~~ pay if necessary to  
insure an interview with ~~CALLAWAY~~ before the latter's departure.  
~~CALLAWAY'S~~ address was the Barclay Hotel.

After determining that ~~CALLAWAY'S~~ room, #402,  
was vacant at the Barclay Hotel, 235 O'Farrell Street, Agent in-  
structed the management to keep agent's inquiry confidential.  
Immediately following the above inquiry Agent met Inspectors  
EDMUND ANDERSON and SIDNEY WAUGH, Automobile Detail, San Francisco  
Police Department, at the San Francisco Division Office. These  
inspectors informed Special Agent in Charge PIEPER and Agent that  
they had just talked with ~~EMANUEL LIMAS, JR.~~, incarcerated in  
the San Francisco County Jail and ~~LIMAS~~ had informed the inspectors  
that he had information of value bearing upon instant escape.

Agent proceeded to the County Jail with In-  
spectors ANDERSON and WAUGH and interviewed ~~LIMAS~~ who stated he  
was released from Alcatraz as one of the old Army hold-over  
prisoners on November 11, 1936; that he (~~LIMAS~~) knew subjects  
for approximately ten months before ~~LIMAS'~~ release. He identified  
subjects' photographs. ~~LIMAS~~ stated that subjects had often talked  
of escape from Alcatraz; that they not only talked to him in this  
regard but also to JOHN PAUL CHASE, CHARLIE ~~BERTA~~, and it is believed  
one ~~PETERSON~~, once a cook for the Warden; also ~~ALYCAPONE~~ and ~~FONTAINE~~  
(phonetic) who once smuggled arms into Leavenworth. ~~LIMAS~~ stated  
that all of the convicts to whom Subject COLE spoke about escape  
are believed to have expressed their disfavor of attempting to  
break. COLE talked with CHASE and BERTA in the machine shop.



COLE boasted to LIMAS that he was a good swimmer and believed he could swim from Alcatraz to the mainland; that the water was not too cold for a good swimmer. LIMAS recalled that subjects were acquainted and friends before they came to Alcatraz; that they served time at McAlester, Oklahoma; that they used every opportunity to get together and talk in the yard at Alcatraz. LIMAS stated that he heard that subjects attempted several times to have themselves assigned to the same workshop at Alcatraz in order that they could be together, but that their efforts were unsuccessful.

LIMAS stated that men on salary at Alcatraz, he and others who had some freedom in moving on the island, were sought out by convicts who had no freedom and who were interested in escape. It was for this reason that COLE apparently sought the acquaintance and friendship of LIMAS. LIMAS and COLE were together in the same workshop and LIMAS recalled once receiving a letter from his mother, MRS. FRANCIS LIMAS, 1250 South 58th St., Richmond, California. COLE read this letter and remarked that he was interested to know that MRS. LIMAS lived on the mainland near Alcatraz, thus indicating to LIMAS that COLE might seek the assistance of MRS. LIMAS should he escape from Alcatraz.

COLE later mentioned MRS. LIMAS' address to LIMAS a few times to ascertain if COLE had correctly memorized it. LIMAS claims that COLE once wrote this address on the sill of a window just left of a wash basin in the plumbing shop, the window looking out upon the bay.

LIMAS stated that COLE'S plan to escape, most frequently mentioned, was to establish and maintain communication with the mainland through the laundry at Alcatraz, to obtain outside assistance from friends or persons of a group known to disfavor Alcatraz as a Federal penitentiary. LIMAS observed that it was common knowledge that many people in the Bay region had opposed the turning over of Alcatraz as an Army prison to the Department of Justice for a Federal prison, and that it was rumored that those people would gladly receive news of a successful break since a break would probably cause the discontinuance of Alcatraz as a Federal penitentiary. COLE also allegedly told LIMAS that by means of a log or boat being brought near the island at an appointed time an escape would be easy. The only other plan COLE allegedly mentioned to LIMAS was to kidnap the Warden and carry him to the launch. The latter idea, according to LIMAS, was discouraged by convicts with whom COLE talked, COLE being told that he was a fool and that the plan would not work because the key to the launch was kept in a tower where a guard was always stationed.

Although LIMAS gave inconsistent statements, due to the wide publicity given his statements by the newspapers when he later telephonically contacted the office of the Probation Officer and requested that an agent interview him with Mr. RALPH I. EBNER, a Probation Officer, Special Agent (A) M. B. MYERSON again interviewed him in the presence of Mr. EBNER, and this information is being set forth. It is believed that LIMAS is unreliable and this opinion is also held by the Probation Officers who had had to know him and found him unreliable in other instances.

LIMAS worked on the plumbing detail with COLE and COLE asked him from time to time about messages getting out of Alcatraz. COLE also inquired about the key to the boat but LIMAS learned the key was kept in the tower and so informed COLE. LIMAS stated that COLE also wanted to know how many men an escape would meet if he went out the front door.

LIMAS stated that one FONTAINE (spelling phonetic) also worked on the plumbing detail; that FONTAINE wanted to know who would take a message off the island and LIMAS said that SINGLETON, Superintendent of the Laundry, would do so and LIMAS was thereupon told to find out for sure. LIMAS took it up with SINGLETON who told him he would have to know more about the man for whom he took the message and inquired as to how he would get paid. LIMAS then told him he could get the address and upon calling at that address could collect the money. SINGLETON said he could not carry anything on paper and LIMAS then suggested he carry it in his head. SINGLETON then said he would think about it.

LIMAS said that one BAKER, at Alcatraz, was also going to make a break and LIMAS thought FONTAINE was going to escape with COLE. He also said that one KENNETH LARRY, also an inmate, and FONTAINE also wanted to get him out; that LARRY was always asking questions and even went to Foreman KLEINSCHMIDT and inquired of him about possible hideouts and prospects of swimming to shore, as a result of which KLEINSCHMIDT got quite suspicious.

LIMAS advised that LARRY got quite friendly with SINGLETON and told SINGLETON that LIMAS had indicated messages could be taken out; that SINGLETON thereupon asked LARRY about payment. SINGLETON came around a little later and asked LIMAS about LARRY and then LARRY came to LIMAS and asked him to vouch for him to SINGLETON, which he did, LARRY promising that LIMAS would then make some money for himself. LIMAS said that when he spoke to SINGLETON he, LIMAS, told SINGLETON that he knew SINGLETON had carried messages before, both in and out of the prison.

LIMAS advised that he told the foregoing story to Lieut. CULVER and believes the latter failed to report it to Warden JOHNSTON, wanting all of the glory for himself and CULVER also

told LIMAS not to tell the Deputy Warden. Later, however, CULVER must have told Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH as the latter came to LIMAS and told him to recite all the details as it was "worth a million" to him, SHUTTLEWORTH. LIMAS stated that FONTAINE told him of a brother he had in Canada, saying he was going to write him to send SINGLETON about \$500 as a sign of good faith. LIMAS went to SIMPSON, a mail censor, with this and apparently one Lieut. MILLER also got wind of it. SIMPSON said he would watch for the letter. SIMPSON later told LIMAS that FONTAINE had attempted to send such a letter to his brother, asking that the money be sent to CHARLES LARRY, who would pick it up at the Oakland Post Office. Then SINGLETON was to get in touch with LARRY and the latter would pay the money over to him.

LIMAS said that just before his time was up at Alcatraz, FONTAINE came to him and told him that when he got to McNeil's Island to contact one SPUD in the Plumbing Detail and tell SPUD to write to BAKER'S sister to get in touch with CHARLES LARRY and to be sure that LARRY had enough money. LIMAS said that when he was transferred to McNeil's Island, CULVER was one of the guards who escorted him there and on the way CULVER asked for all the dope. Sometime later, before LIMAS' release from McNeil's, SPUD told him that CHAS. LARRY would look him up and promised LIMAS he would get some money out of it. When he got home LIMAS stated he learned that LARRY had already been there looking for him. He was also told that one KENNETH LARRY (relationship to CHAS. LARRY not known by LIMAS) was looking for him.

KENNETH LARRY later talked to LIMAS and told him that he had seen SINGLETON, and the "money was on the way". KENNETH and CHAS. LARRY got LIMAS to donate \$60 for SINGLETON. (KENNETH now said to be in Folsom and CHAS. somewhere around Sacramento; at that place he has previously stayed at the Land and Californian Hotels).

LIMAS stated that he had seen SINGLETON a number of times in Alameda but never at SINGLETON'S home; that the only ones who were negotiating for an escape from Alcatraz were the LARRYS, SINGLETON, one GEO. W. WEBER and BAKER'S sister; that WEBER is a man who had received a presidential pardon, last known address on High Street where he resided about 2½ weeks ago. LIMAS stated that when he last saw WEBER the latter told him he had a spot all picked out if the escape was successful. LIMAS also stated that KENNETH LARRY had been over to see WEBER in San Francisco and that one IRVING WALTERS with WEBER had come to see LIMAS in jail in San Francisco about 2½ weeks ago, were very nervous and inquired whether SINGLETON had been to see LIMAS, and whether he had mentioned WALTERS or WEBER.

LIMAS stated that SINGLETON had admitted in his presence that he was making some money and helping the fellows and

he was going to quit and buy a home in Sausalito; that there was going to be something "hot" break soon.

LIMAS mentioned the name of one PETERSON several times but said he knew little about him. Probation Officer EBNER said that PETERSON is a wife-killer from Honolulu and he knows how to get in touch with him.

LIMAS said he went to Los Angeles a few months ago with two girls and KENNETH LARRY to see MACK GORDON, an ex-con, about raising some money, although GORDON didn't know what the purpose of it was; that GORDON lived at the Avalon Club on Avalon Boulevard and was a gambler and racketeer and that GORDON refused to advance the money, saying he knew nothing about any funds being sent to him for any specific purpose.

LIMAS said he had been contacted several times about getting a fast car but on one occasion when he was successful in getting a car, the plans fell through and he did not need it. He stated that CHAS. LARRY brought JOHNNY LAWSON, who was supposed to help in the escape by making arrangements for the boat which would carry the escapes away from Alcatraz. LIMAS said he saw LAWSON in Dynamite MURPHY'S saloon in Sacramento about October 14, 1937; that the boat arrangements were to be made in Seattle but he understood the boat or boats were already in San Francisco, ready to be used and was kept on Cutting Boulevard at a place where Chief of Police JONES of Richmond would know. (LIMAS said that LAWSON has an Oklahoma State Penitentiary record; that he is short, red-headed and red-faced).

Probation Officer EBNER gave LIMAS some paper and told him to jot down anything else that occurred to him as being of possible importance to the Bureau which he promised to do. However Mr. EBNER and Chief Probation Officer at San Francisco, Mr. UPTON, advised Agent MYERSON that LIMAS is wholly undependable.

With regard to the LIMAS matter, Special Agent in Charge PIEPER went to Alcatraz Island on December 20, 1937 and in conference with Warden JOHNSTON went into details concerning LIMAS' allegations. The Warden advised LIMAS had been on the plumbing detail on the outside and that COLE had been on the plumbing detail on the inside; further that COLE never had worked outside but that on occasion in bad weather LIMAS might have worked inside. It was the Warden's opinion that LIMAS would possibly have done considerable talking to COLE, but that COLE did not have conversation with LIMAS as COLE was very close-mouthed. The Warden expressed implicit faith and trust in SINGLETON, CULVER and his men, and stated that he had every reason to trust them and their actions in the past have been such to strengthen his confidence in them.

Warden JOHNSTON explained in detail, which is not being set out herein, the original difficulties on the Island with the laxity of War Department regime and of the steps taken by him to correct that situation and to remove from the force those individuals who in his mind were in any way doubtful, even though he had no specific information concerning relationship with the prisoners. Warden JOHNSTON further explained that LIMAS was unreliable, always talked a great deal and although in this case he was not overlooking any possibility yet he felt confident that the men mentioned by LIMAS had in no way aided ROE and COLE in their escape.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE:

On December 21, 1937 [redacted] called  
Special Agent in Charge PIEPER and stated he was at [redacted]  
[redacted] and thought he might have information relative to instant  
case. Agent WINE contacted [redacted] who is [redacted]

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[redacted] appears to be erratic, stutters  
and has the indication of being an "amateur detective". He  
stated on December 21st he was off duty and while approaching  
his home saw a suspicious character run from the driveway and  
disappear in the woods. He stated he was unable to get a good  
view of this man and could furnish no description of him. Upon  
arriving at his home he obtained a .22 caliber rifle and endeavored  
to overtake this individual who eluded him. He states it is the  
practice of their home to leave the doors open and that upon enter-  
ing the kitchen he noticed that several dishes on the table had  
been disturbed and that a loaf of bread had been opened and  
partially eaten. He stated he believed that one of the escapes  
from Alcatraz had been at his home and had obtained food.

Agent on the evening of December 21st accompanied

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] had returned to the home and the dishes had been removed from the  
table and washed. Examination was made of the loaf of bread and  
unsuccessful attempts were made to produce latent prints of the  
wrapper. [redacted] called Agent's attention to a cube of butter  
which had a peculiar appearance. Examination around the building dis-  
closed no footprints and the residence was open and not locked.

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[redacted] the informant.  
states [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he  
felt sure that any statement he made could be discounted and that  
in his opinion no one entered the home. He stated he has a large  
police dog in the house who would attack any stranger who entered  
and in his opinion, after observing the table in the kitchen, the dog  
itself had apparently jumped on the table and eaten the bread and  
had licked the butter. He stated from time to time tramps have  
been known to loiter around his home; that there is a "hobo jungle"

about one-half a mile away and the man seen by his son may have been one of these itinerant characters.

On December 22, 1937 the California State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation sent out an all-point bulletin originating from H. A. VOGELSANG, Chief of Police at Stockton, California, relative to an attempted hold-up of a filling station on the morning of December 22, 1937. In the absence of Chief VOGELSANG at Stockton Agent WINE interviewed telephonically Captain J. C. DEWEY, in charge of the Detective Bureau of the Stockton Police Department, who related that his Department had made an exhaustive investigation and determined that an oil station in Stockton was approached on the morning of December 22nd, about 6:45 A. M., by a man who was described by the aged oil station attendant as being between 35 and 40 years of age, 6' 2" in height, 180 pounds, dark complexion, several days growth of dark beard and carrying a large knife. This man was wearing a black slouch hat, blue shirt, dark coat and khaki trousers.

He came up to the attendant and engaged him in conversation, commenting that the weather was unusually cold. He then asked him where he kept the cash register and how much money was in it. When the service station attendant declined to tell him he drew a long knife, slashed at the attendant, cutting his leather jacket. The attendant then picked up an empty glass oil container with a long metal spout and broke it over the head of this individual who seemed to be badly hurt as he stumbled and fell twice while he was making his get-away. He ran to the curb and got into an automobile which was described only as a "coupe" and which was parked with the motor running and with an accomplice sitting behind the wheel. The attendant saw this man but could furnish no description of him as it was dark, and stated they drove up to the filling station on Highway #99, apparently coming from the south and after the attempted hold-up drove north on this same highway.

Captain DEWEY stated his department made an immediate and thorough investigation but was not able to obtain any additional information from the aged service station attendant and that there is no indication that the knife used by one of these bandits was a "fish" knife, but it was large. He further stated that the Stockton Police Department thought the possibility existed that these men may have been the escaped from Alcatraz. There was no evidence of any other weapon having been used and no further description of the automobile used by these men was available.

He said there had been no other reports of similar hold-ups or other criminal activities in which these men may have been involved, brought to the attention of the Stockton Police. He stated he would advise the San Francisco Office immediately by telephone should there be any further developments in this matter and that he caused the state-wide teletype report furnishing a synopsis of the foregoing to be sent to all law enforcement agencies in California. He stated it is his belief the man who was hit by the bottle might be suffering from a fractured skull and may seek medical attention.



On December 22, 1937 Mr. JOHN B. HUGHES, of KFRC, well-known news commentator, called and offered the Special Agent in Charge all facilities at their disposal for assistance in this case. He is President of the local organization of radio people, and advised that in a few minutes he could get anything lined up we might want, and will broadcast any information we desire.

At the termination of this case, a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mr. HUGHES thanking him for his offer of assistance.

At 4 p.m., December 20, 1937, Warden JOHNSTON called and stated that an informant had advised him that there had been talk among the prisoners that if anyone escaped, they should try to get in touch with relatives of O. D. STEVENS, who is now serving time at Alcatraz for mail robbery.

Warden JOHNSTON at this time furnished the address of Mrs. O. D. STEVENS, Route No. 5, Box 92, Arlington, Texas.

This information was sent by telegram to the Dallas Office, on 12/21/37.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent MYRON E. GURNEA:

At the request of Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PIEPER, Major JOSEPH A. MANNING, District Supervisor, Narcotic Division, U.S. Treasury Department, called at this office for the purpose of discussing the possibility of identifying the unknown individual making inquiries in Portland, Oregon, relative to the currents in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island.

At the time Major MANNING was advised of the circumstances, he stated that such cases were not primarily within his jurisdiction, owing to the fact that the Custom officials handled smuggling up to the time that it was actually delivered into the United States. He stated that the proper persons to contact relative to this matter would be Mr. FREDERICK S. FREED, Supervising Customs Agent in San Francisco, or Mr. MELVIN L. HANKS, Customs Agent in Charge of Narcotics, 225 Federal Building, Seattle, Washington. He advised that Mr. HANKS supervises all narcotic cases on the entire Pacific Coast, and would, no doubt, have more information relative to this matter than any one individual.

At the request of Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PIEPER, Mr. FREDERICK S. FREED, Supervising Customs Agent, U.S. Treasury Department, San Francisco, called at this office on the above date. Mr. FREED was contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not his Bureau had any information relative to a man answering the description of the individual who inquired about current charts at Portland, Oregon, during the past week. After advising Mr. FREED of the circumstances surrounding the inquiry in Portland, he advised that it was possible that this individual is a doctor who is connected in some way with the smuggling of narcotics into San Francisco Bay. He advised that he will cause a check to be made of the information at the Customs Bureau in an effort to ascertain the identity of any individuals answering this general description, and will advise this office of his findings.

Mr. FREED was also questioned as to the advisability of contacting Mr. MELVIN L. HANKS, Customs Agent in Charge of Narcotics, 225 Federal Building, Seattle, Washington, relative to this matter. It will be noted that Major MANNING of the Narcotic Division, also mentioned the name of Mr. HANKS. Mr. FREED stated that Mr. HANKS would be very much interested in this information, and would possibly be of material assistance to the Bureau in ascertaining the identity of the individual making inquiries in Portland.

On December 21, 1937 at approximately 4:30 P. M., ADOLPH MULLER of the SAN FRANCISCO NEWS came into the office stating he had an informant who could possibly be of some assistance in the location of the escaped convicts from Alcatraz. He stated his paper would want the exclusive story. Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. PIEPER pointed out to him that if the leads were theirs exclusively and no other papers had them, arrangements could be made whereby they would have the scoop. The newspaper men were not permitted in the room while Special Agent in Charge PIEPER and Agent MYRON GURNEA questioned the man.

DON EBREY, an ex-convict out of Oklahoma, having served between 1930 and 1934 was the man MULLER brought into the office. EBREY'S numbers were 27174 and 22694. He did a stretch for bank robbery, having been with HARVEY BAILEY. EBREY claimed he was a cell mate of COLE for 18 months in 1931 in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, while COLE was doing a 15 year term on the commuted death sentence. EBREY claims the last time he saw COLE was in May or June, 1935, when COLE was in Guthrie being sentenced on this rap for which he was serving at Alcatraz.

EBREY claims that JOE HARRIS, Oklahoma convict #21??? was a yard-buddy of COLE and that on the night of December 20, 1937, about 7 P. M., at 4th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, he met HARRIS. HARRIS got out of Oklahoma in 1933 and EBREY said he was surprised to meet him; they went into a Chinese place between Howard and Mission on 4th Street, had something to eat, and talked. The conversation was directed to the Alcatraz escape and EBREY admits stating he wished them luck. HARRIS is reported to have stated: "What would you believe if I told you I had seen COLE and ROE?" EBREY replied: "I would have to believe you if you told me". HARRIS is supposed to have said: "Well, I was with them the last two nights and they are heading East".

Interrogated as to whether he might have made any further inquiries, EBREY stated he did not since he is somewhat afraid of HARRIS, HARRIS being a suspicious type of person, and that if he had asked too much HARRIS might have thought he was trying to "finger" him, and he also stated it was his desire to have nothing to do with the matter since he is trying to go straight.

EBREY admits knowing HARRIS better than he did COLE because he served an additional term in a reformatory with HARRIS. He stated when HARRIS was about to go out of McAlester he promised to help COLE get out by getting money either for an escape or clemency. He added that at one time they had planned to tunnel out of the laundry and

asked him (EBREY) to go with them but he had refused since at that time he did not know whether he was going to get clemency. EBREY states he was there at the time UNDERHILL escaped. Questioned as to the activities of HARRIS around town, EBREY claimed he knew nothing about what he is doing, does not know where he lives, has not seen him before or since and that HARRIS merely said he would "see him around". EBREY judged he had been here about ten days from his conversation. It is EBREY'S definite opinion HARRIS is "stir crazy".

EBREY is of the opinion COLE and ROE did not head east but would necessarily have to go to Oklahoma, or that vicinity, because that was the scene of all their depredations, and that they were not the type of the DILLINGER mobsters who had connections around the country and who moved around a great deal. When questioned as to where they might go and who might harbor them, EBREY furnished the following: LLOYD DILLARD, Oklahoma City; has been both in Granite and McAlester and is a friend of ROE; CLYDE UNDERHILL, brother of WILBUR UNDERHILL, possibly to be found around Main & First Street in Tulsa; BOBBY BRIDGES, Tulsa; The NEWTON brothers, HARRY and the other's given name unknown, Tulsa; the Majestic Hotel, operated by JIMMY HOOD, Oklahoma City; the Lindy Hotel, operated by MAX MOULTON, Muskogee.

EBREY is of the opinion COLE'S parents would not harbor him because COLE did not have much use for his stepfather which was the result of his being afraid of his stepfather who might turn him in because of his lack of sympathy for COLE'S criminal career. EBREY also mentioned that COLE liked women a great deal and was known to spend considerable time in houses of prostitution. Further that he was unable to furnish us any information as to any particular likes or dislikes of COLE. The only other matter along this line EBREY was able to give information upon was the fact that HARRIS and COLE were purported to have had perverted sexual relations.

EBREY also mentioned that ROE had talked to him while being tried in Oklahoma City in the latter part of 1934 about aiding him to escape. He claims that ROE and UNDERHILL were supposed to have some money, approximately \$20,000 buried on a new road out of Vian, cached near a house, and that a fellow by the name of WEST owns the house; further than that he had no other information as to the possible cache of this money but added he had turned down the proposition as he did the possibility of bringing in saw blades to ROE since he was trying to go straight.

EBREY can be reached at the Garner Hotel, 513 Bush Street, telephone SUTter 9331, San Francisco. He expects to be employed in the carpenter shop of the EXAMINER under FRANK PAYNE, 158 Jessie Street. He stated he would try to find out where HARRIS was and would "finger" him if at all possible. He was given the telephone number of the San Francisco Office.

Earlier in the day Special Agent in Charge PIEPER received a call from ANITA DAY HUBBARD, a columnist of the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, who stated that two and one half to three weeks ago she had given DONALD EBREY, parolee for bank robbery out of Oklahoma, assistance in obtaining work through FRANK SMITH of the Community Chest and the Big Brother Movement. She stated that EBREY claimed to be reporting to the Probation Officer at Oklahoma City and that she had not seen him for about two weeks but knew he had been employed by the Community Chest until recently. She was furnishing this information because she thought there might be a remote possibility he had some connection with the escape. The description given by MISS HUBBARD is specifically that of EBREY who has been interviewed.

asked him (EBREY) to go with them but he had refused since at that time he did not know whether he was going to get clemency. EBREY states he was there at the time UNDERHILL escaped. Questioned as to the activities of HARRIS around town, EBREY claimed he knew nothing about what he is doing, does not know where he lives, has not seen him before or since and that HARRIS merely said he would "see him around". EBREY judged he had been here about ten days from his conversation. It is EBREY'S definite opinion HARRIS is "stir crazy".

EBREY is of the opinion COLE and ROE did not head east but would necessarily have to go to Oklahoma, or that vicinity, because that was the scene of all their depredations, and that they were not the type of the DILLINGER mobsters who had connections around the country and who moved around a great deal. When questioned as to where they might go and who might harbor them, EBREY furnished the following: LLOYD WILLARD, Oklahoma City; has been both in Granite and McAlester and is a friend of ROE; CLYDE UNDERHILL, brother of WILBUR UNDERHILL, possibly to be found around Main & First Street in Tulsa; BOBBY BRIDGES, Tulsa; The NEWTON brothers, HARRY and the other's given name unknown, Tulsa; the Majestic Hotel, operated by JIMMY WOOD, Oklahoma City; the Lindy Hotel, operated by MAX MOULTON, Muskogee.

EBREY is of the opinion COLE'S parents would not harbor him because COLE did not have much use for his stepfather which was the result of his being afraid of his stepfather who might turn him in because of his lack of sympathy for COLE'S criminal career. EBREY also mentioned that COLE liked women a great deal and was known to spend considerable time in houses of prostitution. Further that he was unable to furnish us any information as to any particular likes or dislikes of COLE. The only other matter along this line EBREY was able to give information upon was the fact that HARRIS and COLE were purported to have had perverted sexual relations.

EBREY also mentioned that ROE had talked to him while being tried in Oklahoma City in the latter part of 1934 about aiding him to escape. He claims that ROE and UNDERHILL were supposed to have some money, approximately \$20,000 buried on a new road out of Vian, cached near a house, and that a fellow by the name of WEST owns the house; further than that he had no other information as to the possible cache of this money but added he had turned down the proposition as he did the possibility of bringing in saw blades to ROE since he was trying to go straight.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Jephtha S. Rogers:

On December 22, 1937, SHERIFF HARRY L. PATTESON, Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, California, was telephonically contacted in regard to an article appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle of December 22, 1937, stating that OLIVER DOSS, Roadhouse Operator at Sonoma, California, had reported to the local authorities that two strangers had come into his place at 10.00 P.M. December 21, 1937, and inquired about the road to Petaluma.

MR. DOSS is reported to have stated that these men resembled subjects.

SHERIFF PATTESON advised that he did not know the details of the report by MR. DOSS but stated that he would call DOSS and then inform this office of what he had learned.

SHERIFF PATTESON soon thereafter called the San Francisco Field Office stating that he had just talked by telephone with DOSS who advised that the car in which the two men were riding was a 1937 or 1938 large gray coupe. DOSS informed SHERIFF PATTESON that the men generally answered the description of subjects.

SHERIFF PATTESON advised that DOSS is a heavy drinker and a great talker and that he also appeared to have a hang over when talking to SHERIFF PATTESON. SHERIFF PATTESON also stated that DOSS said there were four or five patrons in his place at the time the two men appeared.

Since SHERIFF PATTESON had not specifically questioned DOSS concerning the license on the car, the description of the men as to scars and marks, the manner in which the men were dressed or the names of the patrons, he suggested that agent J. S. Rogers contact DEPUTY SHERIFF EMMETT MULLIN, Sonoma County and have him contact DOSS.

Agent Rogers telephonically contacted Deputy Sheriff MULLIN who was requested by agent to get the details from DOSS surrounding the visit of the two strangers which MULLIN agreed to do.

DEPUTY SHERIFF EMMETT MULLIN contacted S.A.C. N. J. L. PIEPER and substantiated the statements made by SHERIFF PATTESON adding that DOSS had been unable to notice any license plates and could not definitely describe the car except possibly being a coupe, slate color and muddy.

Present at the time of the visit of these two men was BARNEY BUCHTER of Sonoma who describes the two individuals as follows:

Number 1 -

Age 28  
Height 5' 8"  
Weight 160  
Dress No hat,  
Hair Dark long

Number 2

Age 27-28  
Height 5' 7"  
Weight 160  
Hair Dark  
Noticed road map in hip pocket  
Noticed nothing peculiar about ears.

ROBERT L. ~~WICKS~~ and his wife of Sonoma, California, were in the place at the time and they described

Number 1 as

Age 21  
Height 5' 11"  
Weight 160  
Hair Brown  
Complexion Light  
Dress Dark pants,  
zipper jacket

Number 2 as

Age 24-25  
Height 5' 7" or 8"  
Weight 160-170  
Complexion Light  
Hair Brown  
Dress Light colored jacket,  
no hat.

OLIVER ~~DOSS~~ described Number  
1 as

Age 28-30  
Height 6' tall  
Weight 170  
Complexion Dark  
Dress Zipper jacket, dark  
color, no hat.

Number 2 as

Age 25-35  
Height 5' 8"  
Weight 140 pounds  
Hair Dark  
Dress Dark tan leather jacket  
with leather elbow  
protectors, no hat  
Left ear, cauliflower ear.

DEPUTY SHERIFF MULLIN advised Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. Pieper that DOSS was unreliable and had caused false rumors to emanate on other cases, in the past.



The following investigation concerning lighthouses in the San Francisco Bay area was conducted by Special Agent W. F. WOOD.

Angel Island Lighthouse

F. M. SCHON, keeper of the lighthouse on Angel Island, advised that at 3:45 p.m. on December 16, 1937 a small power boat with at least two men in it was located about 125 yards from his lighthouse. SCHON recalled the time exactly because he had just finished oiling one of the engines and looked at the clock so he would know just when the next oiling should be made.

SCHON reported he was attracted to the boat because at about this time he heard 5 short toots from the whistle on this boat which was stationary with the engine idling. SCHON was positive it was an air whistle on the engine and not one of the kind operated by a pump. Shortly after the whistle gave these 5 short blasts he heard a man say, "My, it's foggy in here." SCHON reported that the voice was not Italian or one with some foreign accent. SCHON mentioned Italian because some of the fishing boats which pass the lighthouse are owned by Italian fishermen. SCHON stated that he heard no further conversation from them due to the constantly blowing fog horns and the bell which was ringing at the lighthouse he was on.

SCHON reported that this boat remained near the lighthouse for ten or fifteen minutes and then started away from its position running very slowly like a boat would do if it were trolling. The reason for this failure to travel at a fair speed might have been due to the fog which was very thick at that time or to the fact that this shore line had several small rocky reefs. SCHON reported that after the boat left the shore it continued in a westerly or southerly direction, but he could not tell which. He was positive that this boat did not proceed north or east as he paid attention to the sound of the engine as it left. It was SCHON'S opinion that this boat was probably a 30 footer with an engine of at least 16 horse power. He figured the boat's size because of the shallowness of the water it was in, as a larger boat would strike bottom or the sunken reefs. He stated the boat had at least 16 horse power because of the sound of the exhaust as it idled away from its position. SCHON reported that the engine was a gas engine and not a diesel engine, and that it was a heavy duty type.

SCHON pointed out that he could at no time see this boat but that he was so well acquainted with the land and water adjacent to the

lighthouse that he knew exactly its position. SCHON then pointed out a partly submerged rock as being the position the boat occupied when he first noticed it. It was noted that this boat was about fifty yards from shore and about 125 yards from the lighthouse. This would also indicate that the visibility at this time was rather limited.

The above information furnished by SCHON was also verified by L. E. SHEFFIELD, Assistant Lighthouse keeper, who could add nothing to that furnished by SCHON.

SCHON related that in the days before Alcatraz became a regular Federal prison, and while it was being used as an army prison, they had numerous escapes and that many of those escaping escaped to a beach located just around the point above the lighthouse, which is known as Pearl Beach.

Agent accompanied by SCHON and SHEFFIELD made a detailed search of this beach along the shore line which began at the lighthouse shore and went to a point a half mile above the beach. The search was made from the shore line to the base of the cliffs and also included a search of an abandoned three-story building formerly used by the army located very near the beach. This search included search of an abandoned shaft, apparently built for some military purpose such as storage of powder, etc. Nothing in the nature of clothes, shoes, abandoned rafts, or other pertinent objects was located.

#### Richmond Outer Harbor Lighthouse

B. X MACFIE, Wharf Superintendent, Richmond Outer Harbor, was contacted and advised that he heard of the escape from Alcatraz later in the afternoon of December 16, 1937 and since this time has been intensely interested in the progress of the search to locate the escapes, who are subjects in this case. MACFIE stated that he immediately began going over in his own mind any unusual requests or happenings prior to the time of the escape and also has paid particular attention to the wreckage and material brought into the harbor by the flood tides. MACFIE stated that he has noticed nothing of possible value which might be even remotely connected with the escape.

MACFIE stated he will continue to be on the lookout for drifting material of possible value and will question the men under him as to any possible information of value in this case and specifically instruct them to watch for wreckage, etc. MACFIE will notify the San Francisco Office should he discover anything of possible value.

South Hampton Shoal Lighthouse

JOHN W. WOYNER, Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, South Hampton Shoal Lighthouse, advised that the regular lighthouse keeper, JOHN CHAMBERS, has been away from the Island since December 12, 1937.

WOYNER advised that he was on duty at 1:30 p.m. on December 16, 1937 and stated that the fog was bad at this time as he was unable to see over 200 feet. WOYNER reported seeing about 9:30 a.m. in the morning three fishermen and saw them again about 11:00 a.m. These were the only persons he saw on December 16, 1937, but between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. he noticed a boat drift by, the outline of which he could barely see but described it as being about 10 feet in length. WOYNER did not know whether it was a rowboat or a motor boat but heard one person in the boat say as it drifted past the lighthouse, "There it is." WOYNER stated that there was no response to this remark but he did hear indistinctly some more conversation, but could not quite catch what they said.

WOYNER pointed out that there is considerable crab fishing done on the rocks near the lighthouse and he took them to be fishermen who were trying to locate some landmark to guide them in placing their nets. This boat apparently did not stop but continued drifting and he then paid no further attention to it. WOYNER was positive that this boat was not using a motor. WOYNER was questioned as to the exact time it passed the lighthouse but could not fix the time any more definitely than given above. It was WOYNER'S opinion that the three men who drifted past in the afternoon might have been the three fishermen he saw in the morning.

WOYNER was questioned as to any other circumstance occurring on this date or at any time prior thereto, any inquiry made by anyone concerning tides, drift of the current, and so forth, but reported no inquiries during the past month.

WOYNER reported that about a year ago a person drowned at Angel Island and three days later his body was found near the South Hampton Shoals. WOYNER stated he would pay attention to the drift past the lighthouse during the changing tides and notify this office should he discover anything of possible connection with this matter.

Concerning the questioning of the lighthouse keepers in San Francisco Bay and in the questioning of each the following type of questions were asked.

They were asked concerning the character of the fog, thickness, etc. at the time of the escape as well as the duration of the same. They were asked concerning any noises heard at or shortly prior to the escape, any boats observed, and also about the character of the current adjacent to the lighthouse.

The lighthouse keepers were asked about any unusual requests, concerning fog, tides, etc., by anyone on the day of the escape or at any time prior thereto, during the week immediately preceding or since the fall of 1937. They were asked these questions because the escape might have been the result of some plan begun months before. They were also asked concerning any clothes, rafts, or boats washed up on shore and whether at the time of the escape they noticed any fires, flares, etc.

Opinions on General Tide Conditions on December 16, 1937

The opinion of the lighthouse keepers as well as that of the captain of the lighthouse launch was that on December 16, 1937 the afternoon ebb tide was considerably stronger than the returning flood tide, which simply means that a body or floating object which might be carried 10 miles with the ebb tide would return only 6 miles on the returning flood tide. This would tend to negative the fact that the bodies, if dead, would be found at a point south of the island.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA FIELD DIVISION AT OKLAHOMA

CITY, OKLAHOMA, will make complete and full investigation concerning DON EBREY, supplying pertinent information to the San Francisco Office in order that EBREY may again be interviewed, if it appears necessary.

P E N D I N G

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 23, 1937

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the handwriting and fingerprints appearing upon the ticket of the Eagle Loan Office be compared with those of the Subjects in instant case. The only handwriting written by the suspect in this case that appears upon the ticket is that of the signature of PAUL STULOWS and the address of Chicago, Illinois.

It is requested that the San Francisco Office be advised of the results of this examination.

Very truly yours,

N.J.L. PIERCE  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Technical Laboratory (1 Encl.)  
cc - Oklahoma City  
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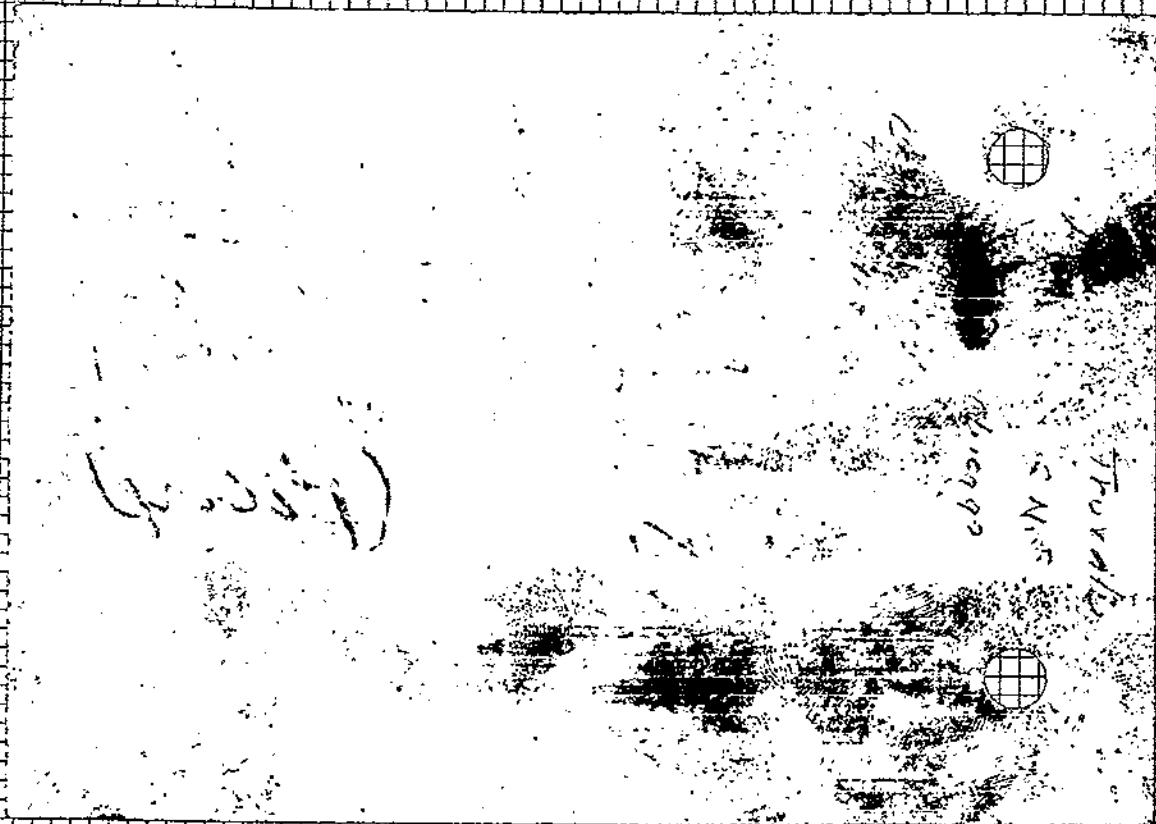
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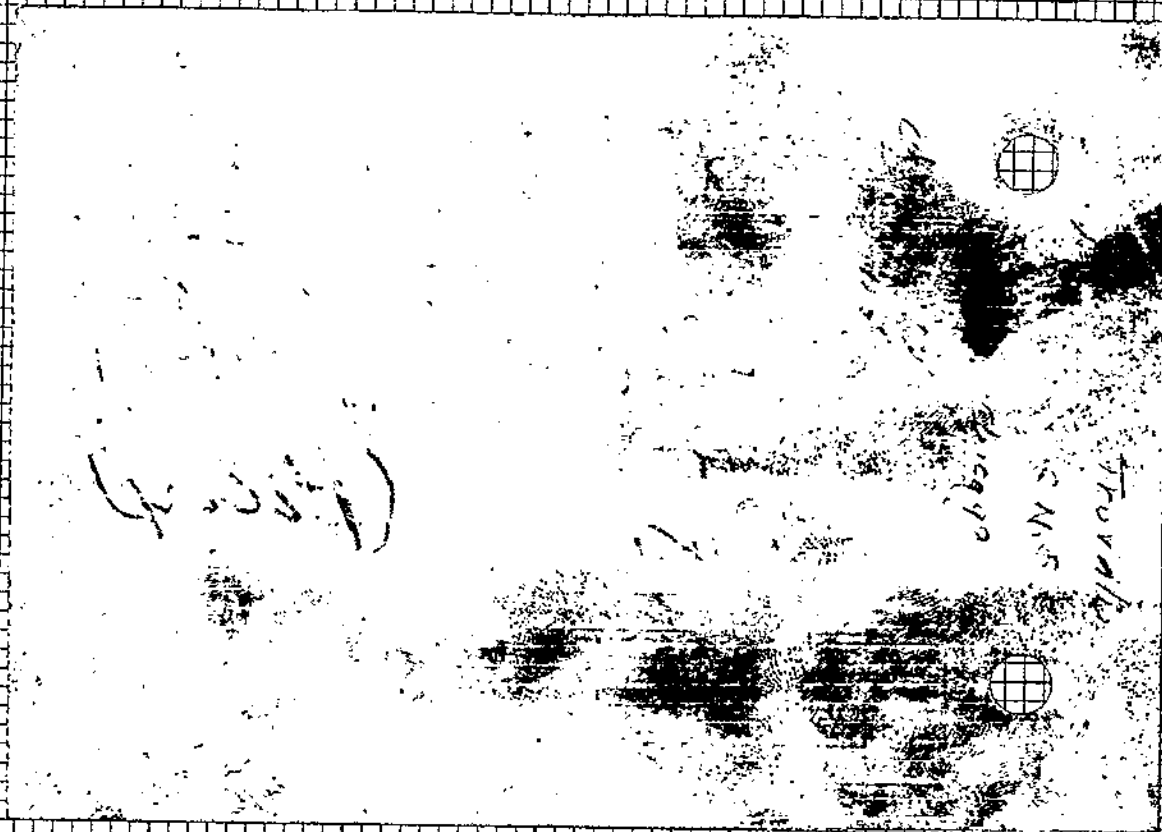
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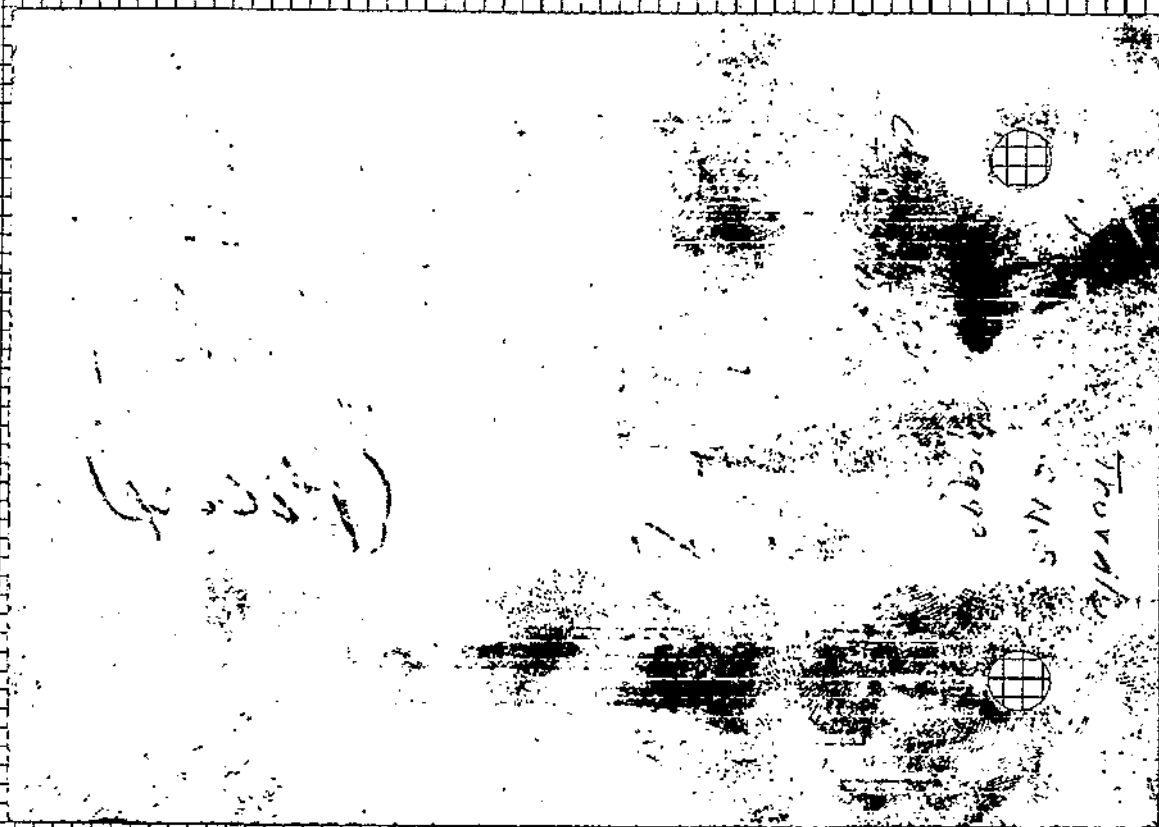
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Description of Property Pledged

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI LOS ANGELES 12-19-37 8:22 PM FL

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

RALPH ROE WA ETAL FUG EFP COLE WITH HIS PARENTS IN NINETEEN TWENTY

EIGHT TWENTYNINE RESIDED AT ALPENA PASS ARK WHERE REPORTED HAVE  
NAME UNKNOWN

OPERATED A CAFE. COLE ALSO BELIEVED HAVE MARRIED A GIRL FROM THERE

WITH WHOM HE HAD A CHILD HIS WIFE SUBSEQUENTLY DIVORCING HIM. HIS

GRANDMOTHER IS MRS NETTIE BRACE, HIS AUNTS MRS WM COLLINS AND MRS

FANNIE BAUGHMAN, HIS UNCLE ERNEST BRACE ALL OF STRAND OKLAHOMA WHERE

HIS FULL SISTER TO WHOM HE IS CLOSELY ATTACHED RESIDES. HIS SISTER

IN BELL, CALIFORNIA IS A HALF SISTER. COLE ATTENDED SCHOOL AT TULSA

AND SAPULPA, OKLA. LITTLE ROCK NOT/ADVISED OF THE ABOVE WHICH WAS  
BEEN

GAINED CHIEFLY FROM COLE'S HALF SISTER. HIS MOTHER IS STILL TOO

HYSTERICAL FOR AN EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW.

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✓ CC: BUREAU  
CC: SAN FRANCISCO

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI BUFFALO DECEMBER 25, 1937 12:30P.M. JNW

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC PORTLAND.

RALEIGH ROE WA FUGITIVE BEAL LEP BY LICENSE NINE S EIGHT FIVE TWELVE ISSUED  
~~ANDERSON CARLSON~~  
 ANDERSON CARLSON BRIMERTON NY FOR NEXT YEARS CHEVROLET SEDAN MOTOR TWELVE FIFTEEN  
 FOUR EIGHT NINE WHO TURNED THIS CAR BACK TO DEALER OBTAINING THE THIRTY SEVEN  
 MODEL CHEVROLET SEDAN PREVIOUSLY TRADED IN, THEN LEFT BRIMERTON ABOUT NOVEMBER  
 FIRST IN THIRTY SEVEN MODEL PROBABLY BEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PLATES WIT ABOVE DES-  
 CRIED BY PLATES IN CAR, PROCEEDING WEBSTER SD WITH EDWIN HOLDEN AND SISTER  
 SELMA HOLDEN. UNDERSTAND CARLSON PURCHASED NEW CAR AT WEBSTER PROCEEDING PROBABLY  
 WITH EDWIN AND SELMA HOLDEN TO EUGENE OREGON TO VISIT FLORENCE CARLSON ADDRESS  
 TWENTY FIRST AND KOEFMAN ROUTE FOUR. ALL PARTIES ORIGINALLY FROM WEBSTER AND  
 MEN MORE RECENTLY EMPLOYED ON LAKE TUGS NYS, SELMA WORKING FOR LAWYER NEAR BRIMERTON  
 ALL APPARENTLY BEAR GOOD REPUTATIONS. CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION EUGENE  
 ABERDEEN BEING REQUESTED HANDLE WEBSTER LEAD. CARLSON DESCRIBED ABOUT TWENTY  
 THREE FIVE SIX LIGHT BROWN HAIR MEDIUM BUILD SOMETIMES WEARS GLASSES. HOLDEN  
 FIVE EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN SLANDER DARK BROWN HAIR. SELMA ABOUT TWENTY.

WARRIES

END

ACK PORTLAND

cc: Bureau ✓

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DECEMBER 24, 1937

A. C. SURAN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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RALPH ROE WA ETAL FUG EFF COLE ATTENDED SCHOOL TULSA AND SAPULPA OKLAHOMA ALSO FOR FEW MONTHS WHEN SEVEN YEARS OF AGE AT EUREKA ARKANSAS HIS WIFE WAS MARIE WYNNE WHOS PARENTS RESIDE ALPINA PASS ARKANSAS SHE WAS REPORTED THERE ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO SHE HAS SON NAMED BILLIE WAYNE COLE AGE ABOUT NINE ONLY KNOWN FRIEND IS MAN NAMED HARRIS WHO SERVED SENTENCE MCALLISTER WITH COLE AND NOW BELIEVED DECEASED HARRIS PARENTS RESIDED OKLAHOMACITY ONLY OTHER RELATIVES ARE MOTHER AND SISTER OF FRED COLE STEPFATHER THEY BEING MRS ALICE COLE AND MRS GUY VAUGHN FIVE TWO WEST FOUR FOUR STREET TULSA OKLAHOMA WHOM FUGITIVE COLE HAS MET LITTLEROCK NOT ADVISED OF ABOVE

HANSON

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TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it CATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For one-half the unrepeatd message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise noted on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR CILL, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and the Company as follows:

The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALTY MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, plus, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or in messages.

The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to red this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free of charge at one-half of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, as the sender's request, as its agent and at its expense, endeavor to contract for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate, and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service; the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the rates named above.

**DAY MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the day and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination addresses, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, as prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and the rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French, when transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i.e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text permitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

**WEEK END CABLE LETTERS** at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

903 Pacific Commerce Building  
137 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
December 22, 1937

Mr. Thomas A. Grant  
Postmaster  
Arcadia, California

RE: Los Angeles File No. 76-362

Dear Sir:

Confirming a telephonic request made of  
you by Special Agent G. J. Ross of this Bureau, it is requested  
that you place a mail cover on mail sent to the following  
individuals at 303 North First Street, Arcadia, California:

FAY ROE  
MRS. CLAUDE SMITH.

In this connection, it is desired that  
tracings of all mail going to this address be furnished, and  
that any information be referred to the above file number.

Your cooperation in this respect will be  
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL BFP PICKUP TRUCK IOWA LICENSE FIFTY NINE DASH  
ONE NINETEEN REGISTERED J. MARSH LANG, LUCAS, IOWA, FOR REG NINETEEN  
THIRTY SEVEN TRUCK MOTOR NUMBER SIX FIVE NAUGHT DASH FOUR EIGHT SEVEN  
PASSED THRU CALIFORNIA CHECKING STATION AT OREGON CALIFORNIA BORDER  
DECEMBER FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH. INQUIRY LUCAS, IOWA, REVEALS LANG LEFT  
LUCAS, MARCH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN IMMEDIATE DISTANTION OREGON TOWN  
UNKNOWN TO VISIT SISTER. THENCE TO MONTEREY CALIFORNIA WHERE WIFE IS  
SCHOOL TEACHER. POSSIBILITY CALIFORNIA CITY MAY HAVE BEEN MONTEREY PARK,  
IF SO, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE. LANG SOMEWHAT ANSWERS  
DESCRIPTION OF PERSON PURCHASING BOOKLETS REGARDING NAVIGATION AND TIDAL  
CURRENT CHART OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

PORTLAND ADVISES TRUCK

WITH ABOVE LICENSE ISSUED TO GMC PICKUP BUT MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSIONER  
HERE ADVISES LICENSE ISSUED TO REG TRUCK. REPUTATION GOOD, WAS A  
FARMER UNTIL HE LEFT IOWA.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI BUFFALO DECEMBER 25, 1937 12:00 Noon JWW

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC ALBANY.

958512

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL KFP SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES INCLUDING ONE BEARING THIS YEARS NEW YORK LICENSE NUMBER NINE S EIGHT FIVE TWELVE WITH FIVE PASSENGERS PASSED INTO CALIFORNIA FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH INSTANT FROM OREGON AT OREGON CALIFORNIA BORDER. PORTLAND DESIRES IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OWNER AND OTHERS IN PARTY BUSINESS ENGAGED IN REPUTATION DESTINATION AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. IF PARTIES ESTABLISHED AS RELIABLE DETERMINE IF THEY WERE IN PORTLAND DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND PURCHASED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BOOKLET QUOTE CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT UNQUOTE AND U S HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE BOOKLET QUOTE TIDAL CURRENT CHART OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY UNQUOTE AND PURPOSE SAME PURCHASED. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING UNKNOWN PERSON WHO PURCHASED SUCH BOOKLETS IN PORTLAND THAT DATE ON POSSIBILITY MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN INSTANT CASE. UNKNOWN SUBJECT DESCRIBED AGE ABOUT FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX OR SEVEN WEIGHT HUNDRED FORTY TO SEVENTY POUNDS HAIR DARK POSSIBLY GREYING SOMEWHAT, WELL GROOMED AND GAVE APPEARANCE HAD RECENTLY VISITED BARBER SHOP, FACE FULL AND RUDDY, MAY HAVE WORN GLASSES, DRESSED VERY WELL BUT CONSERVATIVELY IN SUIT BELIEVED TO BE DARK GREY, CARRIED DARK TOP COAT. MADE GOOD IMPRESSION AND PRESENTED INTELLIGENT APPEARANCE. INVESTIGATION HERE REVEALS NEW YORK LICENSE ISSUED ANDREW SAMPSON BREWERTON NEW YORK FOR NEXT YEARS CHEVROLET SEDAN MOTOR TWELVE FIFTEEN FOUR EIGHT NINE WHO TURNED THIS CAR BACK TO DEALER OBTAINING THE THIRTY SEVEN MODEL CHEVROLET SEDAN PREVIOUSLY TRADED IN, THEN LEFT BREWERTON ABOUT NOVEMBER FIRST IN THIRTY SEVEN MODEL PROBABLY BEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PLATES WITH ABOVE DESCRIBED NEW YORK PLATES IN CAR, PROCEEDING WEBSTER SD WITH EDWIN HOLDEN AND SISTER SELMA HOLDEN. UNDERSTAND SAMPSON PURCHASED NEW CAR AT WEBSTER PROCEEDING PROBABLY WITH EDWIN AND SELMA HOLDEN TO EUGENE OREGON TO VISIT FLORENCE CARLSON ADDRESS TWENTY FIRST AND HOFFMAN ROUTE FOUR. ALL PARTIES ORIGINALLY FROM WEBSTER AND MEN MORE RECENTLY EMPLOYED ON LAKE TUGS NYS, SELMA WORKING FOR LAWYER NEAR BREWERTON. ALL APPARENTLY BEAR GOOD REPUTATIONS. CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AT WEBSTER ASCERTAINING EXACT ADDRESS SAMPSON AND COMPANIONS WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY PORTLAND AND IF WHEREABOUTS THESE INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE YOUR DIVISION TRANSMIT TELETYPE LEAD APPROPRIATE DIVISION REQUESTING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION. DESCRIPTIONS SAMPSON ABOUT TWENTY THREE FIVE SIX LIGHT BROWN HAIR MEDIUM BUILD, SOMETIMES WEARS GLASSES. EDWIN HOLDEN FIVE EIGHT AGE TWENTY SEVEN SLENDER DARK BROWN HAIR. SELMA ABOUT TWENTY. PORTLAND BEING REQUESTED TO HANDLE EUGENE LEAD.

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