

# 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>12-23-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-21, 22, 23-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. Murphy</b>
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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>
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cornett, Rural Route 2, Stroud, Okla., state have not heard from subject Cole and he will not contact them, but if comes that vicinity will contact his neighbor, Bud Rainey. Cornett and wife claim not in sympathy with Cole and fear he may return to Stroud and kill them. Cornett states Bud Rainey told him that about two weeks ago a man named Dick Barr or Broyles, with unknown Chicago man, stopped over night at Rainey's home and left en route California, stating they were going to "open" Alcatraz and then go to South America, and in thirty or sixty days come to Oklahoma and kill J. A. Rutherford, Cushing, Okla., whom Cole kidnaped. Broyles said to be associated with Bohannons near Drumright, Okla. Cornett claims Mrs. Fred Cole caused him family trouble because he would not kill Rutherford after subject Cole convicted. Oklahoma State Penitentiary has no record of Dick Broyles; has record of Joe Harris, alias Dick Barker, arrested Muskogee, Okla. 12-9-33 and released to Nebraska authorities for bank robbery. Omaha Division requested to check. Summary furnished Bureau and San Francisco by teletype.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Okla. City, 12-22-37.

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DETAILS:

The writer proceeded to Stroud, Oklahoma for the purpose of locating and interviewing Mrs. Pauline Cornett, the sister of subject Cole. Chief of Police A. C. Van Sickle, Stroud, was contacted and he stated he knows both R. B. "Rebel" Cornett and his wife, Pauline, as well as subject Cole, and Cole's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, the latter two having formerly resided in Stroud, Oklahoma before moving to California; that "Rebel" Cornett and family reside on a farm six miles and a half southeast of Stroud, not far from the Sac & Fox Indian Agency; that the nearest neighbor to Cornett is a negro farmer named John Shaw, who lives across the road near the mail box of Cornett and about 400 yards from Cornett's house; that Shaw has never been in any trouble but there are very few people in that neighborhood who can be trusted; that about one-fourth mile from Cornett lives a man named Bud Rainey, who has a bad reputation and has been known to be friendly with criminals.

Chief of Police Van Sickle further stated that "Rebel" Cornett at one time furnished him with information concerning the location of Theodore Cole which resulted in the arrest of Cole on a charge of auto theft, and he believes that Cornett would not be friendly with subject Cole but does not know the attitude of Mrs. Cornett.

Chief Van Sickle also said that Mrs. Fred Cole is a "hell cat" and after her son, subject Cole, was convicted for kidnaping J. A. Rutherford of Cushing, Oklahoma, she tried to get "Rebel" Cornett to kill Rutherford and because he refused to do so, she caused his wife, her daughter, to leave Cornett for about a four months period; that one day Cornett met Mrs. Cole and his wife on the street in Stroud and Mrs. Cole called Cornett a yellow belly S-- of a B---- and Cornett gave her, Mrs. Cole, an awful beating and took his wife home. Mrs. Cole endeavored to get him, Van Sickle, to arrest Cornett, which he would not do unless she obtained a warrant but Mrs. Cole refused to do this.

The cooperation of Mr. Van Sickle was requested and he, with Night Chief of Police Robert Murphy, accompanied the writer to the vicinity of the home of "Rebel" Cornett. Before proceeding to the home of "Rebel" Cornett, John Shaw, negro farmer, was contacted. He said he had been at the home of the Cornett family on December 21st and had talked with them about the escape of Theodore Cole and the Cornetts claimed they knew nothing about Cole and were wondering whether he had managed to escape to the mainland. John Shaw said he saw nothing around the home of

Cornett that would indicate any word had been received from Theodore Cole. The cooperation of John Shaw was requested and he agreed that in the event he obtained any information that would indicate Cole had come to the Cornett home, or that they had received any word from him, he would immediately communicate with Chief of Police Van Sickle at Stroud, who accordingly would furnish such information promptly to the Oklahoma City Division. John Shaw said he did not wish to become involved in any trouble with the Cornetts or Theodore Cole and desires that his name, as well as any information he may furnish concerning the Cornetts or Theodore Cole, be kept confidential and never mentioned to them or any of their relatives as they might cause him trouble; that the community in which he lives is such that some of his other neighbors might also cause him trouble if it were known that he was furnishing information concerning violations of law to officers.

Agent accompanied by Chief of Police Van Sickle and Night Chief of Police Robert Murphy proceeded to the home of R. B. "Rebel" Cornett and family, parking our car in the yard a short distance from the house, Chief of Police Van Sickle proceeding to the front door and the writer covering the back door of the house. As Chief Van Sickle knocked on the front door and called to Cornett that he was Chief of Police Van Sickle from Stroud, "Rebel" Cornett came outside, stating that he had just put down his .20 gauge shotgun after he learned the identity of the caller; that the reason he had the shotgun in his hand when the car drove into the yard while it was dark was because he was afraid it might be Theodore Cole coming to his home and he intended to give him the proper reception with his .20 gauge shotgun; that he felt subject Cole was very bitter toward him and if he ever came to his home it would be for the purpose of doing him or his family some bodily harm and he intends to protect himself and family.

"Rebel" Cornett stated that he and his wife are not in sympathy with Cole; that he believes Cole, if he comes to the neighborhood in which he, Cornett, resides, will not come to his home but will likely go to the home of his, Cornett's, neighbor, Bud Rainey, who lives about half a mile from Cornett. He stated that should subject Cole come to the vicinity of where he, Cornett, lives, it will only be for the purpose of trying to kill him or his wife, Mrs. Cornett; that subject Cole's mother, Mrs. Fred Cole, would only be too glad to hear of his, Cornett's, death, and Mrs. Cole has caused him lots of trouble; that shortly after subject Cole was convicted for kidnaping J. A. Rutherford of Cushing, Oklahoma, Mrs. Fred Cole, who at that time was residing in Stroud, Oklahoma, came to him and endeavored to persuade him to go to Cushing and kill J. A. Rutherford, which he refused to do; that as a result of his refusal Mrs. Cole caused his wife, Mrs. Cornett, to leave him and go to Mrs. Cole's home; that Mrs. Cornett, who is Mrs. Cole's daughter, stayed away from her home about four months and finally came back to her home after he, Cornett, had a fight with Mrs. Cole on the street in Stroud.

R. B. Cornett and his wife, Pauline, both stated they will not furnish any assistance to Theodore Cole and promised to cooperate with the Government in aiding in the apprehension of subject Cole, stating that any information they received concerning Cole or his whereabouts they would furnish to Chief of Police Van Sickle at Stroud, who would in turn transmit same to the Oklahoma City Division.

R. B. "Rebel" Cornett stated that Bud Rainey bears a very bad reputation and has in the past been friendly with persons of criminal character; that the wife of Bud Rainey was formerly one of the Bohannon family residing near Drumright, Oklahoma; that the Bohannon boys are all criminals, some of whom are now serving sentences in the penitentiary; that a couple of days ago Bud Rainey told him, Cornett, that about two weeks ago a man named Dick Barr or Dick Broyles, with an unknown Chicago man, stopped overnight at his, Rainey's, home and left the following day for California, these persons having an automobile, which Rainey claimed was a \$3000.00 car and two machine guns; that Rainey told him, Cornett, that these men said they were going to "open" Alcatraz and then go to South America and in thirty or sixty days come to Oklahoma and kill J. A. Rutherford of Cushing, Oklahoma, whom Cole kidnaped. Cornett said Broyles is said to be an associate of the Bohannon boys who reside near Drumright.

Cornett and his wife assured the writer and Chief of Police Van Sickle that they would cooperate in every way possible with the Government in causing the apprehension of subject Cole. The Federal Statute relative to harboring was explained to both Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cornett.

In an endeavor to identify Dick Broyles or Dick Barr, Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein communicated telephonically with Paul Field, Record Clerk of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. Mr. Field advised they had no record at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Dick Broyles; that they have a record on a Dick Barr but he is still confined in the penitentiary and therefore could not possibly have been the person referred to by R. B. Cornett. Mr. Field said they have a record of one Joe Harris, alias Dick Barker, FBI-161517, who was arrested as Joe Harris and received at the Oklahoma State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, on July 3, 1928, their number 6698, charge larceny of auto, sentenced ten years; that he escaped November 21, 1928 and was apprehended and returned January 5, 1929 and on January 20, 1930 was transferred to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, their number 21391. Mr. Field also said their records reflect Joe Harris as Dick Barker, age 29 in 1933, was arrested by the Muskogee Police Department, their number 2310-C, for investigation and given hours; that on October 9, 1933 Dick Barker was arrested by the Muskogee Police Department on a charge of being a fugitive and was released to Troy, Nebraska on a charge of bank robbery and was received at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, December 19, 1933 as Joe Harris, #11789, charge bank robbery, sentenced ten years.

Paul Field further stated that any friends of Arthur "Doc" Barker are also friends of Ralph Roe; that they have no record at the Okla. State Penitentiary on Bud Rainey; that Julius Bohannon is now incarcerated in the Okla. State Penitentiary serving life sentence.

Mr. Field also said that from the best information he can obtain at the penitentiary Dick Barker's associates in the robbery of the bank at Troy, Nebraska were Charley Dodson, now deceased; Charley Cottner, who received a sentence of 20 years; and Bob Trollinger, who received a sentence of 20 years; that a friend and associate of members of this mob is Rufus Hodge, an ex-Deputy Sheriff from Sequoyah County, Okla.; that Hodge is well known to Deputy Sheriff Bert Cotton, Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Mr. Field also said that another friend of members of this mob is Henry Campbell, who was arrested by the Muskogee Police Department August 29, 1933 and released; that Henry Campbell served a sentence in the Arkansas State Penitentiary at Little Rock, being received there April 13, 1922 on a charge of burglary, sentenced four years, #19199. Mr. Field said that other friends of members of this mob are Frank Gullett and his wife, Johnnie, who both hung around Muskogee, Oklahoma; that Johnnie Gullett is a known prostitute and is Muskogee PD #2183. The fingerprints of Frank Gullett at the time he was arrested by the Muskogee PD were taken but were never forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Paul Field also informed Special Agent in Charge Stein that the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary do not reflect a record on Don Ebrey; that OSP #27274 was assigned to Merritt W. Crouch, who was received at the penitentiary January 29, 1933 on sentence of one year for attempted burglary, from Pottawatomie County, and discharged from that institution October 1, 1933, his FBI number being 628823.

Mr. Field also said that Bob Peterson, who operates a filling station near the town of Harrah, Oklahoma, is a known hangout for criminals; that Chief of Police Budd at Shawnee, Okla. can furnish considerable information about subjects Cole and Roe.

Special Agent F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Division advised that Bob Peterson at one time tipped off Wilbur Underhill to the fact that Joe Anderson, an officer of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, was using a certain person as informant in endeavoring to trap Underhill, resulting in the failure of Anderson's efforts to apprehend Wilbur Underhill. Special Agent Smith further stated that he is personally acquainted with Ralph Roe, who at the time Wilbur Underhill was killed by Agents of the Oklahoma City Division and posse near Shawnee, Oklahoma, was in the same house with Underhill, and was wounded and later prosecuted for harboring Underhill.

On December 22, 1937 teletype was received from the San Francisco Division setting out that Don Ebrey, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #27274, had furnished information to San Francisco newspapers claiming he was a cellmate of subject Cole eight months in Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1931; that Joe Harris, an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was also a yard buddy of Cole and that Joe Harris, whom he had seen in San Francisco recently, had mentioned that he, Harris, had seen Cole and Roe preceding two nights and they were headed east. The teletype further said that Ebrey expressed the opinion

that if both subjects are alive, they will probably go to Oklahoma and possibly contact the following persons: Lloyd Dillard, friend of Roe in Oklahoma City; Clyde Underhill, brother of Wilbur Underhill, Main & First Streets, Tulsa; Bobby Bridges, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Harry Newton and brother, given name unknown, also Tulsa.

The teletype states that suggested possible hideouts in Oklahoma for subjects are the Majestic Hotel, operated by Jimmie Wood at Oklahoma City, and the Lindy Hotel operated by Max Molton at Muskogee, Oklahoma. The teletype also stated that no check has yet been made of Ebrey but according to reliable sources he is said to have been in San Francisco at least one month; however, the reliability of Ebrey may be questioned as he was endeavoring to sell his story to newspapers but was turned down; that further effort will be made to contact Ebrey, who will attempt to recontact and "finger" Harris.

At the request of Mr. Gurney, who is in charge of the special assignment of this case at San Francisco, the Bureau and the San Francisco office on December 22, 1937 were furnished a teletype summary of all information developed by the Oklahoma City Division.

The following investigation was conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma by Special Agent W. E. Hopton on December 21, 1937.

Through a check of the Tulsa city directories it was ascertained that Guy Vaughn resides at 528 West 44th Avenue, South. Mrs. Guy Vaughn upon interview at this address advised that her brother, Fred Cole, is the stepfather of Ted Cole, and that Fred Cole to her knowledge presently resides with his wife, Esther Cole, the mother of Ted Cole, at Woodlake, California. Mrs. Vaughn said she had not seen Ted Cole since he was thirteen or fourteen years old, at which time he had broken his leg as the result of a fall. She stated that none of the family except Esther Cole has any use whatsoever for Ted Cole; that Esther Cole is the only one who would give Ted any assistance. Mrs. Vaughn further stated that subject Cole has a grandmother, whose name is Mrs. Brace, and she resides at Stroud, Oklahoma; that Mrs. Brace is Mrs. Fred Cole's mother and the last information she had a sister of Esther Cole was living with Mrs. Brace at Stroud, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Vaughn introduced Agent to her mother, Mrs. Alice Cole, who is also the mother of Fred Cole. She said that she had not seen Theodore Cole for about ten years, at which time he came to her house at Bruner's Station on the Sand Springs Road; that after staying several days she ordered him to leave her home. Mrs. Cole likewise stated that no one in the family except Esther Cole would lend any assistance to Theodore Cole. Mrs. Alice Cole was under the impression that the first name of Mrs. Brace is Nettie and that Mrs. Brace was quite a business woman when she was younger, and had some oil interests. Both Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Alice Cole stated they are quite certain Ted Cole will not come to their home for the

reason that he does not know their address and also because he would know that they would turn him in to the officers. In this connection, they stated that should they receive any information which would assist in this case, they would immediately furnish same to the resident agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Both Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Alice Cole gave every indication of being sincere and cooperative.

Deputy Sheriff John Evans and Deputy Sheriff Tony Benson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, informed Special Agent W. E. Hopton that subject Cole is well known to them and stated that Cole's best contact in Tulsa is one Morris Quinn, who, according to their latest information, is in the employ of the Bailey Undertaking Company, 12th & Boulder Streets, Tulsa. They further advised that when Cole was in Tulsa he would always hang around 6th and Peoria Streets and associated with Quinn.

Special Agent Hopton at Tulsa examined the records in the office of the United States Probation Officer in that city and same reflect that James W. Roe was conditionally released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on July 27, 1937, and that he is to report until June 17, 1938; that on September 23, 1937 his case was transferred to U.S. Probation officer Henry C. Clifton, Federal Building, El Paso, Texas, for the reason that Roe stated he had received employment with the International Supply Company at Wink, Texas, and desired to establish his residence at that place. Pertinent portions of the file of the United States Probation Officer on James W. Roe were forwarded to the Probation Officer at El Paso. The records also reflect that James W. Rowe gave his address in Tulsa, Oklahoma as 818 South Atlanta Avenue, and Rowe, while in Tulsa, associated with Earl A. Fields, 818 South Atlanta, an aviator at Collyer Airport.

Teletype was received from the Los Angeles Division advising that subject Cole attended school at Tulsa and Sapulpa, Oklahoma, also for a few months attended school at Eureka, Arkansas, when he was seven years of age; that Theodore Cole's wife was Marie Wynne, whose parents reside at Alpina Pass, Arkansas, and she was reported to be there about five years ago; that she has a son named Billy Wayne Cole, age about nine years. Also teletype was received from the Los Angeles Division advising that the grandmother of subject Cole is Mrs. Nettie Brace and his aunts are Mrs. William Collins and Mrs. Fannie Baughman; that his uncle is Ernest Brace, and all of them reside at Stroud, Oklahoma (not Strand, Oklahoma.)

The Oklahoma City Division will conduct investigation at Stroud, Oklahoma interviewing the relatives of subject Cole in the near future.

On December 23rd Special Agent in Charge C. W. Stein telephonically advised the Little Rock Division of the information received concerning the parents of the former wife of Cole residing at Alpina Pass, Arkansas and requested that investigation be conducted to locate Cole's former wife and to obtain all pertinent information concerning Cole which might assist in locating and causing his apprehension.

For the information of the Omaha Division, which has not received previous copies of reports, descriptions of subjects Roe and Cole as obtained from the files of the Oklahoma City Division are as follows:

Name - Ralph Roe  
Age - 33 (1937)  
Height - 6' 3/4"  
Weight - 176  
Hair - dark brown  
Eyes - gray  
Complexion - medium  
Race - white  
Teeth - fair  
Occupation - barber, blacksmith, steam fitter  
Relatives - Father, John Roe, Duncan, Okla.  
Mother, deceased  
Brother, Raymond Roe, 1828 N. Monroe,  
Hutchinson, Kansas.  
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Name - Ted Cole  
Age - 17 (1929)  
Height - 5' 5 1/2"  
Weight - 122  
Build - slender  
Hair - brown  
Eyes - blue  
Complexion - medium  
Race - white  
Occupation - tailor  
Residence - Pittsburg, Kansas  
Relatives - Father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred  
Cole, R.R. Woodlake, California.  
Sister, Mrs. Viola Dawson, same address.  
Sister, Mrs. Pauline Cornett, R.R. #1,  
Stroud, Okla.  
Police No. OSP #21023  
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THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Alpina Pass, Arkansas is requested to conduct appropriate investigation as requested telephonically to locate and interview Marie Wynne, former wife of subject Cole, and to obtain all information available which might assist in locating and causing the apprehension of Cole.

THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Lincoln, Nebraska will conduct appropriate investigation at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, checking the record of Joe Harris, #11789, obtaining date of release, list of correspondents and visitors, late photograph and description and furnish same to the San Francisco and Oklahoma City divisions, as requested in telegram from the Oklahoma City division, 12-22-37.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Drumright, Oklahoma will interview the Chief of Police and obtain all information he may be able to furnish relative to the identity of Dick Broyles or Dick Barr, an associate of the Bohannon boys.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma will conduct appropriate investigation through contact with the Muskogee Police Department relative to the Lindy Hotel operated by Max Molton at Muskogee, and arrange with the Police for proper coverage in the event subjects should show up there.

At Oklahoma City will contact the Oklahoma City Police Department and conduct appropriate inquiry relative to the Majestic Hotel operated by Jimmie Hood, which is a suggested possible hideout for subjects, and will arrange with the Oklahoma City Police Department to properly keep this place under observation in the event subjects should show up there.

At Oklahoma City will also conduct appropriate investigation relative to Lloyd Dillard, reported friend of Roe.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma will contact the Police Department and ascertain the present whereabouts of Clyde Underhill, Bobby Bridges and Harry Newton, and arrange with the Tulsa Police Department for proper observation of these persons in the event subjects Roe and Cole might contact them. Clyde Underhill, Bobby Bridges and Harry Newton should be interviewed for any information they may be able to furnish and they should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma will contact Earl A. Fields, 818 South Atlanta, and Morris Quinn, employed by the Bailey Undertaking Company at 12th & Boulder Streets, for any information which they may be able to furnish which may be of assistance in locating subjects.

At Stroud, Oklahoma will interview Mrs. Nettie Brace, grandmother of subject Cole; Mrs. William Collins and Mrs. Fannie Baughman, aunts of subject Cole; and Ernest Brace, uncle of Cole, and obtain from them any information of value which may assist in locating and causing the apprehension of subjects.

At Stroud will interview in detail Bud Rainey, who resides six and one-half miles south and east of Stroud, in the vicinity of the residence of R. B. "Rebel" Cornett, and endeavor to secure from him information he is purported to have furnished to Cornett relative to one Dick Barr or Broyles, and an unknown Chicago man, having gone to California for the purpose of "opening" Alcatraz; also obtain any information Rainey may be able to furnish relative to subjects. Mr. Rainey will be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring.

At Chickasha, Oklahoma will locate and interview the Parnell boys, who are reported to be close friends of Ralph Roe and Elmer Timman, and obtain any information they may be able to furnish which may assist in locating and apprehending subjects. The Parnell boys should be advised of the Federal Statute relative to harboring. The information pertaining to the acquaintanceship of Roe with the Parnell boys is set out in the report of reference.

At Shawnee, Oklahoma will contact Chief of Police F. A. Budd and obtain from him all information he may possess concerning Cole and Roe and their associates.

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DIRECTOR, SAC SAN FRANCISCO

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-139**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/23/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/18-23/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. Miller kb</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:**

Investigation at Winslow, Flagstaff, Prescott, and Phoenix, Arizona, fails to disclose information concerning present whereabouts of **MARIE BLACKWELL**, former correspondent of Subject **ROE**. Her home is believed to be Ardmore, Oklahoma. Informant at Phoenix, Arizona, alleges one **LETHA JONES**, whose parents reside at Dewey, Oklahoma, and who is now paramour of **LYLE GALLAND**, Phoenix, is Subject Roe's wife and mother of Roe's daughter, now deceased. Telegraphic and mail covers placed on Letha Jones at Phoenix and Oklahoma City and San Francisco Divisions requested by teletype to verify information concerning her.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/17/37; teletype message from Los Angeles Division dated 12/18/37.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of the reference teletype message the writer on 12/18/37, by telephone, communicated with **ROBERT BORN**, Undersheriff, Prescott, Arizona, who advised that former Chief of Police Wyatt is no longer located in Prescott and that Deputy Sheriff Ruffner was presently absent from the city. Mr. Born advised that he did not know **MARIE BLACKWELL** but that he would endeavor to locate her through his contacts and would also make discreet inquiry to ascertain if she was known to the police department and that he would immediately advise telegraphically if information of value was obtained.

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On 12/20/37 inquiry was made of J. T. STEVENS, Postmaster, H. C. WHEELER, Chief of Police, and DICK HARTLEY, Deputy Sheriff, all of Winslow, Arizona, each one advising that he did not recall MARIE BLACKWELL as a former resident of Winslow and they had no information concerning her present whereabouts.

R. C. KAUFMAN, President, 1st National Bank, Winslow, Arizona, advised that he has charge of the renting of the premises known as the Arizona Hotel and which, during a short time during 1934, were rented to one BETTY CRADDOCK; that according to his recollection a woman named MARIE BLACKWELL operated this place for Betty Craddock for a short time during 1934; and that additional information concerning these parties could probably be secured through Al Kleindienst.

AL KLEINDIENST, manager of the Winslow Credit Association, Winslow, Arizona, advised that he recalled that while BETTY CRADDOCK was operating the Arizona Hotel in Winslow about 1934, she had associated with her one MARIE BLACKWELL, a girl known as FRANCOILE COLLINS, and Betty's sister, LILLIAN who was drowned while residing at Winslow; that according to his recollection, Marie Blackwell was also Betty's sister and it is believed that all these parties came from Ardmore, Oklahoma or vicinity.

Inquiry for Clint C. Blair, former Chief of Police at Winslow disclosed that he is now on a trip to Missouri and the date of his return is uncertain.

By telephone Mr. Kleindienst ascertained through JACK HYNES and W. W. WARD, two Santa Fe Railway employees at Winslow, that BETTY CRADDOCK passed through Winslow during the summer of 1937 in a big Packard car and at that time advised that she was living at Amarillo, Texas, where her husband (name unknown) was operating a night club. They added, however, that they understand she has since left Amarillo and they have no information concerning her present whereabouts.

While the writer was passing through Flagstaff, Arizona, inquiry was made of Chief of Police James Wright and Sheriff Art Vandevier, both of whom advised that Betty Craddock and Marie Blackwell are unknown to them and apparently have not been located in Flagstaff in recent years.

Inquiry of GAIL I. GARDNER, postmaster, WILLIAM FITZGERALD, Chief of Police, Sheriff ROBERT ROBBINS, and all members of the police and sheriff's forces, as well as the retail credit bureau at Prescott, Arizona, failed to disclose any information concerning Marie Blackwell. The officers mentioned, particularly Chief of Police Fitzgerald, contacted their various sources of information in the underworld at Prescott but could find no one who knew Marie Blackwell.

Near midnight on 12/18/37, VIC BYRNES, 633 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, telephonically advised the Phoenix Division office that he is the local representative for Covered Wagon Auto Trailors; that he is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and well acquainted with the State of Oklahoma; that he had just read of the escape of Subjects from prison and desired to advise that one LETHA JONES, Phoenix, Arizona, frequently came around his place of business during the past summer and often boasted that she was Subject ROE'S wife; that in substantiation of her statements she showed Byrnes a letter from a brother of Roe, residing somewhere in Texas; that this letter blamed her for being the cause of Subject Roe's wrong doing and also informed her that her daughter, age 6 or 7, by Subject Roe had just died. Mr. Byrnes further stated that he has not seen Letha Jones since Subjects' escape, all of her talking having been done during the past summer.

Byrnes also stated that one of his ex-salesmen, LYLE GALLAND, is now practically living with LETHA JONES and that Mr. Byrnes has frequently contacted them in an endeavor to collect a \$60 mortgage which he holds on Galland's 1930 Packard car; that Letha Jones' parents reside in Oklahoma, but he did not know the exact location. Byrnes further stated that the house in which Letha Jones is presently residing is a ramshackle two story brick house and that she resides in room number three on the second floor and that house is at 8th Street and East Madison.

With the view to confirming the above and securing additional information, if possible, Agent W. R. Ramsey located Vic Byrnes at the sales rooms of the Covered Wagon Auto Trailors, 633 West Washington on Sunday morning, 12/19/37, where it was determined that he also resides in a room in the rear. Byrnes was questioned in detail and confirmed the information previously furnished. It was determined, however, that Byrnes had on that morning visited Letha Jones and that she was living with Lyle Galland in a trailer in the rear at 801 East Madison Street; that Letha Jones' parents were Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wharton of Depew, Oklahoma; that Byrnes had mentioned to Letha Jones that he had seen in the papers that her "old man" had escaped and she had remarked in substance, "It makes no difference to me, I was through with him long ago."

In view of the fact that the Phoenix Division office has had no previous information indicating that Subject Roe had a wife or former wife, a teletype message was dispatched to the Oklahoma and San Francisco Divisions furnishing in substance all the information received from Mr. Byrnes and requesting that these offices advise the Phoenix Division office whether they had any information indicating any relationship or connection between Letha Jones and Subject Roe. It was deemed advisable to defer interview with Letha Jones until receipt of information requested from the offices mentioned. However, through Mr. F. O. Burbridge, manager, Postal Telegraph Co., and Mr. T. G. WOODS, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, both of Phoenix, Arizona, a cover was placed on any incoming or outgoing telegrams for Letha Jones, 801 East Madison. Burbridge and Woods stated they would give this matter close attention and would immediately advise the Phoenix office if any information was obtained.

Through Mrs. Duncan, Office of Superintendent of Mails, Post Office, Phoenix, Arizona, the writer requested a 30 day mail cover on all mail received by Letha Jones, 801 E. Madison Street, Phoenix, for a period of 30 days. The importance of this matter was impressed on Mrs. Duncan and she stated she would give this matter her personal attention.

Inquiry disclosed that the regular carrier covering 801 East Madison Street is present confined to his home by illness and the substitute carrier was not available for interview.

J. B. RHODES, c/o Southern Sales Company, Central Avenue near McDowell Street, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that while residing at Winslow about the latter part of 1934 or the early part of 1935 he knew Marie Blackwell, Betty Craddock, and two or three other girls associated with them in the operation of the Arizona Hotel, which really was nothing more than a high classed sporting house; that he has neither seen nor heard from any of these parties in the last two or three years and that he knows nothing concerning their present whereabouts or means for locating them aside from the fact that they were believed to be from Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the father of FRANCOILE COLLINGS is understood to be a former peace officer at Ardmore. Mr. Rhodes also said that, according to his present recollection, Betty Carddock was married at one time to a man who operated an undertaking business at Ardmore and that later she was married to EDDIE CARPENTER, a bar tender for Gomez, the well known distiller at Juarez, Mexico, Carpenter having been killed in an automobile accident at El Paso in the Fall of 1936.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION At San Francisco, California, is requested to advise whether available information at that place

indicates Subject Roe corresponded with Letha Jones, Phoenix, Arizona, or whether there is any information indicating any relationship between them as mentioned in teletype message from the Phoenix office on 12/20/37.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is requested to refer to the teletype message from the Phoenix office on

12/20/37 and advise whether there is any information indicating any connection or relationship between Letha Jones, Phoenix, Arizona, and Subject Roe as mentioned in such message.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma, it is suggested that efforts be made to locate Marie Blackwell, former

correspondent of Subject Roe, by appropriate inquiry through local peace officers or similar sources, all parties interviewed in Arizona being of the opinion that Marie Blackwell and her associates, Betty Craddock and Francoile Collins, were from Ardmore as above mentioned. The parties interviewed were unable to furnish any substantial description of Marie Blackwell aside from the fact that she is a

woman about 38 or 40 years of age and reported to have made a lot of money in some boom oil town in Oklahoma.

PHOENIX DIVISION At Phoenix, Arizona, will report results of covers placed on mail and telegrams to Letha Jones, 801 East Madison Street, and upon receipt of information requested from the San Francisco and Oklahoma City Divisions will thoroughly interview her to determine any information she may possibly have regarding Subject Roe.

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December 23

2:02 P. M.

*B* Mr. Tamm advises that the report that the Alcatraz escapees have been captured is erroneous; that the report is the result of a "gag". The California State Police sent a telegram to some sheriff stating that the men had been captured on an island. When this statement is made the other party is supposed to ask what island and then the answer is "goats island". Named that way because they had gotten the warden's goat. ghb

*Conf. Call*

Mr. Nathan ..... ✓  
Mr. Tolson ..... ✓  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Naughten .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Pennington .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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- Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Naughten \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Dec. 23 1937.

Time 2:20  
 Name Roger Hawthorne tele.

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

Details:

Inquired about the story that the two Alcatraz escapes had been picked up. Was advised writer had no information on this. cek

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# TELETYPE

FBI KANSAS CITY 12-24-37 6-30 PM SW

DIRECTOR

SACS PORTLAND AND LOS ANGELES

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE EYAL EFP. J. M. NIELSON, MARYSVILLE  
KANSAS OWNER NINETEEN THIRTY CHEVROLET SEDAN KANSAS LICENSE  
TWENTY DASH TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR. NIELSON A FARMER AND HAS  
RESIDED VICINITY OF MARYSVILLE FOR LIFETIME. IS FIFTYEIVE YEARS  
FIVE FEET SEVEN OR EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS,  
LIGHT COMPLEXION, MARRIED AND SEVEN CHILDREN. LEFT DURING P  
PAST SUMMER FOR CORNELIUS, OREGON FOR HEALTH WITH WIFE AND  
TWIN SONS, AGE EIGHTEEN. NIELSON ENJOYS EXCELLENT REPUTATION  
IN HOME COMMUNITY. RELATIVES MARYSVILLE STATE ABOVE  
INDIVIDUALS LEFT OREGON DECEMBER FIFTEEN AND ARE PRESENTLY WITH  
FATHER OF MRS NIELSON NAMED FRYZYBACH, ONE TWO TWO ONE HELLAMAN,  
LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, OR W. S. NIELSON, BROTHER, ~~FOUR~~ FOUR  
FIVE SEVEN BONIE BRAE, LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES OFFICE  
WILL DETERMINE IF ANY OF ABOVE PERSONS WERE IN PORTLAND  
DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND PURCHASED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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EIGHT UNQUOTE AND U. S. HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE BOOKLET QUOTE  
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UNKNOWN PERSON WHO PURCHASED SUCH BOOKETS IN PORTLAND THE  
DATE OF PURCHASE MAY HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN INSTANT

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- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Dec. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ 1937.

*B*  
Time 1:38 P. M.

*f*  
Name Col. Gates -- tele.

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

Details:

*Received - Dec 28*  
Stated they had just received a news flash to the effect that the two Alcatraz escapees had been apprehended.

Mr. Tamm advises that he called Mr. Pieper who knows nothing of a capture but Mr. Pieper is going to check on it and call Mr. Tamm. cek

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FBI OKALAHOMA CITY 12-25-37 4-50 PM MM

DIRECTOR

RALPH ROE, WAS, THEODORE COLE, WAS, FUGITIVES, EFF. ROE ROE, BROTHER OF RALPH ROE, PRESENTLY CONFINED OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY, SENTENCE SEVEN YEARS, RECEIVED THAT INSTITUTION FEBRUARY NINTH THIS YEAR. SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED.

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

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December 22, 1937.

Time: 1:27 P.M.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
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- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

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

Mr. Hanson called from Los Angeles and stated with reference to the surveillance which agents from his office have been maintaining on the home of Cole's parents at Woodlake, California, it has been learned that Cole's parents are leaving this morning for Lindsay, California, to visit some friends, proceeding from there to Los Angeles where they will visit their daughter at Bell, California, over the Christmas holiday. The daughter's home at Bell is being kept under surveillance by agents from the Los Angeles Office. Mr. Hanson stated in view of this trip, he believes the surveillance at Woodlake can be discontinued.

He was advised it will be all right to discontinue this surveillance but the family should be kept under surveillance en route to Lindsay as they might meet Cole en route. Mr. Hanson said he does not believe such a surveillance would be beneficial inasmuch as the family has been interviewed by agents and Cole's step-father has indicated he will not tolerate Cole. You will recall that Cole's step-father on a previous occasion when Cole escaped from the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, turned Cole into the authorities. Mr. Hanson stated that Mr. Pieper has learned through an informant [redacted]

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[redacted] I told him that it is desirable to keep the family under surveillance until such time as Cole appears somewhere else. Mr. Hanson accordingly will keep the family under surveillance on this trip.

Mr. Hanson stated he received information from Mr. Pieper that the Sheriff at Merced, California, advises relatives of Cole live in that vicinity and accordingly, Mr. Hanson is sending an agent to Merced to check the relatives there. He will also continue the surveillance on the home at Bell, California.

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Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On November 30, 1934, Theodore Cole, better known as Ted Cole, escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, by placing himself in a laundry bag and being thrown on a laundry truck thus riding out of the Penitentiary, later jumping off the truck and effecting his escape. On October 22, 1929, Cole was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to be executed, a death sentence having been imposed upon him in Tulsa County, Oklahoma, for robbery with firearms, although no one was killed in the robbery. The Appellate Court modified this sentence and it was reduced to fifteen years. This is the sentence which he was serving at the time of his escape.

Several days after his escape, on the afternoon of December 5, 1934, J. A. Rutherford, age 48, a citizen residing near Cushing, Oklahoma, was in the town of Cushing with his automobile and was preparing to go home after attending to some business in that city. Rutherford was approached by Ted Cole, who asked him if he lived in the country, to which Rutherford replied that he did, indicating the direction from Cushing in which he resided, and Ted Cole, who approached him, told Rutherford he lived in the same direction but some distance farther and asked Rutherford for a ride. Rutherford agreed to give him a lift and invited him into the car. Rutherford and Ted Cole had proceeded but a short distance when Cole drew a pistol and told Rutherford that he wanted the car and that he had to have it. Cole told Rutherford that he had to make a trip and that if he made any resistance, Rutherford would be killed. From Cushing, Oklahoma, Rutherford was forced to drive Ted Cole to Springfield, Illinois, in Rutherford's automobile where Cole left the car and released Rutherford. During the course of this trip Cole threatened Rutherford many times to take his life and thereby putting him in great fear of his life. After being released, Rutherford informed his people in Cushing, Oklahoma, of his plight and that he was returning home. The affair was reported upon his arrival to the Sheriff's office at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Rutherford immediately identified his abductor as Theodore Cole. Investigation was instituted by this Bureau and Cole was arrested on January 9, 1935, at Dallas, Texas, by the Dallas, Texas Police Department. A complaint was filed on January 7, 1935, at Oklahoma City charging Cole with instant kidnaping. Cole was subsequently removed to Oklahoma City and on March 1, 1935, an indictment was returned against him in the Western District of Oklahoma charging him with the kidnaping of Rutherford and subsequent interstate transportation of him in interstate commerce.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
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On May 20, 1935, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, Cole entered a plea of guilty to the above indictment and on the same date was sentenced by the U. S. District Court, Guthrie, Oklahoma, to serve 50 years in a Federal Penitentiary to be designated by the Attorney General.

Cole is a white person, age 24 in 1937, an American citizen, unmarried, by occupation is a tailor, has a limited education and has a mother and two sisters living. The condition of his home life was bad; his reputation in the community in which he resided was bad. He is reputed to be moronic, vicious and a killer. While serving the sentence from which he escaped in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, he killed a fellow convict and was awaiting prosecution for murder in the county in which the state penitentiary is located when he escaped from this institution. Several times when he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma County Jail awaiting trial on the kidnaping charges, he attempted to escape. He sawed several bars of his cell on several occasions and has boasted on numerous occasions that he would effect his escape.

On October 9, 1936, Hugh Butcher was released from the Alcatraz Penitentiary and according to the rumors at that time Butcher was given the names of friends of certain prisoners remaining there and that by identifying himself as having come from Alcatraz he would be able to secure certain bonds which the prisoners had cached; that the bonds could be turned into money and with part of the proceeds he or other of their friends could arrange to get firearms, ammunition and necessary boat to enable them to get firearms landed on Alcatraz to be used then or subsequently in an escape plot. In Butcher's clothing at the time he was released the Alcatraz prison authorities found a scrap of paper on which was printed "Lee Jacobs Miami Oklahoma. His old man is a doctor. Everyone knows him. Tell him who sent you." On the reverse side was the following - "Jess Hill Lakewood California c/o Ted Coles mother". The prison authorities were informed that Lee Jacobs referred to in this note is a narcotic peddler operating as a fence used by Doc Barker and formerly served a term in the State Penitentiary of Oklahoma, and that his present connections and activities may be worthy of investigating by the Bureau. The prison authorities were also informed that the Jess Hill referred to is Floyd Hill, who served a term in McAlester, Oklahoma, when Theodore Cole was there and that Cole's relatives lived not in Lakewood but in Woodlake, California. This information was investigated by the Bureau without substantiating any plot to release the prisoners at Alcatraz to date.



December 16, 1937.

According to the files of the Identification Division, Theodore Cole in addition to the foregoing, has the following criminal record:

He was arrested on January 31, 1927, by the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department for burglary and he was turned over to the County Humane Officer. On August 27, 1929, Cole was arrested by the State Police, Little Rock, Arkansas, charged with burglary and grand larceny. He was sentenced to 2 years but was released to the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma for trial on the robbery charge, the sentence of which he was serving at the time of his escape. Unsupported by fingerprint cards are notations on the criminal records indicating that he was arrested several times for grand larceny and burglary; was paroled three times, and was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1924, given 2 years at Pauls Valley; paroled.

Respectfully,

  
P. E. FOXWORTH.



United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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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

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*J. E. Hoover*

J. E. Hoover, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Theodore Cole, #5090	1-31-27	burglary	to Co. Humano Agent
SF, Little Rock, Ark.	Ted Cole, #26817	8-27-29	burglary and G. I.	2 yrs.; rel. to Sheriff, Tulsa Co., Okla., for trial.
SO, Tulsa, Okla.	Theodore Cole, #4478	9-26-29	robbery	
SF, McAlester, Okla.	Theodore Cole, #21023	10-22-29	robbery	death by electrocution; commuted to 15 yrs.
PD, Dallas, Texas	Roy Jackson, #13324	1-6-35	fugitive from Cushing, Okla. - kidnapping	rel. to U.S. Marshal 1-10-35; 50 yrs. in Federal Pen.
USM, Dallas, Texas	Theodore Cole, #1824	1-10-35	kidnapping	
SO, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Ted Cole, #2710	3-11-35	kidnapping	
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Theodore Cole, #46905	5-20-35	kidnapping	50 yrs.; 10-25-35 trans. to USP, Alcatraz, Calif.
USP, Alcatraz Island, Calif.	Theodore Cole, #258-AZ	10-26-35	kidnapping	50 yrs.
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*	Tulsa, Okla., 1924, 2 yrs. at Pauls Valley, paroled.			

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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.

CWS:WB

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
December 26, 1937.

LOS ANGELES.

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 12-26-37 5-25 PM WB

SAC LOS ANGELES

RALPH ROE WAPUG ETAL RFP. PORTLAND OFFICE ADVISES OLDSMOBILE SEDAN BEARING  
 WYOMING LICENSE FOUR DASH ONE EIGHT SIX ONE PASSED THROUGH CALIFORNIA CHECKING  
 STATION FROM OREGON AT OREGON, CALIFORNIA, BORDER DECEMBER FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH  
 AND THAT ABOVE WYOMING LICENSE WAS ISSUED TO ORRIS O. DEAN, HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA AT  
 GREEN RIVER, WYOMING FEBRUARY NINETEENTH LAST FOR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OLDSMOBILE  
 SEDAN MOTOR F SIX EIGHT THREE THREE THREE TWO. DENVER OFFICE REQUESTED IDENTITY  
 DEAN AND OTHER PERSONS TRAVELING WITH HIM BE ASCERTAINED. INVESTIGATION AT  
 HENRYETTA REVEALS CORRECT NAME TO BE ORRIS A. BEEN. ROSCOE BEEN A FORMER DEPUTY  
 SHERIFF NOW RESIDING HENRYETTA STATES ORRIS BEEN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR NINE YEARS  
 BY NATIONAL CIRCULATION COMPANY NEW YORK CITY AS A CREW MANAGER, THAT WHEN TRAVELING  
 HE IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND A CREW OF MEN DRIVING THREE OR FOUR OTHER  
 CARS. ORRIS BEEN WROTE ROSCOE BEEN HE WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES ON TWENTY THIRD  
 INSTANT AND MAY BE THERE FOR SOME TIME AND GAVE ADDRESS AS GENERAL DELIVERY THERE.  
 MAIL HAS RECENTLY BEEN FORWARDED TO HIM AT THAT POINT. DENVER OFFICE INSTRUCTS  
 THAT IF BEEN LOCATED AND FOUND TO BE REPUTABLE DETERMINE IF IN PORTLAND OREGON  
 DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND PURCHASED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BOOKLET QUOTE CURRENT  
 TABLES NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT UNQUOTE AND US HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE BOOKLET QUOTE  
 TIDAL CURRENT CHART OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY UNQUOTE AND PURPOSE PURCHASING SAME.  
 INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING UNKNOWN PERSON WHO PURCHASED SUCH BOOKLET

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IN PORTLAND THAT DATE ON POSSIBILITY IMPLICATION INSTANT CASE. THIS UNKNOWN SUBJECT DESCRIBED ABOUT FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS, FIVE FEET SIX OR SEVEN, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY TO ONE SEVENTY, DARK HAIR POSSIBLY GRAYING, WELL GROOMED, FACE FULL AND RUDDY, MAY HAVE WORN GLASSES, DRESSED WELL IN SUIT BELIEVED DARK GRAY, CARRIED DARK TOPCOAT. BEEN DESCRIBED TWENTY EIGHT YEARS, SIX FEET, ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, ROUND FACE, DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, BALD IN FRONT. SUGGEST HE BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE OR MEMBERS OF CREW PURCHASED BOOKLETS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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cc Bureau ✓  
San Francisco  
Denver  
Portland

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

EAT:MC

December 23, 1937.

Time: 10:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Stein called from Oklahoma City requesting that Special Agents Bryce and Hurt be instructed to return to the Oklahoma City Office in view of the numerous leads in the above entitled matter, and the numerous contacts and friends of the escapes at Oklahoma City. Mr. Stein indicated that sooner or later the escapes will come to Oklahoma City. He referred to his teletype to the Bureau advising that two individuals appeared at Stroud, Oklahoma, about two weeks ago, where Cole's sister resides and are reported to have had two machine guns with them, were driving a large car and allegedly said they were going to Alcatraz to open it up. These men also indicated they were going to kill Rutherford, victim of a kidnaping case. Mr. Stein advised that Cole's mother-in-law apparently urged Cole to kill Rutherford, which he refused to do, and thereafter she caused trouble between Cole and his wife, who was her daughter. Mr. Stein indicated that this family is antagonistic towards Cole and Agents who went to the home for the purpose of interviews were met with shotguns. Mr. Stein indicated that Hurt is particularly valuable due to the contacts he has made in the underworld at Oklahoma City when serving on the police force there.

He was informed that Bryce and Hurt are now on a special assignment at Pensacola, Florida, in the Hugh Gant Case, but will be returned to the Oklahoma City Office as soon as possible, which should be within a few days.

Mr. Stein indicated he is arranging to pick up an individual today who is supposed to have talked to the above mentioned individuals and who is friendly toward Cole. He said that one of the men who appeared at Stroud is apparently Dick Barkes, who was arrested at Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 9, 1933 for bank robbery. He was received at the Nebraska State Penitentiary as Joe Harris #11789 on December 9, 1933. He indicated he has requested the Omaha Office to secure full information on this man from the penitentiary. I told him to secure his photograph in order to be sent to the San Francisco and Portland Offices, since Stein indicated that Barkes has been released.

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Respectfully,

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DECEMBER 23, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PORTLAND.

YOUR LETTER TWENTIETH INSTANT RE THEODORE COLE, FUGITIVE. ROBERT  
BOE, FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. NINE LATENT FINGERPRINTS  
DEVELOPED ON PILOT CHART SUBMITTED. ALL OF THE LATENT PRINTS  
ELIMINATED AS IDENTICAL WITH FINGERPRINTS OF CHESTER MacNEILL.

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CC-San Francisco (AIR MAIL).

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December 17, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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When the above has been completed, kindly transmit the attached to the Mechanical Section. It is also requested that 235 copies of the most recent photographs of Roe with the name reflected thereon be prepared and transmitted to the fugitive supervisor.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure.

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NAME AND ALIASES:

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

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION:

24  $\frac{L}{M}$   $\frac{1}{1}$   $\frac{R}{U}$   $\frac{III}{III}$   $\frac{5}{5}$

OFFENSE:

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER (Bank Robbery)

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 tattooed 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  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches above right eyebrow on forehead.

Photograph taken January 1935 attached.

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As Paul Sullivan, #98, arrested PD, Pomona, California, April 28, 1923, charge robbery, released to Constable, Pomona, California.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As Ralph Roe, #0-504, arrested Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 1, 1934, charge robbery with firearms, disposition not given.

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

As Ralph Roe, #---, arrested Sheriff's Office, Bonham, Texas, July 23, 1934, charge auto theft, disposition not given.

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

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

As Ralph Rowe, #11900 U. S., arrested PD, Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 6, 1934, charge bank robbery, sentenced 99 years Federal Penitentiary.

As Ralph Roe, #46153, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, January 19, 1935, crime armed robbery National Bank, sentence 99 years; transferred to U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, October 23, 1935.

As Ralph Roe, #260-A2, received U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, October 26, 1935, transferred from U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, crime armed robbery -- National Bank, sentence 99 years.

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.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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NAME AND ALIASES: THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole,  
Theodore Cole, Roy Jackson.

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION: 22  $\frac{17}{27}$   $\frac{W}{W}$   $\frac{IM}{O}$   $\frac{16}{14}$

OFFENSE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER (Kidnaping)

DESCRIPTION:

Age, 25 (born April 6, 1912)  
Height, 5 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
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  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches above left wrist  
rear;  
curved scar  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch out from lower lip left;  
horizontal  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch scar under chin.  
Photograph taken January 1935 attached.

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As Theodore Cole, #---, arrested PD, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1924, charge not given, sentenced 2 years parole.

As Theodore Cole, #5090, arrested PD, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 31, 1927, charge burglary, released to County Humane Agent.

As Ted Cole, #26817, received State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 27, 1929, crime burglary and grand larceny, sentenced two years, released to Sheriff, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

As Theodore Cole, #4478, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 26, 1929, crime robbery, sentenced death by electrocution.

As Theodore Cole, #21023, received State Prison, McAlester, Oklahoma, October 22, 1929, crime robbery, sentence death by electrocution commuted to fifteen years.

As Roy Jackson, #13324, arrested PD, Dallas, Texas, January 6, 1935, charge fugitive from Cushing, Oklahoma - kidnaping, released to U. S. Marshal January 10, 1935.

As Theodore Cole, #1824, arrested U. S. Marshal, Dallas, Texas, January 10, 1935, charge kidnaping.

As Ted Cole, #2710, received Sheriff's Office Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 11, 1935, charge kidnaping, sentenced fifty years in Federal Penitentiary.

As Theodore Cole, #46905, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, May 20, 1935, crime kidnaping, sentenced fifty years. Transferred October 23, 1935, to U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California.

As Theodore Cole, #258-AZ, received U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, October 26, 1935, transferred from U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, crime kidnaping, sentence fifty years.

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.

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

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover,  
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PEORIA OFFICE

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DIRECTOR AND SACS LOS ANGELES AND PORTLAND

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
December 16, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Ralph Roe first came to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the investigation to locate Wilbur Underhill, who it will be recalled, on Memorial Day, 1933, with ten other desperados, escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, in one of the most spectacular prison breaks that has ever been accomplished. The leader of this group was Harvey Bailey, a master criminal of the Southwest, and his first aid was Wilbur Underhill, who, because of his depredations, was known as the "Tri-State Terror". The other escapes included such notorious criminals as Bob Brady, Jim Clark and Ed Davis. The escaping convicts kidnaped the warden, commandeered fast automobiles and headed for the hills of Eastern Oklahoma where they knew they would secure protection. Underhill, a desperate criminal and wanton killer, insisted on killing the warden before they released him because the warden had kept him in solitary confinement, but Harvey Bailey prevented him from committing this murder. It was during Underhill's reign as a bank robber and highway-man in Southwestern Missouri, Southeastern Kansas and Northeastern Oklahoma, that he was given the name which followed him to his grave, the "Tri-State Terror".

Underhill later married his childhood sweetheart, Hazel Hudson, nee Jarrett, near Colgate, Oklahoma, under his true name. His wife was a member of the Oklahoma Jarrett family of bank robbers. Two of her brothers were sentenced to McAlester State Penitentiary for life.

On December 30, 1933, Wilbur Underhill, who was under indictment at Kansas City, Missouri, charging him with conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner, was located in a house at 606 West Dewey Street in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation proceeded immediately to that address, and with the aid of deputy sheriffs and officers of the Oklahoma City Police Department, raided the premises at 606 West Dewey Street in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Upon arriving at the rear of the house, Underhill was observed near one of the back windows in a brightly lighted room. He was commanded to raise

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Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
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Mr. Foxworth	.....
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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-15757**

J. E. Hoover, Director

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PD, Pomona, Calif.	Paul Sullivan, #98	1-29-23	robbery	rel. to Constable Pomona, Calif.
SP, Little Rock, Ark.	Jack Sullivan, #21726	9-25-24	G.I.	1 to 5 yrs., 8-18-25 rel. exp. short term.
SO, Enid, Okla.	Jack McCarthy, #--	9-6-25	theft	
SRef., Granite, Okla.	Jack Sullivan, #6089	9-20-25	G.I.	2 yrs., 12-15-26 rel. exp. short term.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Raymond Ros, #17678	5-28-27	robbery with firearms	12 yrs.
PD, Shawnee, Okla.	Ralph Roe, #--	12-30-33	harboring	held by Dept. of Justice.
PD, Okla. City, Okla.	Ralph Roe, #15589	12-30-33	robbery with firearms	turned over to Okla. Co.
SO, Okla. City, Okla.	Ralph Roe, #0-504	1-1-34	robbery with firearms	
PD, Okla. City, Okla.	Ralph Ros, #15589	7-7-34	vag. and inv.	filed on and rel. to Pottawatomie Co., Okla.
Chief Special Agent, St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., St. Louis, Mo., #10810	Ralph Roe, #--, SO, Bonham, Texas	7-25-34	auto theft	
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PD, Muskogee, Okla.	Ralph Rowe, #11900 U.S.	10-6-34	bank robbery	\$100,000. bond 99 yrs. Leavenworth.
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USP, Alcatraz, Calif.	Ralph Roe, #280-A2	10-26-35 in transfer USP, Leaven- worth, Kans.	robbery Nat'l. Bank - armed	99 yrs. and \$3. Com. fine.
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USP, Alcatraz, Calif.	Ralph Roe, #230-A2	10-26-35 in transfer USP, Leaven- worth, Kans.	robbery Nat'l. Bank - armed	99 yrs. and \$3. Com. fine.
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his hands and hesitating for only a moment, suddenly whirled to get his Luger pistol. Tear gas was fired into the house and under the fire of the Agents, Underhill fell to the floor. At about this time further shots were fired from the side window of the house and the officers in front and in the rear again opened fire.

While Underhill continued to fire at the officers, Ralph Roe, who was in the front bedroom with Eva Mae Nichols, fired at the officers through the front window. After the firing had ceased it was discovered that Underhill had escaped from the house and had taken refuge in a secondhand furniture store a few blocks away. He was taken into custody and because of the serious wounds, was immediately removed to the Shawnee Municipal Hospital. On January 6, 1934, he was removed from the hospital to the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, where he died on that date from wounds received while resisting arrest.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that the premises at 606 West Dewey Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, had been sublet by the renter to Ralph Roe, who with Eva Mae Nichols, a beauty operator, was occupying the premises on the night of December 29, 1933, when Underhill and his wife, Hazel Hudson Underhill, arrived. During the battle with the Agents and police officers, Ralph Roe and Eva Mae Nichols were wounded and taken to the Shawnee Municipal Hospital. Roe's injuries consisted of a wound in the arm and another in his shoulder. On the morning of December 31, 1933, the Nichols woman succumbed to the wounds she had received.

On January 24, 1934, a complaint was filed before a United States Commissioner at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, charging Ralph Roe and one Elmer A. Inman with conspiracy to harbor Underhill and at a hearing held on February 8, 1934, Roe was held for action of the Federal Grand Jury. He was subsequently sentenced in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve a six months suspended sentence.

While Ralph Roe was being held in the County Jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma, pending disposition of the harboring charges, an inspector from the U. S. Bureau of Prisons advised the Oklahoma City office that Ralph Roe had made a complaint to the effect he had been mistreated by the county authorities. The investigation by the Inspector disclosed that Roe's claims in this respect were without merit and he learned that Roe was an obstreperous and recalcitrant prisoner. There was also some

indication that certain individuals had attempted to deliver Roe from the County Jail. Several saws were found outside of the jail window. There was no definite indication that the saws had been delivered for Ralph Roe. However, in view of the fact that one Lon Johnson and Sleepy Johnson were associated with Ralph Roe in harboring Wilbur Underhill and since Lon Johnson had visited his brother, Sleepy Johnson at the jail, it was believed that he may have delivered the saws to his brother. A prisoner later saw the saws and delivered them to the jailer. There was no definite indication that these saws had actually been delivered for the use of Ralph Roe.

Ralph Roe with one Jack Lloyd was arrested by the Sheriff from Tishomingo, Oklahoma at Mansville, Oklahoma, on July 25, 1934, and were identified as the individuals who had abandoned a 1933 Chevrolet Coach which was stolen from the owner at Bonham, Texas, on July 22, 1934. Lloyd and Roe were both returned to Bonham, Texas, to face state charges of burglary and auto theft. Both subjects were released on bonds of \$1,400.00 from the Bonham Texas Jail on September 4, 1934. During the time that Jack Lloyd and Ralph Roe were confined in jail at Bonham, Texas, they were frequently visited by Wilbur Underhill's widow, and it appears she was instrumental in securing their release on bond. In view of the fact that these individuals were subsequently sentenced in connection with a bank robbery charge, they were not prosecuted in Federal Court for the theft of the automobile which they transported from Bonham, Texas, to Mansville, Oklahoma.

On September 10, 1934, two armed men who were subsequently identified as Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd, entered the Farmers National Bank of Sulphur, Oklahoma and ordered the two employees who were in the bank at the time to lie on the floor in their respective cages. The bandits threatened the bank clerks repeatedly, stating they would kill them if they made any false moves. While Jack Lloyd covered the bank employees, Ralph Roe went to the rear of the tellers' cages ~~the~~ gathered the loot, which he placed in what appeared to be a sugar sack. After obtaining \$3206.46 of the bank funds, Jack Lloyd ordered one of the bank employees out into the lobby of the bank and through a side door keeping him covered with a pistol all of this time. He then forced this employee to the entrance of an adjacent building about forty feet from the bank where the bank employee was ordered to proceed upstairs. The bandits made their escape in a Ford V-8 automobile.

The Sheriff at Antlers, Oklahoma, received information to the effect that two men heavily armed had visited a tourist camp near Antlers. He went to the cabins and there took into custody Ralph Roe, Jack Lloyd and one Dick Coffin, who was with them at the time. When Roe and Lloyd were arrested, they had in their possession two nickel-plated revolvers, a 30-30 Winchester rifle, a 25-20 Winchester rifle, and a 12 gauge Remington Automatic shotgun. They were returned to Sulphur, Oklahoma, where they were positively identified as the bandits who had robbed the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma. On October 6, 1934, a complaint was filed before the U. S. Commissioner at Muskogee, Oklahoma, charging both subjects with violation of the National Bank Robbery Act. Their bonds at that time were set at \$100,000.00 each. Coffin was released since he was not wanted in connection with the Sulphur, Oklahoma bank robbery or any other known crime. The investigation by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, disclosed that Ralph Roe had made several trips to Kansas, Oklahoma and other adjoining states, at which time he had been accompanied by a woman who was subsequently identified as the wife of Wilbur Underhill. He obviously was quite friendly with this woman and she was instrumental in securing bonds for both Lloyd and Roe when they were released from the Bonham Texas Jail. On October 31, 1934, a Federal Grand Jury at Muskogee, Oklahoma, returned an indictment charging Roe and Lloyd with violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Act, at which time the Presiding Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma ruled that the charges against the subjects were notailable and that the Commissioner's bond of \$100,000.00 be revoked.

On January 18, 1935, a jury returned a verdict of guilty against both subjects in Federal Court at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and on that date Jack Lloyd was sentenced to serve 20 years on the first count of the indictment, 25 years on the second count, and 99 years on the third count, said sentences to run concurrently. Ralph Roe was sentenced to serve 20 years on the first count of the indictment, 25 years on the second count and 99 years on the third count, all sentences to run concurrently.

On January 19, 1935, Ralph Roe was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas to serve his 99 year sentence for bank robbery and on October 26, 1935, he was received at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island on transfer from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to complete the service of his ninety-nine year sentence.

During the investigation of the bank robbery, Agents interviewed one Ray Tang Hall, a narcotic violator at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and he admitted that Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd had frequented his tourist camp at Seminole, Oklahoma, on September 9 or 10, 1934. He stated that Roe and Lloyd were at that time in Hazel Underwood's black Chevrolet Coupe. They called for some clothing which they had left at his camp and remained only about thirty minutes. This is a further indication of the association of subject Roe with the wife of the deceased bank robber, Wilbur Underhill.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that Raymond Roe, a brother of Ralph Roe, who was residing at 1828 North Monroe Street, Hutchinson, Kansas, had endeavored to persuade his brother to go straight and to secure a position in order that he could earn an honest living. However, Ralph Roe informed him that this would be impossible since being an ex-convict, he had no way of making a living. Raymond Roe agreed to purchase an automobile for his brother, Ralph, if Ralph would agree to stop associating with the questionable characters, who no doubt were responsible for part of his criminal acts. He purchased this automobile for Ralph Roe at Hutchinson, Kansas on September 27, 1934 and he stated that Ralph Roe was accompanied by a woman known as Hazel Hudson. However, Raymond Roe had noticed in a detective magazine a photograph of Hazel Jarrett, who, it will be recalled, was the wife of Wilbur Underhill and he positively identified this woman as the companion of his brother.

Ralph Roe in 1937 was 31 years of age. He is an American citizen and a native of the state of Oklahoma. He never married. His father is John Roe of Duncan, Oklahoma, and his mother is deceased. He was reported to be by occupation a steamfitter. He had only a grammar school education and it appears that his home life was undesirable. His known criminal record dates back to April 28, 1923 when he was arrested by the Police Department at Pomona, California, under the name of Paul Sullivan on a charge of robbery. He was later released to the Constable at Pomona, California. From September, 1924 to December 30, 1933, this individual has a record of six arrests, consisting of charges ranging from grand larceny to robbery of firearms. He was considered a notorious and dangerous individual.

Jack Lloyd was an American-born individual and in 1937 was 33 years of age. He was married and a native of Carter County, Oklahoma. His occupation was barber and blacksmith. He is reported

to have had one child. His father is deceased and his mother in 1935 was residing in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He also had only a grammar school education. He had a long criminal record, his first arrest of record being on November 24, 1919, when he was arrested by the State Police at McAlester, Oklahoma, on a charge of burglary and sentenced to a sentence of 7 years.

Attached hereto is a complete record of subject Ralph Roe, with aliases, as reflected by the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*P. E. F.*

P. E. FOXWORTH

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DIRECTOR

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Suite 1729  
One Eleven Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 18, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype dated December 18, 1937  
in which you requested recent photographs of RICHARD T. GALATAS.

A check of the convicts released from Alcatraz was made  
by Special Agent A. E. Farland, at which time photographs, des-  
criptions, fingerprint classifications, correspondence lists and  
lists of relatives were obtained. Among those obtained are the  
following: RICHARD T. GALATAS, Alcatraz No. 331; FRANK B. MULLOY,  
Alcatraz No. 330; FRANK WILLIAMS, with aliases, Alcatraz No. 308;  
HUBERT ALLEN FARMER, Alcatraz No. 332; ALFRED M. LOOMIS, with  
aliases, Alcatraz No. 187; ANDREW W. DAVIS, Alcatraz No. 311;  
JACK SIEMAN, with aliases, Alcatraz No. 177; CHARLES R. KRUG,  
with aliases, Alcatraz No. 72; ROBERT BRADFORD MOXON, Alcatraz  
No. 34.

RICHARD T. GALATAS, Alcatraz No. 331, was released from  
Alcatraz on transfer to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, September 25, 1937, and it was anticipated he would be  
released from Leavenworth October 1, 1937. All records as to  
visitors, correspondence, etc., were transferred to Leavenworth  
for GALATAS.

FRANK B. MULLOY, Alcatraz No. 330, was released from Al-  
catraz on transfer to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan-  
sas, September 25, 1937, and it was anticipated he would be re-  
leased from Leavenworth October 1st, 1937. The records concern-  
ing MULLOY have been transferred to Leavenworth.

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FRANK WILLIAMS, with aliases, FRED CARPENTER, FRED MCCANN, Alcatraz No. 308, was received at Alcatraz Island May 30, 1936 from the prison camp at Kootenai, Idaho for counterfeiting upon a sentence to run four years. He was conditionally released April 23, 1937 to return to Cleveland, Ohio. There is no record for WILLIAMS of any visitors. He is described as follows:

Age	46
Height	5' 9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Gray-brown
Build	Medium
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Coppersmith
Nationality	Irish
Relatives	Mrs. WILLIS E. BUSHMAN, Capitol Avenue., Indiana- polis, Ind., Sister.

HUBERT ALLEN FARMER, Alcatraz No. 332, was released from Alcatraz on September 21, 1937 and proceeded to Joplin, Missouri the same day. There is no record that FARMER had any visitors.

ALFRED M. LOOMIS, with aliases, FRANK SALAZAR, JACK KENNEDY, JOHN MARKEL, serving sentence of 7 years, was transferred to Leavenworth, Kansas from Alcatraz December 2, 1935, and it is now believed that he is in San Francisco. His Leavenworth No. is 3935. All records on LOOMIS are presently at Leavenworth, Kansas.

ANDREW W. DAVIS, Alcatraz No. 311, received from prison camp at Kootenai, Idaho May 30, 1936, was released from Alcatraz conditionally on January 13, 1937, and left for Port Arthur, Texas. He is described as follows:

Age	34 (b. 4-22-03)
Weight	190
Height	6 feet
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue gray
Hair	Black
Nationality	American.



There is no record of DAVIS having any visitors or interviews while confined at Alcatraz. DAVIS sold a story concerning conditions at Alcatraz to the Scripps Howard News Service.

JACK SIEMAN, Alcatraz No. 177, alias JACOB SIEMAN, was released from Alcatraz on April 12, 1937 and turned over to U. S. Immigration Officials for deportation to Canada. Records indicate he was deported April 21, 1937. He is described as follows:

Age	50
Height	5' 10"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark gray
Build	Medium
Complexion	Light
Nationality	Jewish.

CHARLES RICHARD KHUG, Alcatraz No. 72, Atlanta Penitentiary No. 23052, serving a sentence of 15 years was a military prisoner from the Canal Zone serving time for the crime of sodomy. He was transferred from Atlanta Penitentiary August 22, 1934 and was released from Alcatraz October 8, 1936 and transportation furnished to Elizabeth, New Jersey. He is described as follows:

Age	29
Height	5' 11"
Weight	178 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Brown
Relatives	Mother, Mrs. ANNA KHUG, 216 Trumbull St., Elizabeth, N. J.

There is no record that he had any visitors while confined at Alcatraz.

ROBERT BRADFORD MOXON, Alcatraz No. 34, was received at Alcatraz on July 13, 1929 for violation of Postal laws and forgery. He was discharged November 9, 1937 and taken into custody

by U. S. Immigration Officials for deportation to Canada. His McNeil Island U. S. Penitentiary No. is 7679. He is described as:

Age	38
Height	5' 8½"
Weight	145 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue

He had no visitors while confined at the Island.

It is requested that the enclosed photographs be exhibited to witnesses at the light house service at Portland, Oregon in an effort to identify one of these persons as being the individual who called at the light house service in Portland and made inquiry relative to time of tides in San Francisco bay.

In the event any pertinent information is developed, the San Francisco Office should be notified by teletype. The Bureau has requested that this matter be given most expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

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

9 Enclosures

cc: Bureau ✓  
Oklahoma City

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AIR MAIL & SPECIAL DELIVERY

1206 Tower Petroleum Bld'g.,  
Dallas, Texas.

December 19, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: Theodore Cole - FUGITIVE;  
Ralph Roe - FUGITIVE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with the request of Special Agent in Charge W. W. Stein of the Oklahoma City office during the evening of December 18, 1937, attached hereto are six full length views and six police photographs of Cole, Dallas, Texas, Police Department #13524. A similar number are attached to copies of this letter for the Los Angeles Office and five each are attached to the copy of this letter for the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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610 Alenzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 27, 1937

Postmaster  
Gregory, South Dakota

Re: <sup>0</sup> RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1472; ET AL.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

If possible, please furnish me by return mail present  
address and description of E. C. McFadden, presently believed to be  
in California.

Thanking you for your immediate reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

WH:G  
cc. Bureau  
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610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 27, 1937

Re: <sup>0</sup> RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1472; ET AL.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

W  
Postmaster  
Luverne, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

If possible please furnish by return mail present  
address and a description of Louis A. Johnson, now believed some-  
where on West Coast.

Thanking you for your immediate reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

Time - 2:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Escape of <sup>Quinn T. Tamm</sup> Cole and Roe  
from Alcatraz.

Mr. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned me and said the newspapers have been calling his office incessantly with reference to a dispatch which has come out to the effect that the two above named subjects have been apprehended.

I told Mr. Bennett that we noticed that one of the wire services was carrying a story to this effect; that we immediately checked on it, and found that apparently it originated with some kind of a gag indulged in by state agencies on the West Coast in the operation of their teletype system; that as a matter of fact, so far as we have been able to find out, there is absolutely nothing to the story, and it all started with this joke.

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:MC

December 23, 1937.

Time: 1:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

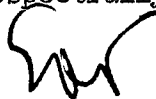
RE: Escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore  
Cole from Alcatraz.

With reference to the Department's query as to the source and accuracy of the press teletype dispatch to the effect that Roe and Cole had been apprehended, I called Mr. Pieper at San Francisco and instructed him to check with the warden at Alcatraz and other places on this matter.

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Pieper subsequently called and stated a press teletype was sent from Sacramento, California, to the Sheriff's office at Santa Rosa, California, at the end of which appeared the question "Did you hear they found the two men?" He indicated this was a gag on the part of the press since the Sheriff's office was supposed to answer back "no" at which time that office would be advised the men had been found on an island where they had survived for eight days on goat's milk, indicating they had the Warden's "goat".

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,  
DECEMBER 23, 1937.

Personal and Confidential.

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

Dear Sir:

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

This will confirm my telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on December 23, 1937. This office received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher, at which time, he, Mr. Fletcher stated that Mr. Tamm had communicated with him and requested that efforts be made to ascertain the manner in which C. Floyd Huff became the parole adviser of Richard Galatas. Mr. Fletcher stated that he was advising the Bureau of the results of the investigation in the Little Rock Territory and requested that the Kansas City Office contact the Probation Officer for the Western District of Missouri, as well as the Parole Officer at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Inquiry of the Probation Officer failed to produce any information of value. Mr. N. R. Timmons, Parole Officer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised by telephone that the files of his office reflected receipt by the Warden at Leavenworth, and also the Warden at Alcatraz, of several communications from C. Floyd Huff written on behalf of Galatas. Timmons stated that he received a letter dated April 20, 1936, from Huff, which urged the parole of Galatas, and in this letter, Huff volunteered to be the parole adviser for Galatas in the event the parole was effected. It is noted that this letter is dated prior to the transfer of Galatas to Alcatraz from Leavenworth. Timmons said that Galatas was again received at Leavenworth from Alcatraz approximately a month before the date of his conditional release, and that ac-

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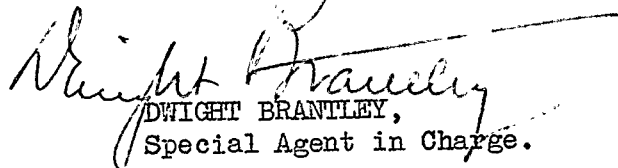
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Miss Gandy	

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According to departmental regulations, it is incumbent upon him as a parole officer to make every effort to obtain a parole adviser for individuals about to be released conditionally. Mr. Timmons said that in view of the interest manifested by Mr. Huff on behalf of Galatas, as reflected in his file, that the necessary forms were submitted to Mr. Huff to be executed and returned. These forms were executed by Mr. Huff, and upon their receipt, Mr. Timmons forwarded them to the Parole Office in Washington, D.C. Mr. Timmons said that he does not personally pass upon the qualifications of parole advisers, but that usually the submission of the name and the executed forms is tantamount to acceptance.

Very truly yours,

  
DWIGHT BRANTILEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Little Rock

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December 30, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I desire to bring to your attention a situation which I believe may result in serious mortification and embarrassment to the Department unless immediate steps are taken to correct it.

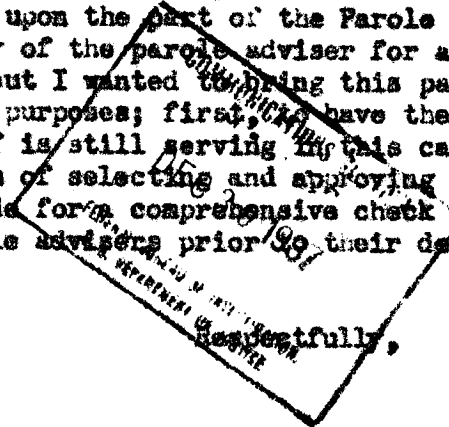
You will recall that Richard Galatas, notorious confidence man, was sentenced to a term of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 on January 5, 1935, for his participation in the Kansas City Massacre. Galatas served his sentence in Federal penal institutions and I have just learned that the parole adviser designated for Richard Galatas prior to his release from Federal custody was C. Floyd Huff, who you will recall was formerly United States Commissioner at Hot Springs, Arkansas. I have been advised that N. R. Timmons, Parole Officer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was advised by Huff on April 20, 1936, that he, Huff, would serve as parole adviser for Galatas in the event Galatas was paroled. Galatas was not paroled but was released upon a conditional release, but C. Floyd Huff was designated by Mr. Timmons in the form submitted by him to Washington as parole adviser to Galatas and Huff served in this capacity. I do not believe it is necessary to again inform you of the very unsavory reputation of C. Floyd Huff or of his notorious association with criminals frequenting Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It appears that neither N. R. Timmons, Parole Officer at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, nor the Parole Board made any check to ascertain whether the parole adviser designated for Galatas was a responsible person and obviously Huff was unfitted for this position because of his past activities.

I do not know whether the procedure followed in this case in so far as a lack of check upon the part of the Parole Officer and the Parole Board into the identity of the parole adviser for a released convict is typical of all cases, but I wanted to bring this particular situation to your attention for two purposes; first, to have the parole adviser for Galatas changed if Huff is still serving in this capacity, and second, to suggest that the system of selecting and approving parole advisers be revised so as to provide for a comprehensive check of the identity and qualifications of parole advisers prior to their designation as such.

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETALEF XX EFP. THE FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN. ARRANGEMENTS MADE MILITARY AND COAST GUARD ORGANIZATIONS TO DAILY PATROL THIRTY FIVE MILES OF BEACH LINE IN ADDITION TO ENTIRE BAY AREA WEST OF OAKLAND BRIDGE. ALL BODIES FOUND ARE NOW BEING REPORTED TO OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. WARDEN BELIEVES INFORMATION MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM OTHER PRISONERS IN NEAR FUTURE. REPORT BEING DICTATED FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES SETTING OUT SUMMARY OF ESCAPE, ALL RELEASES AND TRANSFERS FROM THE ISLAND, AND ALL VISITORS TO THE ISLAND DURING

NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN AS WELL AS ADDRESSES OF ALL RELATIVES OF SUBJECTS. A PRISONER TODAY RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOTHER REQUESTING HER ADDRESS NOT BE GIVEN ANY ONE. LOS ANGELES CONDUCTING DISCREET INVESTIGATION AT ORIGIN OF LETTER. WARDEN RECEIVED NOTE FROM DENVER PURPORTING TO BE FROM ESCAPEES, ALSO ONE FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS. BOTH BELIEVED FROM CRANKS BUT BEING FORWARDED BUREAU AMASD. NUMEROUS ERRONEOUS IDENTIFICATIONS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION BEING INVESTIGATED WITH NO RESULTS TO DATE

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

EAT:MC

December 27, 1937.

Time: 10:53 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole  
from Alcatraz

Mr. Stein called from Oklahoma City advising that Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cornett, who reside at Stroud, Oklahoma, have been interviewed. You will recall that Mrs. Cornett is the sister of Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Cornett stated that when Cole escaped from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, on November 30, 1934, Cole went to Childress, Texas, and was harbored there by John and Ruth Barker, who are distant relatives of Cole's stepfather Fred Cole. Cole was protected by the Barkers for four or five days. It has also been ascertained that John Barker sent money to Cole when the latter was at McAlester, and Mrs. Cornett states she believes Cole would go to Childress.

Mr. Stein stated that he had called Mr. Blake at Dallas with the idea of possibly maintaining a surveillance on the Barker home, if these individuals are still at Childress. Blake advised Stein that they are there but he, Blake, does not have sufficient men to maintain a surveillance.

I told Mr. Stein to call Blake and have him make a discreet check to ascertain if Cole and Roe might be at the Barker place, thereafter maintaining an appropriate surveillance. Mr. Stein was informed that Blake has eight agents which should be sufficient manpower to make this surveillance. However, if Blake does not have sufficient men, I told Stein to have him call the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ET AL EFP WISCONSIN LICENSE SIX NAUGHT FIVE NINE NINE  
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610 Alonzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 27, 1937

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1472; ET AL.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

W  
a  
Postmaster  
Steele, North Dakota

Dear Sir:

If possible, please furnish by return mail present address and description of Charlie C. Hamblen, presently somewhere on the West Coast.

Thanking you for your immediate reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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610 Alanzo Ward Hotel Building  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

December 27, 1937

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1472; ET AL.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Postmaster  
Bristol, South Dakota

Dear Sir:

If possible, please furnish me by return mail present address and description of Postem "Tom" H. Folkestad of Bristol; now believed somewhere on West Coast.

Thanking you for your immediate reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI  
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. C. C. Spears,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
411 U. S. Court House Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

RE: THEODORE COLE, Fugitive;  
ROBERT ROE, Fugitive;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 20, 1937,  
transmitting one Pilot Chart of the North Atlantic Ocean, together  
with the fingerprints of Chester A. Mac Neill and Nellie Mac Neill  
for elimination purposes in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the Pilot Chart was examined in the  
Bureau's Laboratory and nine latent fingerprints were developed  
thereon. However, all of the impressions have been eliminated by  
being identified with finger impressions of Chester A. Mac Neill.  
The Pilot Chart is returned herewith, photographic copies of the  
latent fingerprints appearing thereon having been made for the  
Bureau's files.

The above report confirms and supplements the Bureau's  
wire of December 23, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 7235

Date Recorded: 12-23-37 10:00 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE;  
ROBERT ROE - FUGITIVE;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Number: 76-2686-43

Specimens:

One Pilot Chart on the North Atlantic Ocean to be examined for latent fingerprints.

Submitted the fingerprint cards of Chester A. Mac Neill and Nellie Mac Neill, for elimination purposes.

Requested that the fingerprints of Special Agents H. A. King, M. E. Gurnea, and W. B. O'Leahoney, be eliminated.

Requested that any latents that are not eliminated be searched through the Bureau's Single Fingerprint File.

Examination requested by: Portland

Date received: chp Dec. 22, 1937.

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Chemical Development

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

cc -San Francisco

*Elim prints to be ret'd (not filed)*

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

PLEASE EXPEDITE

*Exam return 12/23/37*

Latents: 4, elim as #6(1) #2(2) & 1 of C.A.M.

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*Prints sent out 12/23 245  
To Photog 12/23  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Peoria, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-27-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-24,25-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. F. FITZSIMONS</b>	<b>CD</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** 1937 Illinois license number 1563794 issued, on 10-17-37, to D. E. Willman, Bloomington, Illinois, for 1937 Ford Coach, motor number 18-3587364. Willman, a recent graduate of Annapolis, presently assigned to S.S. Maryland, San Pedro, California.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletype from Portland Office dated 12-24-37; telegram to Los Angeles Office, dated Peoria, Illinois, 12-25-37.


**DETAILS:** AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Immediately upon receipt of the teletype of reference from the Portland Office, communication was had, by long distance telephone, with the office of the Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Division, Springfield, Illinois, and the following information was obtained:

1937 Illinois license number 1563794 was issued on October 17, 1937, to D. E. Willman, 104 Warren Street, Bloomington, Illinois, for a 1937 Ford two-door coach, motor #18-3587364, which car had been purchased, by Willman, on October 16, 1937, from Green-Wells, Incorporated, 307-9 East Washington, Bloomington. State of Illinois title number L-927108 was issued to Willman.

AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

Special Agent (A) Joseph Horn interviewed Mr. Fred H. Fike, Salesman in Charge, Green-Wells, Incorporated, 307-9 East Washington, Bloomington, who

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">76-2686-110</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">DEC 29 AM</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em;">DEC 30 1937</div>
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PASS TO LOSANGELES SIXTEEN BY ERNEST WILLIAMSON COXSWAIN SS

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Copy to Mr. Tolson

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	CLEVELAND	LITTLE ROCK	PHILADELPHIA	WASHINGTON, D. C.
	DALLAS	LOS ANGELES	PHOENIX	

Re: <sup>0</sup>THEODORE COLE, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1471; RALPH ROE,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1472;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

You are being furnished herewith five smooth finished copies of the photographs of the above named fugitives.

These are for the use of your division in the event a photograph separate from the identification order is desired for use in displaying it to witnesses or for circulation purposes.

The office of origin in this case is Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TELETYPE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

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 W. J. ...  
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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 12-23-37 12-40 PM WB

DIRECTOR, SAC SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WASFUG [REDACTED] THEODORE COLE WASFUG EFP. SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

SINCE RENDITION REPORT J V MURPHY DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH AND INCORPORATED

REPORT FORWARDED TODAY AMASD. MRS EVA MARCH AND S E LEGG, RELATIVES

RALPH ROE. CONTACTED AT DUNCAN OKLAHOMA AND THEY PROMISE COOPERATION

JOHN ROE, FATHER SUBJECT ROE, DIED JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, MOTHER

ALSO DECEASED. JAMES ROE, RECENTLY RELEASED USP LEAVENWORTH NOW

REPORTING FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICER AT EL PASO AND LOCATED AT WINK

TEXAS. EL PASO DIVISION REQUESTED CHECK. RAYMOND ROE, BROTHER OF

SUBJECT ROE, NOW LOCATED HAYS KANSAS. KANSAS CITY DIVISION REQUESTED

CONTACT AND INTERVIEW. RAY ROE, ANOTHER BROTHER, RELEASED TEXAS STATE

PENITENTIARY EARLY PART NINETEEN THIRTY SIX WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. SAN ANTONIO

DIVISION REQUESTED CHECK PENITENTIARY RECORDS AND SECURE ALL PERTINENT

INFORMATION. SUBJECT ROE HAS NO LIVING SISTERS. ELMER INMAN, CLOSE

FRIEND OF RALPH ROE, NOW CONFINED OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY AND

WILL BE INTERVIEWED NEAR FUTURE. BIRDIE PRUITT, ARDMORE OKLAHOMA

BONDSWOMAN, AND KNOWN CONTACT OF CRIMINALS CLAIMS ROE OWES HER

AND WILL LIKELY NOT CONTACT HER. SHE PROMISES COOPERATION BUT

ARDMORE STATES SHE WILL FURNISH NO ASSISTANCE. MATTIE [REDACTED]

GIRL FRIEND OF ROE, LOCATED AT [REDACTED] STATES LAST HEARD ABOUT

YEAR AGO WHEN HE WAS CONFINED LEAVENWORTH AND SHE REQUESTS COOPERATION

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ROE ALLEGED TO HAVE GIRL FRIEND, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN, LOCATED DENISON TEXAS KNOWN TO CHIEF OF POLICE THERE. DALLAS DIVISION REQUESTED TO CHECK AND INTERVIEW. HUBERT CALLOWAY, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEE SAN FRANCISCO WHO CLAIMED ATTENDANCE SCHOOL WITH ROE ACCORDING TO MOTHER MUCH YOUNGER THAN ROE AND NOT IN SAME SCHOOL CLASSES AND NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH ROE. LETHA JONES OF PHOENIX AIZONA, ALLEGED WIFE OF ROE, NEVER MARRIED TO ROE ACCORDING TO HER STEPFATHER DR. J L WHARTON, DEPEW OKLAHOMA. LEN A STEWART, FORMER SWEETHEART OF ROE AND SISTER OF EMMA MAE NICHOLS WHO WAS KILLED AT SHAWNEE OKLAHOMA IN HOUSE WITH WILBUR UNDERHILL, IS NOW SAID TO BE IN RUSSELL KANSAS. KANSAS CITY DIVISION REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. ALSO FORMER GIRL FRIEND OF ROE NAMED CLARA BELLE NOW MARRIED TO OTIS SWAN AND RESIDING HOBBS NEW MEXICO. EL PASO DIVISION REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. EMILY SHEETS, MANNSVILLE OKLAHOMA, FORMER GIRL FRIEND OF ROE NOW MARRIED TO PAUL PATTON AND RESIDING AND OPERATING BEER PARLOR OAK LAWN, HOT SPRINGS ARKNSNAS. LITTLE ROCK DIVISION REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. INEZ LLOYD, FORMER WIFE JACK LLOYD, NOW MARRIED TO CECIL NOEL AND RESIDING LAS VEGAS NEW MEXICO. EL PASO DIVISION REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. MRS MINNIE EDLEN, WIFE OF KEITH EDLEN, HALF SISTER OF EMILY AND INEZ SHEETS, NOW RESIDING PAMPA TEXAS AND SAID TO BE CORRESPONDING WITH LLOYD USP ALCATRAZ. DALLAS DIVISION REQUESTED LOCATE AND INTERVIEW.

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INTERVIEW TODAY WITH R B AND MRS CORNETT, STROUD OKLAHOMA, WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED AND FORWARDED IN REPORT AMASD DECEMBER TWENTY THIRD DEVELOPS MR AND MRS CORNETT NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH THEODORE COLE AND PROMISE COOPERATION. CORNETT STATES NEIGHBOR NAMED BUD RAINEY INFORMED HIM THAT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO MAN NAMED DICK BARR OR DICK BROYLES WITH UNKNOWN MAN FROM CHICAGO STOPPED HIS HOME NEAR THAT OF CORNETT AND HAD LARGE AUTOMOBILE AND TWO MACHINE GUNS AND LEFT FOLLOWING DAY EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA CLAIMING THEY INTENDED TO OPEN ALCATRAZ AND WOULD THEN GO TO SOUTH AMERICA AND IN ABOUT THIRTY OR SIXTY DAYS INTEND RETURN OKLAHOMA AND WOULD KILL J A RUTHERFORD, CUSHING OKLAHOMA WHOM COLE KIDNAPED. CORNETT IN FEAR SUBJECT COLE MAY RETURN STROUD AND KILL HIM AND WIFE. CORNETT CLAIMS DICK BROYLES ASSOCIATED WITH BOHANNONS LOCATED NEAR DRUMRIGHT OKLAHOMA. CORNETT STATES MRS ROE, MOTHER SUBJECT ROE, ENDEAVORED GET HIM TO KILL J A RUTHERFORD AFTER SUBJECT COLE CONVICTED AND ON ACCOUNT CORNETTS REFUSAL CAUSED CORNETT FAMILY TROUBLE. SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO COMMUNICAE LOS ANGELES DIVISION AND REQUEST THEY INTERVIEW MRS FRED COLE THOROUGHLY REGARDLESS OF HER HYSTERICAL CONDITION WHICH MAY BE ASSUMED. WILL ENDEAVOR IDENTIFY DICK BROYLES AT DRUMRIGHT. CHIEF OF POLICE AT STROUD RECALLS ABOUT THREE YEAS AGO A MAN FIRST MAN NAME DICK ASSOCIATED WITH FRED COLE, FATHER OF SUBJECT COLE AND THIS MAN DICK LATER ARRESTED BY MUSKOGEE PD AND RETURNED TO EITHER KANSAS OR IOWA ON BANK ROBBERY CHARGE AND AT TIME

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HAD AUTOMOBILE OF FRED COLE. HURRIED CHECK BY RECORD CLERK OF RECORDS  
OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY DEVELOPS NO RECORD DICK BROYLES. THEY  
HAVE RECORD JOE HARRIS FBI ONE SIX ONE FIVE ONE SEVEN WHO WAS ARRESTED  
MUSKOGEE PD AS DICK BARKES OCTOBER NINTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND  
TURNED OVER TO TROY NEBRASKA AUTHORITIES FOR BANK ROBBERY. RECEIVED  
NEBRASKA STATE PENITENTIARY AS JOE HARRIS NUMBER ONE ONE SEVEN EIGHT  
NINE DECEMBER NINTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE CHARGE BANK ROBBERY TEN  
YEARS. OMAHA DIVISION IN SEPARATE MESSAGE BEING REQUESTED TO CHECK AND  
OBTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING JOE HARRIS WHO IS BELIEVED MAY BE  
SAME PERSON AS DICK BROYLES REFERRED TO BY CORNETT. EFFORTS WILL BE  
MADE TO INTERVIEW RAINEY TOMORROW. END

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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

ACCT'G INFMN.

TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

**N J L PIEPER**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**ONE ELEVEN SUTTER, ROOM 1729**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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**THEODORE COLE, ROBERT ROE, FUGITIVES, KFP REFERENCE REPORT SAC SPEARS PORTLAND DATED TWENTY SECOND INSTANT RE IDENTITY AIRPLANE PASSENGERS SEATTLE TO PORTLAND AND SANFRANCISCO APPROXIMATE DATE ESCAPE L A ELSENER CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON WORKS FIVE TWO SIX REALTY BUILDING SANFRANCISCO PASSENGER FIFTEENTH INSTANT INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION THIS CASE**

SURAN

**GOV'T RATE**  
**CHARGE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**800 JOSEPH VANCE BUILDING**

CC BUREAU ✓  
 PORTLAND

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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# THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

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, 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 of 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 un-repeated 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 interruptions 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 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 amount is stipulated 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, which shall be 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 the office of the sender.

4. The company's 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 in cities 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 and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. The 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 received by 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 a defense, and 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 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

Day Letter service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of messages of less than 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:

A. 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, 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 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 the world. Plain 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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# TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy

FBI SAN FRANCISCO 12-21-37 11-35PM FD  
 DIRECTOR

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE EFP. DON EBREY  
OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBERS TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN FOUR AND TWO  
TWO SIX NINE FOUR INTERVIEWED TODAY ON LEAD FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPER  
 CELL MATE COLE EIGHT MONTHS IN OKLAHOMA STATE PEN IN THIRTY ONE LAST  
 TIME SEEN AT GUTHRIE WHEN SENTENCED THERE NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. STATE  
 JOE HARRIS OKLAHOMA STATE PEN NUMBER TWO ONE QUESTION QUESTION GUEST  
 YARD BUDDY OF COLE AT OKLAHOMA STATE PEN, SEEN BY EBREY LAST NIGHT  
 HAD SUPPER TOGETHER ALCATRAZ ESCAPE TALKED ABOUT HARRIS STATING HE  
 SEEN COLE AND ROE PRECEDING TWO NIGHTS AND THAT THEY WERE HEADING  
 EBREY STATES HARRIS POSSIELY STIR CRAZY AND EBREY PERSONALLY AFRAID  
 HIM. HARRIS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO COLE HAD PROMISED TO HELP COLE ONE  
 MCALLISTER ONE TIME. EBREY UNABLE TO TELL ADDRESS HARRIS, HOW LONG  
 BEEN HERE, OCCUPATION, DETAILS CONCERNING. EBREY EXPRESSES OPINION  
SUBJECTS, IF ALIVE, WOULD PROBAELY GO TO OKLAHOMA POSSIELY CONTACT  
 FOLLOWING--LOYD DILLARD, FRIED OF ROE, OKLAHOMA CITY, CLYDE UNDERHILL  
 BROTHER OF WILBUR AROUND MAIN AND FIRST STREET, TULSA, BOBBY  
 TULSA, HARRY NEWTON AND BROTHER GIVEN NAME UNKNOWN ALSO TULSA  
 POSSIBLE HIDEOUTS MAJESTIC HOTEL RUN BY JIMMIE HOOD, OKLAHOMA CITY  
 LINDY HOTEL OPERATED MAX WOLTON, MUSKOGEE STATE

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*Copy to  
 Tolson  
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COLES FAMILY HARBORING BECAUSE OF STEPFATHERS DISLIKE FOR COLE. EBREY STATES HARRIS AND COLE PURPORTED PERVERTED SEXUAL RELATIONS. NO OPPORTUNITY CHECK EBREY EXCEPT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN SAN FRANCISCO AT LEAST ONE MONTH ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCES HOWEVER RELIABILITY MAY BE QUESTIONED AS INFORMATION DEVELOPED EBREY ATTEMPTED SELL STORY TO A NEWSPAPER BUT TURNED DOWN. FURTHER CONTACTS TO BE HAD WITH EBREY WILL ATTEMPT TO RECONTACT AND FINGER HARRIS. OKLAHOMA CITY CUNNINGHAM IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. REPORT OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS FORWARDED AMASD TONIGHT. BUREAU REQUESTED FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO AMASD PHOTOGRAPH OF HARRIS AND CRIMINAL RECORD OF HARRIS AND EBREY. THIS TELETYPE TO BE SENT OKLAHOMA CITY TOMORROW AM SINCE THEY DID NOT ANSWER TONIGHT.

PIEPER

END

OK FBI WASHINGTON DC GH

*12/11/50*  
*J.H.*  
*12/11/50*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
December 27, 1937

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

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

There is transmitted with a copy of this letter designated for the Technical Laboratory a note received in an envelope addressed to Warden Johnston, Alcatraz Island, on December 27, 1937, the envelope being postmarked Denver, Colorado, December 23, 1937, 8:00 A. M., and the note reading as follows:

"Tat-tat, goo-bye, give my love to the boys.  
T. COLE"

Special Agent A. E. Farland advises that this note was not handled by any persons other than Warden Johnston and himself. For that reason he was instructed to obtain the fingerprints of Warden Johnston and to submit his own for the purpose of elimination during the examination of this note for latent fingerprints. These prints are also being enclosed herewith.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory examine this note for latent prints and compare them with the fingerprints of Subjects COLE and ROE, as well as search them through the single fingerprint file. It is also requested that a comparison be made to ascertain whether the writing contained in this note is identical with that of Subject Cole. Known specimens of Subject Cole's handwriting have previously been forwarded to the Bureau.

With copies of this communication designated for the Oklahoma City and Denver Field Divisions are photostatic copies of the note and envelope.

Very truly yours,

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

DEC 30 1937  
MAIL ROOM  
FUG. SUPT.

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cc Technical Laboratory (Enclosures/3)  
AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
cc Oklahoma City (Encs/2)  
cc Denver (Encs/2)

January 3, 1938.

RECORDED 76-2686 -115

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

RE: RALPH NOE, with aliases,  
Fugitive; THEODORE COLE, with  
aliases, Fugitive; ESCAPED  
FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 27, 1937,  
transmitting an original note beginning "Tat-tat, goo-bye, give..."  
and accompanying envelope postmarked "Denver, Colo., Dec. 23, 1937,  
8 A. M." for examination in connection with the above-entitled case,  
together with the fingerprints of Warden Johnston and Special Agent  
A. E. Farland for elimination purposes.

The note and envelope have been examined and one very  
fragmentary latent fingerprint was developed on the outside of the  
envelope. This was compared with the fingerprints you submitted for  
elimination purposes and with the fingerprints of the two subjects  
in this case without effecting any identifications.

The fingerprints of Special Agent A. E. Farland are being  
returned herewith inasmuch as a copy of the fingerprints of this  
individual are already on file in the Personnel Files of the Bureau.  
The fingerprints of Warden Johnston are also returned herewith for  
the reason that no identifying data appears on the fingerprint card,  
thus making these prints of slight value in the Bureau's Personal  
Identification File. It is suggested that your office obtain addi-  
tional data, filling out the spaces provided on the back of the  
fingerprint card. In submitting this data it is suggested that  
another set of fingerprints be taken inasmuch as those previously  
submitted are too blurred and indistinct to permit a definite  
comparison in any future instance where such comparison may be desired.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosures.  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

CS - Oklahoma City (Airtel)  
Denver (Airtel)  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Loughman .....
- Clegg .....
- Coffey .....
- Glavin .....
- Ladd .....
- Nichols .....
- Tracy .....
- Harbo .....
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 20592  
7380

(Recorded 12-31-37 12:00 Noon)

Laboratory Report

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

Number: 76-2686-115

Specimens: 76-2686-115 Q1 One note, handwritten, beginning "Tat-tat,  
goo-bye, give..."  
Q2 Accompanying envelope addressed to Warden  
Johnson, and postmarked "Denver, Colo.,  
Dec. 23, 1937, 8 A. M."

The fingerprints of Warden Johnston and Special  
Agent A. E. Farland are submitted for elimination  
purposes.

Examination requested by: <sup>12/27</sup>

San Francisco

Date received: 12/30/37 (recorded 12/31/37 10:00 A. M. mtg) (ch. Dec. 30,  
1937.)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Murphy

CC-Oklahoma City  
Denver

**AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY**

One very fragmentary latent developed on outside  
of envelope.

Compared with Warden & S.A. Farland for elim. &  
with subjects, neg. results.

Return SA prints as already in Pers. file

" Warden's " for add'l info. (Blurred)

1-3-37  
2-11-37



76-2686-115



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FROM

SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE 1/5/ 1938

TO: _____	Mr. Nathan	_____	Mr. Potter
_____	Mr. Schilder	_____	Miss Pyles
_____	Mr. Coffey	_____	Mr. Syphers
_____	Mr. Renneberger	_____	Mr. Upton
_____	Mr. Singman	_____	Mrs. Withers
_____	Mr. Burgess	_____	Assembly
_____	Mr. H. M. Clegg	_____	Card Index
_____	Mr. Fallon	_____	Chief Clerk
_____	Mr. Feehan	_____	<del>Files Section</del>
_____	Mr. Gould	_____	Laboratory
_____	Mr. M. C. Hoover	_____	Messenger
_____	Mr. J. Kleinkauf	_____	Posting Section
_____	Mr. Knowles	_____	Recording Section
_____	Mr. Murphy	_____	Technical Section
_____	Miss Muther	_____	Typing Section
_____	Mr. Peterson	_____	Mr.

*July file*

See Me \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Handle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make Index Cards \_\_\_\_\_

*m. j. engert*  
 G. J. ENGERT



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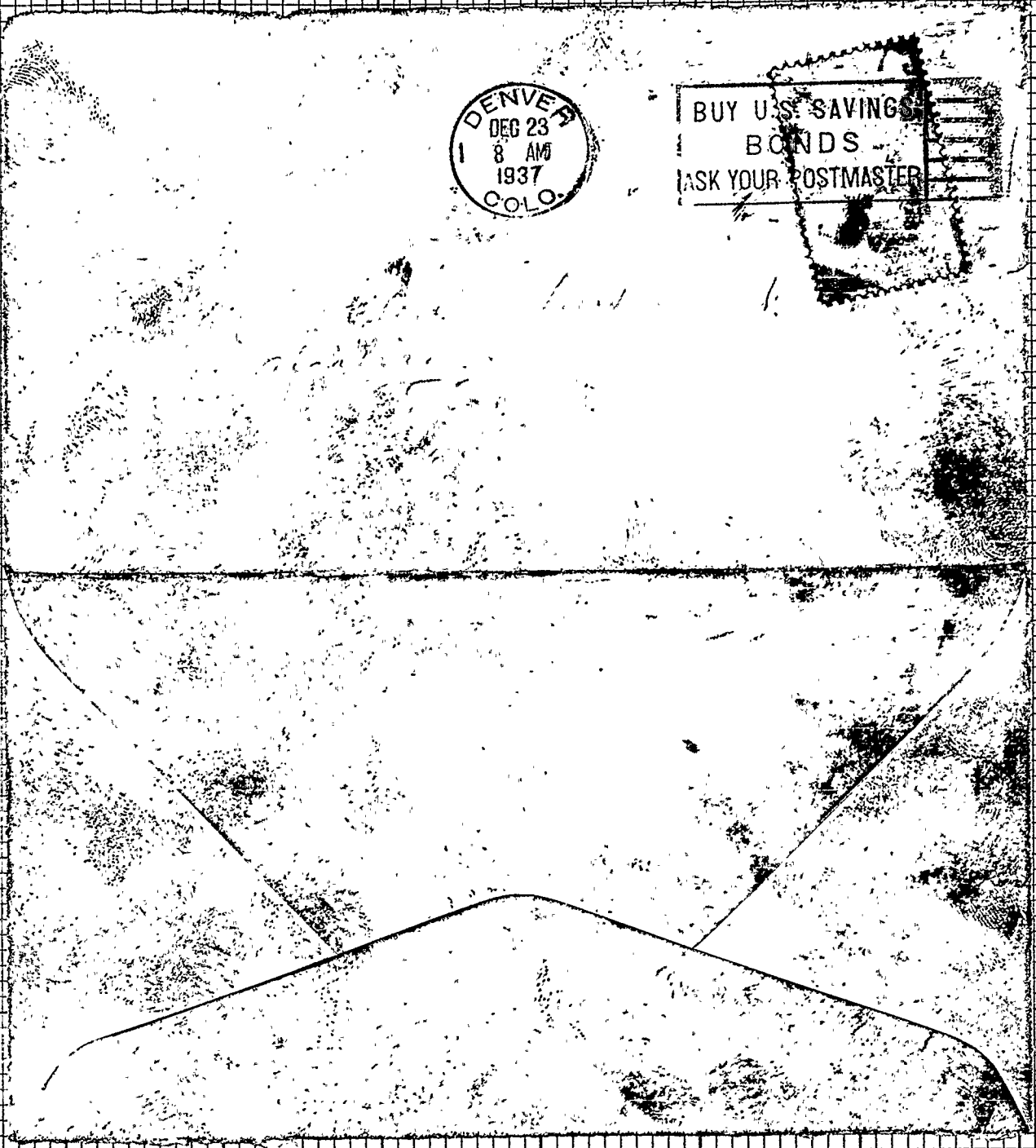
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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice - 76-2686-115 Q2

DENVER  
DEC 23  
8 AM  
1937  
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BUY U.S. SAVINGS  
BONDS  
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER



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BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS  
ASK YOUR NEAREST SAVINGS OFFICE

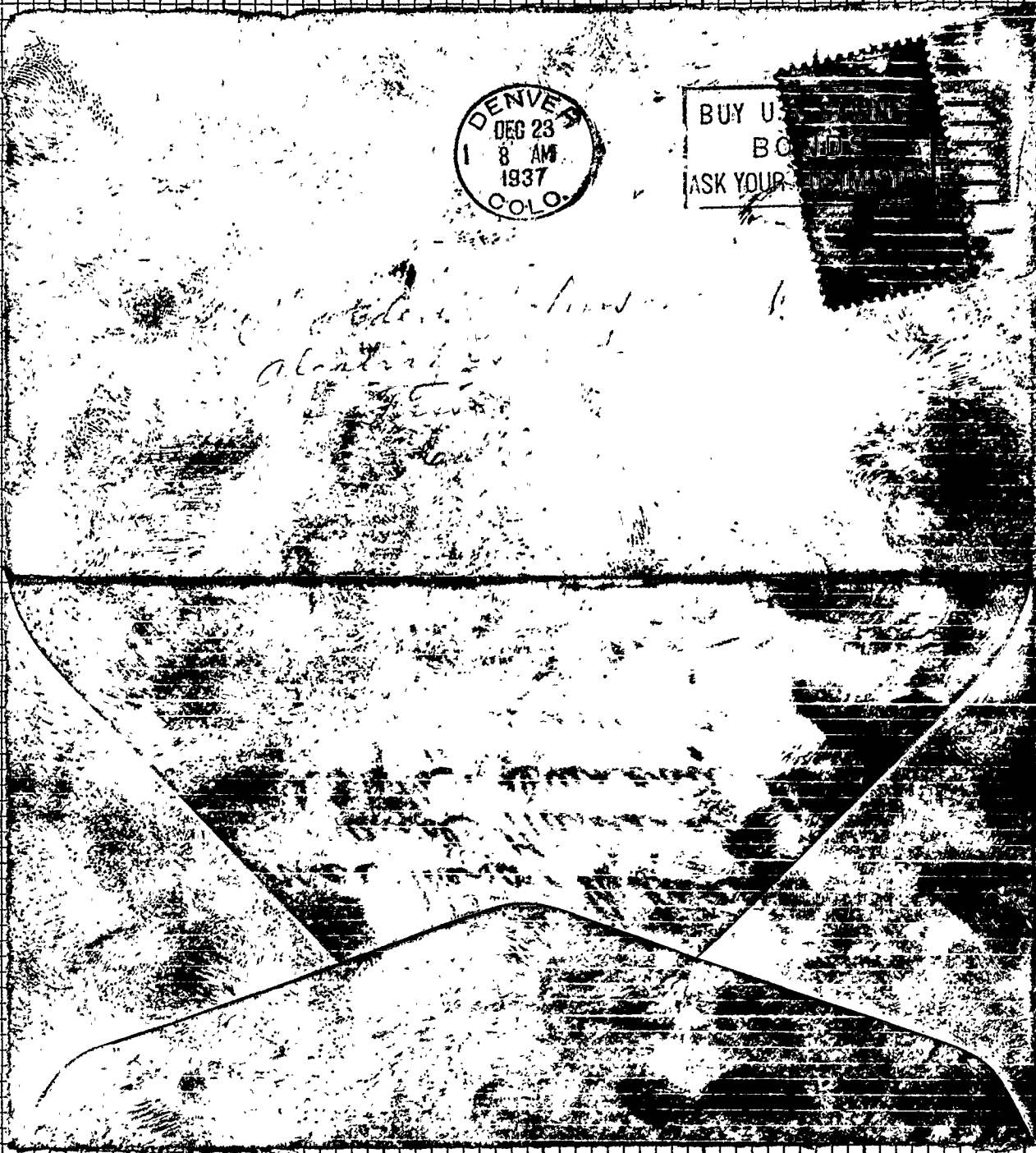
*Alcatraz*



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ASK YOUR

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover*  
*Director*  
*F. B. I.*  
*Washington, D. C.*



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1729  
One Eleven Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 27, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a letter dated December 22, 1937, addressed to Warden Johnston, Alcatraz Penitentiary, purporting to be from the escaped Subjects in this case. The letter reads as follows:

Ft. Worth, Texas  
Dec. 22nd 1937.

Warden J. A. Johnson,  
S. F. Cal.

You are a good man but we left you an your man escape prison. All men have friends. Yet we took a great chance against death by being carried into the ocean. Lots of trash and plank some logs, yet such a fog. C & R got here Sunday night, met a big shot, past 3 cops. All did not seem to notice us had a laugh, one was soused. Had a room in a good hotel will go to our haven soon, went to Okla. yesterday to get what we need to I D. The mayor here we were sorry he could not turn the keys of his city over to us. A good rest is great. Had one real off day. We are not noticed here at all there is such a stir. The big shot is a great guy. Tell all the boys we do not want to bother them and if they do us we are afraid there wives and poor children will weep. A good friend is a great pal. We did not want to stay in a US escape proof prison.

Your Boys  
C and R.

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DEC 30 1937

FUG. SUP. 116

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12-31-37 mto

Miller Dwyer

REPRODUCED COPY TO LAWYER, GOLF COURSE AND LABORATORY, MURKIN

e. H. S. 12/31/37

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I am advised by Special Agent A. E. Farland that this letter has not been handled by other than he and Warden Johnston whose fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau today in connection with a similar letter.

It is requested that this letter be processed for latent fingerprints and compared with those of the Subjects of this case, as well as searched through the Single Fingerprint File.

Very truly yours,



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

cc: Tech. Lab. with  
Enclosure

*Sp* // AIR MAIL & SPECIAL DELIVERY

*Inst.* // cc: Dallas (Enclosure)  
Oklahoma City (Enclosure)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#20596  
7379

(Recorded 12-31-37 12:00 noon)

Laboratory Report

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

Number: 76-2686-116

Specimens: 76-2686-116 Q3 ◦ First page of a three page hand printed letter beginning "You are a good..."  
Q4 ◦ Second page of a three page hand printed letter beginning "Will go to..."  
Q5 ◦ Third page of a three page hand printed letter beginning "we are afraid..."  
Q6 ◦ Accompanying envelope postmarked "Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22, 1937, 5:00 P. M."

Examination requested by: 12/27 San Francisco

Date received: 12/30/37 (recorded 12/31/37 11:00 A. M. mtg) (chp Dec. 30, 1937)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Murphy

CC-Dallas  
Oklahoma City

AIR MAIL & SPECIAL DELIVERY

*No latent of val on any of specimens.*

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J. M. G.*

JRM:GEM

January 3, 1938.

RECORDED 76-2686-116

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 27, 1937,  
transmitting an original three-page letter and accompanying envelope  
postmarked "Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22, 1937, 3:00 P. M." for  
examination in connection with the above-entitled case.

Please be advised that the letter and envelope have been  
examined, but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Tolson .....
- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Glavin .....
- Mr. Ladd .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Mr. Carson .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
- Mr. Egan .....
- Mr. Gurnea .....
- Mr. Hendon .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Quinn .....
- Mr. Nease .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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**CC - Dallas (Air Mail)**  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED**

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
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NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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RFB

NEW ORLEANS, LA.  
DECEMBER 25, 1937  
2:30 P.M.

CC- BUREAU - SAN FRANCISCO

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

RALPH ROE AND THEODORE COLE FUGITIVES REE PORTER J. JONES PARTIALLY IDENTIFIES COLE AS INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING ENTIRE SECTION FOUR ON TOURIST SLEEPER FROM SAN FRANCISCO NIGHT DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST ARRIVING GLENDALE MORNING DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND AND ROE OCCUPYING UPPER FIVE SAME CAR BUT BELIEVES ROE GOT OFF LOS ANGELES

CONROY

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FUG. SUP.

*Handwritten signature/initials*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

San Francisco, Calif.

FILE NO. 76-257.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/25/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/23,24,25/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. F. Batch</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE - FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

J. J. Jones, Porter, Southern Pacific Railroad, partially identifies photograph of Cole as individual who occupied entire Section #4 of tourist sleeper on the Sunset Limited, leaving San Francisco at 8:10 PM December 21, 1937 and getting off at Glendale, California at 7:43 AM December 22, 1937. Jones also partially identifies photograph of Roe as individual occupying Upper Berth #5 on same car, but that Roe got off train at Los Angeles.

RUC

**REFERENCE:** Telegram from Los Angeles to New Orleans dated 12/23/37.

**DETAILS:** AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with request contained in reference telegram, attempt was made to contact J. J. Jones, colored porter on the Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, which train arrived at the Union Station, New Orleans, at 6:00 PM on December 23, 1937. However, it was determined from Mr. D. Fonte, Night Agent, Fullman Company, as well as from other porters of the above mentioned train, that J. J. Jones was not on the said train; that he was on a later train of the same line which would not arrive at New Orleans until 6:00 PM on December 24, 1937.

J. J. Jones, 3444 Magnolia Street, New Orleans, advised that he was a porter on the Tourist Sleeper of the Sunset Limited which left San Francisco at 8:10 PM on Tuesday, December 21, 1937. This train arrived at Glendale, California at 7:43 AM on December 22, 1937. Jones

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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advised that the Tourist Sleeper on this train was Car #4146. Newspaper photographs of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole were exhibited to Jones, who, upon examination of same, stated that the photograph of Cole resembled an individual who boarded the Sunset Limited at San Francisco on December 21, 1937, and that this individual occupied entire Section #4 of the Tourist Sleeper. Jones related that the above mentioned individual retired as soon as he boarded the train and did not arise until 7:00 AM on December 22, 1937, and got off the train at Glendale, California at 7:43 AM on December 22, 1937.

Jones furnished the following description of the individual who occupied Section #4 of the Tourist Sleeper:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	140 to 145 pounds
Build	Medium
Peculiarities	Very calm
Dress	Dark suit
Luggage	One black Gladstone bag

It was further determined from Jones that an individual resembling the photograph of Ralph Roe occupied Upper Berth #5 of the same car, but that this individual did not get off the train at Glendale, California; he was of the opinion that this man left the train at Los Angeles, California. Jones informed that these two individuals did not appear to be traveling together; that they did not stay together at any time; nor did he notice them talking to each other at any time.

It should be noted that Jones appears to be a rather intelligent negro. Jones was not positive of his identification of the photographs of subjects, but was rather convinced that the photograph of Cole closely resembled that of the above mentioned individual who occupied Section #4 of the said Tourist Sleeper.

The above facts were furnished by telegraph to the Los Angeles Field Division on December 25, 1937.

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DIRECTOR

FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL FUGITIVES EFP. BUD ~~X~~RANEY DENIES THAT TWO MEN STOPPED AT HIS HOME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AS RELATED REPORT AGENT JV MURPHY OKLAHOMACITY TWENTY THIRD INSTANT. ADMITS MAKING SUCH STATEMENT TO ~~X~~CORNETT BUT SAYS HE WAS JUST MATCHING LETTERS FALSEHOODS

STEIN.

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DEC 28 1937  
FUG. SUP. sent to Mr. Tamm

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	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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ACCT'G INFMN.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

C C SPEARS  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 U S COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

THEODORE COLE, ROBERT ROE, FUGITIVES, BFP REFERENCE LETTER TWENTY SECOND J C SPEARS  
AIRPLANE PASSENGER SEATTLE TO PORTLAND THIRTEENTH INSTANT GAVE ADDRESS PORTLAND HOTEL  
PORTLAND HANDLE

SURAN

GOV'T RATE  
CHARGE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
800 JOSEPH VANCE BUILDING

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REC. SUP. *al*

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

## 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 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 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 unrepeated-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 interruptions 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 amount 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, in 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, 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 received 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 deemed, 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

### 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.

### 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.



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DEC 27 1937

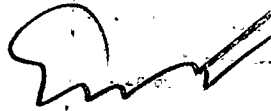
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DIRECTOR

FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

RALPH ROE WA ETAL FUGITIVE EFP NO DEVELOPMENTS HERE EXCEPT COLES PARENTS RETURNED THEIR HOME WOODLAKE. AM CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE RESIDENCE HIS SISTER AT BELL, CALIF. ALSO TO BEST ABILITY PARENTS RESIDENCE WOODLAKE. ADVISE IF SHOULD CONTINUE THESE.

HANSON...



*MA Tamm  
J. Edgar Hoover  
W. C. Clegg  
W. J. Connelley  
W. E. Glavin  
W. L. Rorer  
W. H. Tracy  
W. J. Quinn  
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to Mr. Tamm

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DOMESTIC		FOREIGN	
TELEGRAM		FULL RATE CABLE	
DAY LETTER		DEFERRED CABLE	
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NIGHT LETTER		LETTER	
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Denver, Colorado,  
December 24, 1937.

**G C SPEARS**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**411 U S COURT HOUSE**  
**PORTLAND OREGON**

**RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE BEAL EFF ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ASCERTAIN PREFIX NUMBER COLORADO**  
**LICENSE ONE THREE ONE THREE FIVE SIX AS REPORTED YOUR TELETYPE.**

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cc: San Francisco  
 Oklahoma City  
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RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. PORTLAND OFFICE ADVISES OLDSMOBILE SEDAN BEARING WYOMING LICENSE FOUR DASH EIGHTEEN SIX ONE PASSED THROUGH CALIFORNIA CHECKING STATION FROM OREGON AT OREGON CALIFORNIA BORDER DECEMBER FIFTEEN AND SIXTEENTH. LICENSE ISSUED TO ORRIS O. DEAN, ~~HENRY~~ OKLAHOMA AT GREEN RIVER WYOMING ON FEBRUARY NINETEENTH LAST FOR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN OLDSMOBILE SEDAN MOTOR P SIX EIGHT THREE THREE THREE TWO. DEAN'S IDENTITY NOT KNOWN AT GREEN RIVER OTHER THAN SAID TO BE SALESMAN, BUSINESS AND EMPLOYER NOT KNOWN. IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY DEAN AND OTHER PERSON TRAVELING WITH HIM, THEIR BUSINESS, REPUTATION, RELIABILITY, DESTINATION AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. IF DEAN LOCATED AND ESTABLISHED TO BE REPUTABLE DETERMINE IF IN PORTLAND DECEMBER FIFTEEN AND PURCHASED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BOOKLET QUOTE CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT UNQUOTE AND US 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. IF WHEREABOUTS DEAN ASCERTAINED TO BE PRESENTLY IN DIVISION OTHER THAN YOURS TRANSMIT TELETYPE LEAD REQUESTING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION. 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.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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G. SUR  
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DRESSED VERY WELL BUT CONSERVATIVELY IN SUIT BELIEVED TO BE DARK GREY,  
CARRIED DARK TOP COAT, MADE GOOD IMPRESSION AND PRESENTED INTELLIGENT APPEARANCE.

BROWN

cc- Bureau ✓  
Postland  
San Francisco

Suite 1789 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 24, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE  
THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are photographs of RALPH ROE with aliases and THEODORE COLE with aliases, the two escapes from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, and their descriptions are attached. As requested, a copy of this letter, photographs and descriptions are being sent to Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Box 1621, Reno, Nevada.

Very truly yours,

N.J.L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

AMASD  
2 Enclosures

cc: - Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio (2 Encls.)  
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SAC SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL RFP REFERENCE CONFERENCE TELETYPE FROM PORTLAND  
OFFICE TWENTY FOURTH INSTANT. NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN NEBRASKA LICENSE  
PLATES TWO FOUR DASH TWO THREE THREE NINE ISSUED FOR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN  
FORD TODOR MOTOR THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE NAUGHT FIVE TWO PURCHASED ON  
SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIRST THIS YEAR FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY, WEST POINT  
NEBRASKA BY DOROTHY RONN DESCRIBED AS AGE TWENTY FIVE HEIGHT FIVE FEET  
FIVE INCHES WEIGHT HUNDRED FIFTEEN POUNDS HAIR BROWN COMPLEXION LIGHT  
OCCUPATION TRAINED NURSE. MISS RONN RESIDES WITH HER SISTER GERTRUDE AND  
LATTERS HUSBAND SURNAME UNKNOWN AT STOCKTON OR KNIGHTSEN CALIFORNIA AND  
THESE INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE IN ONE OF THESE TOWNS AT PRESENT TIME.  
THROUGH POST OFFICE, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, LOCAL NURSES ASSOCIATION AND  
OTHER SOURCES LOCATE MISS RONN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEW THEM AS  
REQUESTED IN PORTLAND TELETYPE

FLETCHER

END

JLF/RMW

CC Bureau; Washington Field;  
Portland; Oklahoma City.

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- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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RB SANFRANCISCO CALIF 527P DEC 22 1937

DIRECTOR

FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. REPORT SA JE THORNTON  
SANFRANCISCO DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST THIRTY SEVEN MAILED  
AMSD TO BUREAU. ERROR ON PAGE THREE LAST PARAGRAPH  
SIXTH LINE. CORRECTION SHOULD READ THE CAN COULD NOT BE PASSED  
THROUGH SUCH A SPACE

PIEPER.

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Los Angeles, Calif.  
Dec. 27, 1937.

V. C. ZIMMER  
FBI  
301 CONTINENTAL BANK BLDG  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFF LOCATE AND QUESTION ORRIS A BEEN ALSO KNOWN AS ORIN BEAN OF HENRIETTA OKLAHOMA RE PURCHASE BOOKLETS AND INQUIRIES ABOUT TIDE PORTLAND LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE BEEN LEFT LOSANGELES DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH GIVING FORWARDING ADDRESS SALT LAKE CITY GENERAL DELIVERY DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY EIGHT SIX FEET ONE SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS ROUND FACE DARK TRAVELS WITH CREW FOR NATIONAL CIRCULATION COMPANY NEWYORK INTERVIEW BEEN AND CREW

HANSON

GJR:FL  
OFF. BUS. GOVT. RATE  
CC: BUREAU  
CC: OKLAHOMA CITY

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FUG. SURV. FILE

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
December 24, 1937

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

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

*Egan*  
*W. Connelley*

On December 22, 1937 Special Agent Myron E. Gurnea and I, having made arrangements with Warden J. A. Johnston at Alcatraz, proceeded to the Island at the earliest possible opportunity to view and examine the scene of escape and to interrogate guards and persons making examination immediately at the time of the escape.

A map of the Island was procured and photostatic copies have been made of the entire island in two sections, which was necessary because of our photostatic equipment, and enlargements have been made covering the particular point of escape and points of specific interest in this investigation, all of which are being forwarded herewith so that the details of this letter can be more clearly understood by the Bureau. We are also forwarding, under separate cover, a map of the San Francisco Entrance, prepared by the United States Department of Commerce. All future references to maps and locations will be made in accordance with the maps to enable the Bureau to ascertain definitely to which reference is being made. There are also being forwarded herewith two newspaper photographs which are self-explanatory, and which may help the Bureau in visualizing the scene.

At the writing of this letter photographs of the scene itself are not available and arrangements have been made whereby we will take photographs at the first opportunity, which at the present time appears to be Sunday, December 26th. Immediately upon completion of these photographs they will be forwarded to the Bureau also for assistance in visualizing the scene.

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Special Agent Gurnea, Special Agent Farland and myself were in conference with the Warden from approximately 4:20 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., Agent Gurnea and I asking numerous questions in the interim when we were waiting to go down to view the actual scene. The questioning was based upon the possible theories that aid may have been given in the form of communications and implements, and through the medium of food stuffs, supplies, laundry and civilian contacts.

With regard to communications, the Warden explained that every precaution was taken to prevent any type of communication reaching an inmate directly; that all mail was censored and that all incoming stuffs are examined minutely by prison officials or personnel, not being touched by prisoners, for the specific purpose of searching and shaking down for possible incoming communications.

With regard to food stuffs and supplies, upon questioning it was brought out that food stuffs were contracted upon a three months' basis and special purchase items were made from time to time. The correspondence dealing with contracts, bids, billings, et cetera, and in fact all clerical work on the Island, is handled by official personnel and not prisoners. It was also brought out that the prisoners could in no way tell definitely who was going to handle particular food stuffs over a period of time, and they could not ascertain that certain shipments would be coming to the Island from any particular company.

Warden Johnston was closely questioned relative to this matter due to the fact that it would be possible for confederates on the outside to smuggle information or implements through to the prisoners in food containers, if they knew the source. Questioned as to food containers and the place of storing food on the Island, the Warden pointed out that food was kept in the remotest possible place from the prisoners, namely, in a store house above the dock itself, reached only by elevator from the dock. From this source of supply the necessary supplies are taken to the kitchen as they are needed. He explained that everything was not shaken down in the kitchen itself. The only handling done of the

material going into the store house by prisoners is by one or two prison dockmen who do not have an opportunity to open any of the cases or containers; these prisoners merely truck the material from the boat to the elevator where it is then cared for by official employees.

When the food stuff is taken to the kitchen it is very cautiously placed in a cage-like entrance which permits a shake-down by the guard obtaining the same for kitchen use. Any canned stuffs are removed from their original containers and put into prison receptacles. Vegetables are scrutinized for the possibility that they might contain implements or messages. Vegetables being shipped in sacks, such as potatoes, cabbage, et cetera, are removed from the original containers in the store house and placed in other similar containers prior to the time they are sent to the kitchen. Upon arrival at the cage-like entrance to the kitchen itself the guard delivering the food stuff again removes the vegetables from the sacks and dumps them into metal bin-like carriers, prior to the time they are actually placed in the kitchen. During this transfer the guard again closely observes the vegetables for the purpose of preventing any notes or implements being taken to the prisoners through that medium.

The laundry that is brought upon the Island to be handled in the prison laundry is dumped on the docks in tied bags. A prisoner hands a tied bag to a guard at a shake-down table where the guard cuts the string and dumps the laundry, searches the bag and then handles each piece of laundry, to determine whether it contains implements or messages and upon satisfying himself the particular piece contains no implements or communications, he then hands the same to a prisoner who places it in a receptacle which is taken to the laundry. The Warden explained that it is again shaken down in the laundry before going through the laundering process.

It was ascertained that the contact of visitors with the prisoners is very closely scrutinized and guarded; the prisoner having a visitor has a guard next to him on his side of a partition, speaking through an aperture in the dividing wall, and the visitor having a guard present on his side of the wall during the entire conversation. It

is physically impossible for a message to be handed to a prisoner from a visitor during conversations. No recordings are made of these conversations; however an amplifying system is used to enable the guards to overhear every word said.

At this time report was received from the guard that the count had been made and we proceeded to the building marked #82 on the map, which is the building from which the men escaped. Present during this portion of the investigation were the Warden, his Secretary, Mr. Miller, the Deputy Warden, several guards, including Mr. Joseph B. Steere, who was in charge of the detail from which these men escaped.

It will be noted from the map of building #82 that it consists of 6 rooms. For the purpose of this investigation the paint shop can be eliminated from further consideration as it is entirely separated, both by a partition and by the fact that it is not under the supervision of Guard Steere. This letter deals particularly with activities and observations noted in what is designated the "mat shop", which includes 3 rooms, of which two are used for actual work, the other being used for the storage of tires. These three rooms have closing doorways inside with two outside door exits. This section of Building #82 is divided from the blacksmith shop by a solid wall, the only entrance being from the outside.

The blacksmith shop is divided into two rooms, the smaller being the one from which the prisoners escaped and which is used for the storage of metals, there being one work bench under the window of escape. This room designated "B" on the map has an inside entrance to the main room of the blacksmith shop, marked "A", wherein is placed the tool racks, forges, anvils, et cetera. Room B also has an outside exit leading to the yard. This exit is covered with a marquee, as indicated on the map. COLE was the janitor and helper in the blacksmith shop, having free movement between Rooms A and B and allowed to handle any tools in the performance of his duties.

Directly beneath the window of escape, which is marked #2, is found a work bench with a vice attached thereto for the purpose of cutting metals in the form of shafting, angle iron, and similar material with hack saws.

The escaped prisoner ROE was employed in the mat shop in Room D. It will be noted that there is an entrance from D to C, C being a room having a similar outside doorway as room B. This is being pointed out specifically at this time because it would have been possible for ROE to watch STEERE, the guard, come into the entrance of room E and then slip out the doorway of room C into the doorway of room B, without the guard noting his absence, this movement being under the marquee and not observable from a guard on the towers.

It should be mentioned at this point that Mr. STEERE, in charge of the mat shop and blacksmith shop, had under his supervision twenty-six men in Rooms C, D and E, and six men in Rooms A and B. The names of the prisoners employed in these rooms are set out hereafter:

#### INMATES EMPLOYED IN MAT SHOP

61-AZ - EATON, RUEY  
64-AZ - WATERS, FRANCIS  
129-AZ - SARGEANT, JAMES  
156-AZ - GOUKER, FRANK  
157-AZ - GILL, WILLIE  
166-AZ - HARDEN, ALFRED  
267-AZ - McCAIN, RUFUS  
268-AZ - BARKER, ARTHUR  
297-AZ - SWYER, HARRY  
322-AZ - CAMPBELL, HARRY  
335-AZ - FRANKLIN, RUFUS  
339-AZ - McDONALD, JOHN  
342-AZ - ROUBIDEAUX, JEFFERSON  
359-AZ - HARRIS, JAMES  
363-AZ - KENDRICK, WILLIAM  
364-AZ - DIXSON, MAJOR  
369-AZ - BRANDT, RUDOLPH  
370-AZ - MARTIN, WILLIAM  
371-AZ - LUCAS, WILLIAM  
386-AZ - SACCOTELLO, JAMES  
388-AZ - HOUSE, EVANS  
403-AZ - VOSS, JOHN W.  
406-AZ - STANLEY, HEBERT  
411-AZ - LEWIS, EDWARD  
415-AZ - COY, BERNARD P.  
260-AZ - ROE, RALPH

INMATES EMPLOYED IN BLACKSMITH SHOP

132-AZ - BERTA, CHARLES  
238-AZ - CHASE, JOHN PAUL  
239-AZ - BARTLETT, WILLIAM E.  
264-AZ - LLOYD, JACK  
302-AZ - BROWN, FLOYD  
258-AZ - COLE, THEODORE

The duties of Mr. Steere were not only to observe the men but to supervise their work and give them advice as to blue prints and details concerning their individual jobs.

Upon inspection of the window through which the escape was made it was found that two laterals had been sawed, this being at Point #2, leaving a space with inside measurements of  $17\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8-3/4$ ". Our observation of the window did not disclose any marks of the saw due to the fact that they had been welded, painted and puttied immediately after the escape. The Warden stated, however, that it appeared the cutting had been done with a hack saw and that the cuts had been very rough. It was also observed before the repairs had been made that the laterals had not been completely sawed through at one time but that an unsawed portion had been left about as big around as an eight penny nail which was broken off at the time of the escape and was noted because it was not rusty as was the rest of the window where the sawing had taken place.

It was pointed out, however, that this metal would rust overnight. The height of this window from the floor was 5' 6", directly over a work bench which was used for preparing dies. The Warden explained that sometimes one or two men worked in the room but that there was no definite detail at that bench.

Interrogated as to the proper name of the window, the Warden stated it was known as "detention sash". The description of detention sash is as follows: each individual pane is  $5-1/4$ " x  $8-3/4$ ". The metal sash itself is composed of "I" iron, the flat portion being toward the inside and the shank of the "I" extending toward the outside of the window. This iron is approximately  $1/4$ " thick and the top of the "I" and the shank are about  $1-1/2$ " in width.

Numerous panes were missing, some of them left open, others with removable board coverings which was explained as necessary in order to provide proper ventilation. The glass in these windows was considered to be puttied in a specially good manner by the prison authorities and this type of detention sash and window covers the entire portion of that side of the building which faces the Bay with a height of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet to the ceiling. The particular portion being cut was in the immediate lower right hand corner of the composite window. It was stated that one piece of metal frame was found on the inside and one piece of metal frame on the outside, directly below the window.

Mr. Steere stated that COLE could have worked on the window without him having seen him but that he made the rounds every half hour, not at regular times but at least once every half hour. It will be noted that we were advised two of the three panes of glass in the aperture of escape had already been broken out and that missing glass from this portion of the window would have excited no attention. It was also brought out that there are night patrols which are not periodical but which are made in an effort to find contraband in the shops, this detail making part of its routine the tapping of window panes. The last time it was recalled this particular room had been tapped was approximately 12 days before the escape. It was stated that the cut portion of the window frame could have been covered with the putty from the windows themselves because it is of a heavy type of putty.

Inquiry was made as to whether or not any tools were missing and it was reported to us that no tools were missing except the 24" Stillson wrench which was found. The hack saws which are used in the shop are charged out to the prisoners and returned to Mr. Steere. It was admitted that a prisoner might have one for a legitimate reason and still be able to use it for purposes of making an effort to escape. Steere did not remember COLE specifically asking for a hack saw at any time but explained that COLE, being the janitor and helper, could handle any tools. It is the opinion of Agent Gurnea and myself that consideration should be given to the fact that since hack saws are constantly used at this scene of escape the possibility of them having been smuggled in might be eliminated since it would serve no purpose.

Steere was unable to state who had used hack saws on the day of escape and also stated there had never been any missing and that when a blade is broken the pieces must be returned to him; also that a limited supply of such material is maintained in the blacksmith shop itself.

Upon specific inquiry by me, Warden Johnston admitted a piece of metal about 6 inches long had been found under a cabinet directly next to the work bench, under the window of escape, immediately after the escape. This bit of metal was of ordinary  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " thick steel which could have been picked up anywhere in the shops but which showed signs of having been ground. It is suggested that consideration be given to the fact that it may be this bit of steel might have been maintained as a weapon by the escaped prisoners, and because of its unfinished state might indicate that the time of escape was not prearranged but executed on the spur of the moment.

Due to the fact that five-gallon cans are used in the machine shop from time to time, a five-gallon can was taken measuring  $9-7\frac{1}{16}$ " x  $13-3\frac{3}{4}$ ", in an effort to put it through the aperture which could not be done unless the can had been battered. This point not being overlooked, we are seeking in our searches any type of battered red can of the type used in this particular shop.

Photographs of these points mentioned heretofore will be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

We then examined the ledge directly below the window on the outside, which was a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " drop, and discovered no evidence of value there; the next drop taken by the prisoners was to a steep graded catwalk running down from the level of the yard at the outside corner of Room B to the edge of the bank on the outside of Room D, and nothing of value was ascertained along this route.

Between this walk and the shoreline itself there is a wire mesh fence  $10\frac{1}{2}$  feet in height, which is equipped with an additional  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet of barbed wire, thus



making it impossible for anyone to jump into the water from the walk. This fence is a continuation of similar fencing which protects the entire work area and continues on around the end of the Island behind Building #82 with which we are concerned.

At the corner of Room D the walk heretofore mentioned turns and follows the building line to the position indicated by arrow #1 at which place there is a gate secured by a padlock which enables the throwing of refuse into the Bay from the mat shop. This refuse consists of old automobile casings which have been punched for the purpose of manufacturing mats. It was observed at this time that due to the angle of the heavy wire fence it would be very difficult for a guard in Tower 36, indicated by arrow #3, to observe a person between Building #82 and the fence, due to the angle. It would be possible, of course, for a guard in that tower to observe any individual between the building and that fence if he were looking directly at that point; however a movement at that position would not attract his attention.

It was also observed that the gate through the wire fence located behind Building #82 cannot be observed from the windows of the mat shop or blacksmith shop due to the fact that the first floor in the mat shop is a solid wall containing no windows whatsoever.

When the guards and the Warden were questioned as to the knowledge either ROE or COLE may have had as to the physical properties of this gate, they advised that only trusted prisoners were permitted to go to that gate and at that time were accompanied by a guard, these visits being made for the purpose of discarding the old casings. The Warden stated that at no time had COLE or ROE made one of these trips due to the fact that they always suspected them of being individuals who would take any chance to make their escape.

This information would indicate that either COLE or ROE had discussed this matter fully with other prisoners who had assisted in disposing of the refuse. Special Agent Farland today advised he had received information that COLE had, shortly before 11:00 A. M., on December sixteenth, proceeded to the furniture factory, which is immediately above

the mat shop and blacksmith shop, and there had conversed with inmate FRANCIS HARPER, #283-AZ. It is believed possible that HARPER is the prisoner who advised ROE and COLE of the physical properties of the scene of escape. This matter will be fully checked, however, in an effort to ascertain definitely the nature of the conversation had between HARPER and COLE, and also as to the method employed by COLE which enabled him to proceed from the blacksmith shop to the furniture factory.

Immediately outside of this fence is strung several strands of barbed wire for the purpose of making it difficult for a person to break away from the guard and dive through the fence while throwing tire casings over. There is, however, a large opening between the strands of the wire purposely left to enable the tires to be thrown into the water.

Immediately below this opening, at a distance of approximately ten feet, there is a ledge which has caught many of the old casings and where they still remain. From this ledge it is then approximately ten feet into the water itself; thus it would be easy for a prisoner to jump from the gate to the first ledge, alighting on the tires, and then into the water, if he so desired. There is, however, an additional ledge running diagonally from the first ledge to the water's edge which would make it possible for the prisoner to follow this ledge down to a point approximately within two or three feet from the water.

At this point of the investigation, consideration was given the visibility of this point from the various guard towers. There is a guard stationed on the roof of Building #82, whose duty it is to patrol the entire walls of that building. It will also be noted on the map that there is a guard tower, designated as 37, on the opposite corner of the building from the position of the gate. It is impossible for guards from any of the other towers to observe the water line at this point on the Island. Therefore, it is easily realized that due to the length of the patrol of the guard on this building, it would be a coincidence if he were to be at that position of the building observing that particular point of the Island when a prisoner made his escape through the gate.

Directly opposite this gate, at a distance of approximately 200 yards, is located one of the marker buoys for the Island, which serve as a dead line for private craft. Approximately 100 yards beyond this buoy or 300 yards from the Island itself is a bell buoy, indicated on the large map of San Francisco Bay, which is being forwarded under separate cover.

As it was suggested that the escape was possibly effected through previous arrangements made between the prisoners and the operator of a boat, to have the boat tied up to the bell buoy in the fog, the prisoners to swim to the buoy where they would be picked up by the boat. If this plan were carried out the bell buoy would, of course, serve as a constant indicator of direction regardless of the density of the fog, and would provide a convenient meeting place. Because of these facts, Warden Johnston and the guards were closely questioned as to the visibility at the exact time of escape; we were advised, however, by one guard that he had particularly noticed it was possible for him to observe the bell buoy on that occasion, which would make it impossible for a boat to have tied to the buoy without having been observed.

It will be noted that the initial information given this office by employees on the Island was to the effect that it was a heavy "pea soup" fog and that visibility was practically zero. The receipt of this initial information, together with the condition of the fog in San Francisco and on other portions of the Bay, led us to believe that that was probably the case; however, our subsequent inquiry has developed that although the fog at times was of that density due to the peculiar condition of air currents around the Island the "pea soup" density lay in a bank beyond 300 yards and the guards were able to see at least to the 200 yard markers most of the time, and at this particular time, as set out above, to the bell buoy, which is 300 yards distant.

These facts also nullify the original theory, as expressed by the press, that it was impossible for the guards on the towers to observe the movements of the men on the Island. Warden Johnston pointed out that if that had been the condition the men would not have been moved at 1:00 P. M. from the cell

blocks to the work shops since that contingency is considered at all times on the Island, and on the morning of escape the men were not placed in the work shop until 45 minutes after schedule due to fog conditions.

When considering the possibility of the men swimming from the Island to the bell buoy, all persons interviewed on the Island stated it was their belief it was impossible for any individual to swim in that current. They stated that the water was specially rough and that the current appeared to be a "mill race". Information has later been developed from lighthouse keepers and other observers that the current in the Bay at the time of escape was perhaps the strongest that has existed during this year. A lighthouse keeper made the observation that it would have been impossible for a small boat, and particularly for a row boat, to have proceeded against the current in the vicinity of the Island, or in the area between the Island and the Golden Gate, which would have put a boat in a position to pick up the men as they swam from the Island to a specified point.

Consideration has also been given to the possibility of these men attaching themselves to a piece of drift wood going by the Island. All observers, such as lighthouse keepers and Coast Guard men, advise that if this had been done it would have been impossible for the individuals to have propelled the drift wood to the shore line in the current that existed at that time and that they would have been carried out through the Golden Gate to the open sea.

In so far as the elapsed time is concerned during the interim between the actual time of escape and the beginning of the boat patrol, Warden Johnston and the guards advised that power boats were patrolling the water adjoining that area of the Island within ten to fifteen minutes after the escape had been discovered. In further discussing the time element, Mr. Steere advised that he distinctly remembers checking the men into the shop at 1:00 P. M. and is of the opinion - however he is not positive - that he observed COLE and ROE during the interim between 1:00 and the 1:30 check up. He bases his opinion on the fact that he distinctly remembers having entered the blacksmith shop during that time and believes that had these men escaped prior to that second visit he would have observed all was not in order.

Mr. Steere seems very truthful in this matter and gives the impression he is attempting to give a straight story without coloring it or covering up in any manner. Thus, if it is assumed the escape was made immediately after 1:00 P. M. these men could have possibly been in the water forty to forty-five minutes prior to the time boats were actually patrolling that area. Warden Johnston advised that upon arrival of the boats they immediately started circling that entire area, widening their circles on each trip and particularly following the ebb tide which would be in the direction the men would have been carried if they were swimming or holding onto a piece of drift wood.

Upon return to the mat shop the tire casings which are used for the construction of mats were closely examined at which time Warden Johnston advised that upon arrival of a shipment of tire casings on the Island, each casing is inspected by a guard for any boots or patches on the tires, and if any are found they are removed to preclude possibility of notes or implements being concealed therein.

Warden Johnston was also questioned as to the possibility of inner tubes remaining in any of these casings when they are sent to the mat shop. He stated that due to the inspection given these tires on the dock it would be impossible for an inner tube to be taken to the mat shop through this medium. He was then questioned as to the possibility of prisoners on the Island stealing and concealing an inner tube which had been or was being used on one of the automobiles on the Island. The Warden stated it would be impossible for a prisoner to obtain any of these tubes due to the fact that the prisoners do not have access to any of the store houses, this material being handled only by the guards.

As previously stated it is the opinion of both Special Agent Gurnea and myself that no consideration need be given the possibility of hack saw blades having been smuggled onto the Island, or the manufacture of such implements by the prisoners thereon, due to the fact that this escape was no doubt effected by the use of a hack saw legitimately in the hands of the persons using it.

Warden Johnston also advised that it is almost impossible to obtain any information whatever from the prisoners on the Island relative to the escape due to the fact that any

prisoner observed talking to a guard would be immediately placed under suspicion by the other prisoners. He stated they had received "rumbles", however, from one or two of the prisoners to the effect that bubbles had come up following the time the prisoners had escaped. The Warden advised he did not place a great amount of credence to this story as the prisoners giving the information were not in a position to observe the point of the Island where the escape was made.

During this entire investigation Warden Johnston has continued to be very friendly and cooperative and is apparently being of every possible assistance.

Very truly yours,



N. J. L. PIEPER,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Los Angeles, California.  
December 21, 1937

Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Special Agent Lish Whitson

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated December 16, 1937, instructing that the above-mentioned employe report to Assistant Director E. H. Clegg in Washington, D. C., on January 17, 1938, for two weeks' retraining assignment.

This employe at this time is in the San Francisco district, where he is engaged in an investigation involving the Pacific Coast Area Oil Investigation, Anti-trust. This is one of the most important cases pending in the Los Angeles office, the Special Assistants who are assigned here having requested, as the Bureau is aware, additional help, and I believe that the Bureau is also desirous of cleaning up this investigation at the earliest possible date. Agent Whitson, with two other Agents, has been assigned to this investigation. As I have explained to you in a letter written with respect to Special Agent F. M. Stone of this office also reporting to the Bureau, there is also much delinquent work in the Los Angeles district and in addition thereto there are two plants in operation for the purpose of covering the homes of relatives of Ted Cole, with aliases, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner, one of the recent escapees from Alcatraz.

If the Bureau could consider instructing Special Agent Whitson to report to the Bureau at a later time, it would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 U S COURT HOUSE BLDG  
PORTLAND OREGON

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL EMP J H NIELSON DEPARTED FROM LOS ANGELES FOR  
MARYSVILLE KANSAS TWENTYFIRST INSTANT.

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Copies mailed to: Okla City, Bureau, San Francisco



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December 28, 1937.

Time: 5:00 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Richard Roe, Theodore Cole.

I telephoned SAC Pieper, at San Francisco, and inquired as to the progress in the investigation of the escape from Alcatraz. Mr. Pieper stated that there have been no important developments; that they are running down every lead; that the cooperation from all sources has been very good. Mr. Pieper stated that Agent Farland was still on the Island; that he picks up news from the prisoners every day; that the feeling among the prisoners now is that the men did not get away.

Agent Gurnea was also in the office and I talked to him. Agent Gurnea stated that a list of all prisoners who had been transferred from Alcatraz had been compiled, also a list of all released prisoners who may have had some contact with Roe and Cole; that all these men would be interviewed; that all visitors and all persons to whom letters were addressed would also be interviewed. Mr. Gurnea stated that when a letter is received by the Warden it is immediately sent to the Bureau; that several of these, undoubtedly crank letters, had been sent to the Laboratory for examination.

I stated that if there was nothing that required special attention Mr. Gurnea could resume his leave. Mr. Gurnea stated that he was going to cover an extortion pay-off at Eureka, California, and would start his leave after that. I stated that after Mr. Gurnea finished his leave he could stop in Oklahoma City on his way back to Washington and be sure that all the leads on Roe and Cole are being covered there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Schilder.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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FBI BUTTE MONTANA 12-27-37 3: 2M MEC  
SAC SAN FRANCISCO

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RALPH BOE, WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE, ET AL, EFP. RE TELETYPE FROM PORTLAND  
THIRTY FOURTH INSTANT. MONTANA LICENSE TWENTY DASH FOUR FIVE EIGHT SEVEN  
ISSUED TO WILLIAM O. SCHUTZ, BOX ONE ONE SEVEN, WHEELER, MONTANA, FOR NINETEEN  
THIRTY SEVEN CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN MOTOR SIX EIGHT ONE SIX THREE HAYUNT.  
SCHUTZ PRESENTLY CARE R. GARLTON, FOUR EIGHT ONE SEVEN THIRD AVENUE,  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. SCHUTZ A TRAGLINE OPERATOR WITH FAIR REPUTATION AND  
SEVERE IN TROUBLE AS FAR AS KNOWN. IDAHO LICENSE EIGHT R FIVE ISSUED TO  
RICHARD ALDERSON, RFD THREE, WEISER, IDAHO, FOR STUDERAKER MOTOR D ONE TWO  
FOUR NINE EIGHT NINE. ALDERSON AND MOTHER, MRS. J. H. ALDERSON, AND SISTER  
DOROTHY LEFT WEISER RECENTLY ON TRIP THROUGH WASHINGTON, OREGON AND PRESENTLY  
AT SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN SOUTH HEMLOCK STREET, SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA. ALDERSON,  
A WELL TO DO FARMER, BEARS GOOD REPUTATION AT WEISER. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
REQUESTED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE.

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cc Oklahoma City  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE 12/28/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/24, 27, 28/ 37.	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD - HMW
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

David Magnuson, a reputable farmer living near Mead, Nebraska, owns a Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #5524933, for which 1937 Nebraska License Tags 6-485, were issued. Mr. Magnuson was never in the State of Oregon. William E. Meyer, Scribner, Nebraska, purchased a 1932 Ford Tudor, Motor #3715052, on September 21st, 1937, from the Ford Motor Company at West Point, Nebraska, for Dorothy Ronn, whom he met at Knightsen, California. Miss Ronn, who is a trained nurse, has resided at Knightsen and Stockton, California, with her sister and the latter's husband. San Francisco Office requested by teletype to locate Miss Ronn.

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REFERENCE:

Conference telegram dated 12-24-37, from the Portland Field Office to the Butte, Aberdeen, Denver and Omaha Field Offices.

DETAILS:

Upon receipt of reference teletype, a telegram was dispatched to the Portland Field Office with reference to Nebraska License 6485,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. B. Fletcher</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 76-2686-123 DEC 31 1937 <i>W</i>
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requesting that the Omaha Office be advised as to between what numerals on the License Plate a dash should appear, inasmuch as this designates the county which issued the license plate.

Agent interviewed Joe Bredenberg, County Treasurer, Wahoo, Nebraska, who advised that 1937 Nebraska License Plates 6-485 were issued on December 23rd, 1936, to David Magnuson, a farmer who resides five miles northwest of Mead, Nebraska, for a 1936 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor Number 5524933. Mr. Bredenberg advised that Mr. Magnuson is a fairly well to do farmer and highly respected in the vicinity in which he resides, and has never been involved in any kind of trouble.

Mr. Magnuson was located on his farm and it was observed his Chevrolet Sedan was parked in the farmyard, and 1937 Nebraska Tags 6-485 were attached to the car. Mr. Magnuson advised that he had never been in the State of Oregon and the last time he had been out of the State of Nebraska, which was on a short trip with his family in Colorado, was in October, 1936.

It was obvious that Mr. Magnuson had not been in Oregon and he was not questioned any further in reference to instant matter.

Deputy Treasurer W. J. Wells, West Point, Nebraska, exhibited to Agent 1937 Certificate of Registration 24-5687, which indicated that Nebraska 1937 License Plates Number 24-2339, had been issued to Dorothy Bonn, West Point, Nebraska, for a 1937 Model Ford Tudor, Motor Number 3715052. Mr. Wells examined his records and advised that no driver's license had been issued to Miss Bonn. There was submitted as a basis for securing the Certificate of Registration, a Bill of Sale Notarized on September 21st, 1937, by Clarice E. Barnum, West Point, which reflects that the Ford was bought new from the J. D. Beck Ford Agency at West Point. Mr. Wells advised Agent that Mrs. Barnum is the wife of Charles M. Barnum, who is a salesman and the Manager of the J. D. Beck Ford Agency at West Point.

Postmaster Richard H. Schwedhelm, West Point, Nebraska, advised that his records for five years past failed to reflect that Miss Dorothy Bonn had ever received mail through the Post Office or on a rural route.

Charles M. Barnum was located at the J. D. Beck Ford Agency, and he exhibited his records to Agent. Mr. Barnum advised that on September 21st, 1937, William E. Meyer, a farmer who resides five miles northeast of Scribner, Nebraska, purchased the Ford Tudor as de-

scribed above, from him, and gave his personal check in the amount of \$661.00, drawn on a bank in Hooper, Nebraska, for this car. Mr. Barnum advised he is well acquainted with Mr. Meyer, who buys a new automobile from him each year. Mr. Meyer advised that he was buying this car for a friend of his named Dorothy Ronn, who is unknown to Mr. Barnum, Mr. Barnum advising that he did not see Dorothy Ronn at any time during the negotiation of the sale; however, Mr. Meyer explained that he met this lady at Knightsen, California, and that she was visiting at his home with her sister and the latter's husband, and requested him to buy a car in her name; therefore, Mr. Barnum permitted Mr. Meyer to sign the name of Miss Ronn to all papers in connection with the sale of the car, including the bill of sale which was used to secure the 1937 Nebraska License Plates.

Mr. Barnum advised that a few weeks after he sold this car, he received a letter from Miss Ronn, who gave her address as General Delivery, Kansas City, Missouri, in which she advised that something had gone wrong with the car and she was put to the expense of approximately \$10.00 in repairing it, and she indicated that he should reimburse her; however, he did not answer her letter, as the car was in good mechanical shape when it left the shop and she did not give sufficient details to enable him to ascertain specifically what was wrong with the car. Mr. Barnum has disposed of this letter and has not heard from Miss Ronn since.

Postmaster A. Ristow, Scribner, Nebraska, advised that William E. Meyer, who is approximately thirty-five years of age, and George F. Meyer, an older brother, both of whom are bachelors, reside with their mother on a farm located five miles northeast of Scribner; that this family has a good reputation, none has ever been involved in trouble and that these people are life long residents of Scribner. George Meyer, according to Mr. Ristow, is a Director of the Farmers Elevator Company at Scribner, and the local County Fair Association.

Mr. Ristow further stated that William Meyer is a person who likes to roam around the country and during the past several years he has made frequent trips to California, where, he understands, William Meyer has worked for various farmers; that there are many people formerly residing in the vicinity of Scribner, of German descent, who have settled on farms near Stockton and Knightsen, California.

Agent interviewed George F. Meyer on his farm near Scribner, Nebraska, and he advised that his brother, William Meyer, was confined in bed earlier in the day, believed to have a touch of influenza, but he believed Agent could interview him, providing the interview did not cover too long a period.

William E. Meyer was interviewed and advised that in June and July, 1937, he drove to Knightsen, California, and secured employment with a number of farmers, attending to the irrigation canals running through the farms; that in August, 1937, he secured employment on a farm near Stockton, California. He does not recall the name of his employer. He advised that one day while working, Dorothy Ronn and her sister Gertrude and the latter's husband, whose surname he has forgotten, drove up in an automobile and engaged him in conversation. He learned that Dorothy Ronn was a trained nurse and had done nursing in Stockton and Knightsen. She lived with her sister and the latter's husband in a suburb at an address which Mr. Meyer claimed he could not recall, partly because he was not feeling very well, and further, he advised that although he knows the residence, he at no time knew the name of the street on which Miss Ronn resided.

Mr. Meyer advised that Dorothy Ronn is 25 years of age; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weighs 115 pounds; hair, brown; complexion, light. Her sister, Gertrude, is 35 years of age; height, 5 feet 6 inches; weight, 120 pounds; brown hair; medium complexion. The latter's husband is about 45 years of age; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 155 pounds; hair, dark brown.

Mr. Meyer, who was rather indefinite in his information, advised that shortly after visiting the Ronns at their home in Stockton, he returned to Scribner on or about September 1st, 1937, and a few weeks thereafter Miss Ronn wrote him from Stockton, advising that she and her sister and the latter's husband were going to Ohio and would stop off at Fremont, Nebraska. They were traveling by bus. Mr. Meyer met these individuals at Fremont and drove them to his home and they remained throughout the day of September 21st, 1937. Miss Dorothy Ronn requested Mr. Meyer to buy her a car, as she could save considerable money by buying it in Nebraska rather than in California, and also avoid paying the California sales tax. Mr. Meyer advised that although he did not know these individuals very well and claimed to know practically nothing of their past history, he took \$661.00 from Miss Ronn and bought for her a Ford Tudor Sedan, described above, from the J. D. Beck Ford Agency at West Point, driving it to Scribner, where he turned it over to Miss Ronn. Miss Ronn and her sister and the latter's husband departed, saying they were going to Ohio to a small town, the town's name not being recalled by Mr. Meyer, at which place Gertrude's husband expected to receive treatment for hemorrhoids, following which they intended to travel through Wisconsin and Montana, thence to Oregon, and return to Stockton.

Mr. Meyer was certain that Dorothy Ronn could be located by investigation at Knightsen and Stockton, California, through the Nurses Associations. He advised that as far as he knew these people were reputable, but as he did not learn much about them, he could not furnish anything further concerning their whereabouts.

Agent questioned Mr. Meyer whether he had received any communications from Miss Ronn since she visited him, and he replied in the negative. He stated he had expected to receive a card during the Christmas Holidays but none had come; however, if he hears from her he will advise the Omaha Field Office. Agent continued questioning Mr. Meyer, believing that he had further information, but his brother, George F. Meyer, several times interrupted the conversation with remarks to the effect that he believed his brother was getting tired and would have to retire for the night because of his illness.

A teletype message was forwarded to the San Francisco Field Office on December 28th, 1937, in which was incorporated pertinent information concerning the possible whereabouts of Miss Dorothy Ronn, with the request that she be located and interviewed.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**OMAHA FIELD OFFICE:**

At Bridgeport, Nebraska, will make investigation at the Treasurer's Office with reference to 1937 Nebraska License Plates 64-85, in accordance with the request in reference teletype.

**SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE:**

At Knightsen and Stockton, California, through General Delivery, Health Department, local Nurses' Associations and other sources, locate Dorothy Ronn, who purchased 1937 Ford Tudor Sedan, Motor Number 3715052, which carries 1937 Nebraska Tags 24-2339, and question her in accordance with the request in reference teletype. It is to be noted that Miss Ronn is accompanied by her sister, Gertrude, and the latter's husband.

**-PENDING-**

Los Angeles, California  
December 27, 1937

Miss Edith Day,  
Postmaster,  
Woodlake, California.

Re: L. A. File 76-362

Dear Madam:

Confirming the verbal request made of you by Special Agent H. A. Smith of this office, it is requested that you place a cover on the mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole.

In this connection, it is desired that tracings of all mail addressed to these persons and all mail sent by them be furnished to this office.

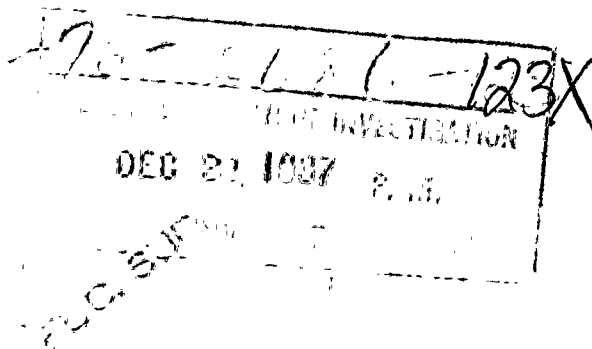
You may be sure that your cooperation in this respect is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RPK:FT

cc Bureau  
re THEODORE COLE,  
RALPH ROE, FUGITIVES  
E. F. P.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

AC:ERM

Date December 22, 1937.  
 Time 4:30 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

In accordance with your instructions, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Pieper at San Francisco, California, and requested that he make certain that all relatives of Cole and Roe were covered immediately and appropriately in order that no contact could be made with any one of them without the Bureau being advised of that fact. I particularly called his attention to the location of a sister of Ralph Roe who resides at Arcadia, California.

SAC Pieper stated that he would review the entire file immediately and would request all offices by wire, having relatives located within the territory of each, to make an appropriate check and coverage immediately and advise the San Francisco Field Division by wire, at which time he would summarize the information received and advise the Bureau of the coverage by teletype.

Mr. Pieper stated that the weather was clear and that there were no new developments.

Respectfully,  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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A. Cornelius, Jr. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Signature

TAMM

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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. REINVESTIGATION BY PORTLAND OFFICE CONCERNING UNKNOWN PERSON PURCHASING TIDAL BOOKLETS. CLARK A. HILL AND WIFE LEFT GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO NOVEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. NOW RESIDING KENWOOD CALIFORNIA. HILL, CARPENTER AND BUILDER BY TRADE, OWNER NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR FORD TUDOR, COLORADO LICENSE EIGHT DASH FIVE FIVE FOUR NAUGHT REPORTED ENTERING CALIFORNIA FROM OREGON. CONTACT HILL TO DETERMINE IF PURCHASER OF BOOKLETS.

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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 interruptions in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

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3. Messages sent by post and received by telegraph shall be forwarded by one-half rate of the Company's rates at two or three times the rate of the telegraph within one mile of such point of delivery, or at a greater rate, but not the rate the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability to the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to transport the same by such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attached to this Company for messages received at any office are accepted at one of its rates unless they are received at that office at the rate by one of the Company's special agents, or by a duly authorized agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or losses of any kind in any case where the claim is not presented in writing to the Company within the time specified in the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of messages shall be procured in any action for recovery of damages caused by delay or non-delivery to be returned by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages by telegraph and cable are contained in the regulations of the Company, and such regulations shall be printed in any action for recovery of damages caused by delay or non-delivery to be returned by competent evidence.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE ANY MESSAGE.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

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ROOM 903 PACIFIC COMMERCE BUILDING,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

RALPH BOE WA FUGITIVE ETAL. EFF THIS YEAR FORD COACH BEARING ILLINOIS LICENSE ONE FIVE SIX THREE SEVEN NINE FOUR ISSUED TO DONALD E WILLMAN BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS PASSED THROUGH CALIFORNIA CHECKING STATIONS FROM OREGON AT OREGON CALIFORNIA BORDER DECEMBER FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH. INVESTIGATION BLOOMINGTON INDICATES WILLMAN GRADUATE ANNAPOLIS STATIONED SS MARYLAND DUE ARRIVE SAN PEDRO CALIFORNIA DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND BECAUSE OF NAVY RESTRICTIONS WILLMAN HAD FELLOW SEAMAN DRIVE HIS CAR TO SAN PEDRO FOR HIM. PLEASE VERIFY ALSO DETERMINE IF DRIVER CAR PURCHASED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BOOKLET QUOTE CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT UNQUOTE AND US HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE BOOKLET QUOTE TIDAL CURRENT CHART OF SANFRANCISCO BAY UNQUOTE AND PURPOSE SAME PURCHASED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEC 25 1937

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Post Office Box #1409  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: RALPH ROX, with aliases; ET AL;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent D. P. Sullivan has informed me of a conversation had by himself and Special Agent A. P. Barber with one Clay Watt of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in which Mr. Watt informed them that he was acquainted with a young man named Willie Canada who is a bookkeeper at the Arkansas National Bank at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that Canada had informed Watt that Richard Tallman Galatas apparently had money he was running through the Arkansas National Bank.

I am passing this information on to you in view of the fact that recent developments indicate that Galatas at the time of his release from the Leavenworth Penitentiary had taken a pauper's oath.

Very truly yours,

W  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City  
San Francisco

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DECEMBER 26, 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 WAS ETAL FUGITIVES EFP. BUD RANEY DENIES THAT TWO MEN STOPPED AT HIS HOME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AS RELATED REPORT AGENT JV MURPHY OKLAHOMACITY TWENTY THIRD INSTANT. ADMITS MAKING SUCH STATEMENT TO CORNETT BUT SAYS HE WAS JUST MATCHING LETTERS FALSEHOODS.

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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

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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, subordinated to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

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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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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

FILE NO. 76-284

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/30/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. G. FELLNER</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. 1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS KIDNAPING BANK ROBBERY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Howard Fike, Mars, Pa., advised Leslie Moon, owner 1935 Ford Coupe, bearing 1937 Pennsylvania license 62 P 5 left for western trip July, 1937, and Bob Johnson, Petersburg, Pa., and Paul Flick, Mars, Pa., left Pittsburgh, Pa., 12/1/37 to join Moon at Hood River, Oregon, about 12/15/37 for trip to California, Texas, Florida, and return to Pennsylvania about March, 1938. Fike stated all men were orchard employees. Henry Flick, father of Paul Flick stated all men staying at Harvey Touring Camps, Santa Rosa, Cal., until 7/27/37.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Philadelphia Field Division dated December 24, 1937;  
Teletype to San Francisco Field Division dated December 25, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

San Francisco is being designated as the office of origin in this report inasmuch as this Field Division has no specific information as to the correct office of origin in this case.

The title of this report may not be correct because of the limited knowledge in the possession of the reporting office. It is assumed that the office of origin will set out the correct title.

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AT MARS, PENNSYLVANIA

HOWARD FIKE, an orchard employee on the Treesdale Farms, Mars, Pennsylvania, advised that he is an old acquaintance of LESLIE MOON and has known him for the past six years. He stated that Leslie Moon was the owner of a 1935 Ford Coupe automobile, bearing 1937 Pennsylvania license 62 P 5. He stated the Ford automobile was painted black on the body and fenders and was equipped with wire wheels. He advised that Moon worked for the Treesdale Farms for three or four years prior to July, 1937, as an orchard employee, specializing in apple raising, and that during the first part of July, 1937, Leslie Moon had left in his Ford automobile for a tour of the western part of the United States. He stated Moon had told him he was going to drive to the Yakima Valley in the State of Washington, in order to seek employment at some orchard in order to acquire more experience in raising apples, and that when he left Moon advised he had no definite plans as to when he would return.

Fike stated that he did not hear of Moon thereafter until some time in August, 1937, when a letter was sent to the Treesdale Farms by Moon stating that he was working in some pear orchard in the State of Utah, and that no correspondence had been received from him since that time. Fike stated Leslie Moon was a diligent worker while employed at the Treesdale Farms, and that he never heard of any trouble Moon was involved in. He stated Moon was employed as a foreman on the Treesdale Farms and was reliable and trustworthy in every respect. Fike stated that about December 1, 1937, Paul Flick, who lives at Mars, Pennsylvania, and who was employed by the Treesdale Farms at Mars, Pennsylvania, for the past four years and Bob Johnson who resides in Petersville, Pennsylvania, and who was employed as an orchard hand at the Number 10 Farm of the Treesdale Farms, Conoquenessing, Pennsylvania, and whose father is foreman of the Number 10 Farm, left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to meet Leslie Moon somewhere in the State of Oregon during the month of December, 1937.

Fike stated he was well acquainted with both Johnson and Flick and he had discussed the plans of the boys before they left to meet Leslie Moon. He advised the boys intended to drive with Leslie Moon from Oregon through the states of California, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, and return to Pennsylvania, some time in March of 1938. He advised that he had not received any correspondence from Johnson or Flick since their departure on a Greyhound bus from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the State of Oregon.

Fike stated Moon had told him he had some relatives in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California, where he planned to stay when he got there.

However, Fike was unable to give the name of Moon's relatives.

Fike advised that before Moon left on his trip, he drove his automobile from the Treesdale Farms to the home of his parents who reside somewhere in Eastern Shore, West Virginia, from which point he commenced his trip. Fike advised that both Johnson and Flick had excellent reputations in the community were reliable and trustworthy and to his knowledge they had not been involved in any difficulties with the law.

ROBERT NEAL, an employee and orchard hand at the Treesdale Farms, who was present during the interview with Fike, stated he came to the Treesdale Farms in June, 1937, and he could corroborate the information given by Fike inasmuch as he had contacted all the boys.

Howard Fike furnished the following descriptions;

Name	LESLIE MOON
Age	28
Height	5' 7"
Weight	160
Hair	Dark brown (wavy)
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Residence	Eastern Shore, West Virginia
Dress	Conservative, neat

Name	PAUL FLICK
Age	21
Height	5' 11"
Weight	155
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Scars	Small scar side L eye
Residence	Mars, Pa.
Dress	Conservative, neat

Name	BOB JOHNSON
Age	21
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Fair
Build	Slender
Residence	Petersville, Pa.
Dress	Conservative

HENRY FLICK, father of Paul Flick, whose Post Office address is Box 409 Mars, Pennsylvania, and who is employed as insurance salesman for the Garden Life Insurance Company, advised that Paul Flick was his son and he, together with his friend Bob Johnson, about December 1, 1937, had left via Greyhound Bus Lines from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for Hood River, Oregon, where they were to meet Leslie Moon about December 15, 1937, from which point they were to proceed along the coast into California. He stated that on December 24, 1937, the day upon which he was interviewed by the writer, he had received a letter from his son advising that he, Johnson, and Moon were staying at the Harvey Touring Camps in Santa Rosa, California until Monday, December 27, 1937, from which point they intended to drive to Los Angeles, California.

A teletype containing a summary of the above information was sent to the San Francisco Field Division requesting it to locate the above mentioned men for an interview. It is to be noted that the description of Moon, Flick, and Johnson does not correspond or approach the description of the unknown Subject who is being investigated in this case as the person who purchased booklets mentioned in reference teletype dated December 24, 1937.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

**FBI BUTTE**

**12-24-37**

**11-57 PM**

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**SAC SAN FRANCISCO**

RE TELETYPE FROM PORTLAND, RALPH ROE WAS, FUGITIVE, ET AL, EFP. MONTANA LICENSE  
EIGHTEEN DASH SIX NINE NAUGHT ISSUED TO CLYDE EDWARDS AND FARRIS L. GIBSON,  
FOUR NAUGHT FIVE WEST GRANITE, BUTTE, MONTANA, FOR CHEVYSIER COUPE, MOTOR  
21739  
TWO ONE SEVEN THREE NINE. EDWARDS AND GIBSON DEPARTED BUTTE NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT  
LAST FOR WALLACE, IDAHO, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. GIBSON, MOTHER OF EDWARDS. EDWARDS  
LEFT PARENTS AT WALLACE AND THEY PROCEEDED TO GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, WHERE NOW  
RESIDING. IDAHO LICENSE FIVE A FOUR NINE TWO, ISSUED TO CLARENCE MUELLER,  
ST. MARIES, IDAHO, FOR DODGE FOUR DOOR SEDAN, MOTOR D DASH 537245 FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO  
FOUR FIVE. MUELLER BEARS EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN ST. MARIES, WHERE ENGAGED IN  
LOGGING BUSINESS WITH BROTHER. HE AND WIFE LEFT ST. MARIES DECEMBER FIFTEENTH  
LAST, AND ARE VISITING RELATIVES AT HOME MRS. VERBAURG, TWO THREE FOUR TWELFTH  
AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE.

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

Sent 10:37 PM Per JS

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-800

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-27-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-17/24-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. P. KRAMER</b>	<b>EGT</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

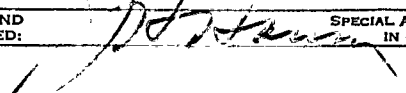
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance maintained on home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cole, Woodlake, Calif. from 12-18-37 to 12-22-37. Mr. & Mrs. Cole covered by Agents on trip to Bell, Calif. on 12-22-37 and 12-23-37. Mr. & Mrs. Cole promised to cooperate in location of fugitive Cole and appear trustworthy. Information as to relatives and background of fugitive Cole obtained. Mrs. Violet Dawson reinterviewed and furnished names of cousins for Subject Cole and reiterated that she would cooperate with Los Angeles division. Plant being maintained on home of Dawsons in Bell, Calif. Mrs. James Roe, known as Mae Roe, only slightly acquainted with fugitive Roe and not in contact with her husband and could furnish no helpful information with respect to Ralph Roe; promised to cooperate in his location.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent R. W. Franke, Los Angeles, 12-22-37; telegram from Bureau to Los Angeles 12-22-37; reports of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, 12-20-37 and 12-21-37; telegram from Los Angeles to San Francisco 12-23-37; telegram from San Francisco to Los Angeles 12-23-37.

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(Reference - cont.) Angeles 12-21-37; telegram from Los Angeles to San Francisco 12-21-37.

#### DETAILS

On receipt of request from the Bureau that an immediate surveillance be placed on the home of MR. AND MRS. FRED COLE at Woodlake, California, which request was received on December 17, 1937, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent H. A. SMITH, proceeded by automobile to Visalia, California, where these Agents met Special Agent A. D. HORN. Due to the fact that there was a dense fog prevailing in the neighborhood on the evening of December 17th which made it impossible to locate the home of the Coles on this evening, Agents remained in Visalia and proceeded to Woodlake, California, located sixteen miles from Visalia, on the morning of December 18, 1937.

#### AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

On December 18, 1937, the writer contacted MISS EDITH DAY, postmaster at Woodlake, California, and secured information from her as to the location of the COLE farm, which farm is located approximately a mile and a half south and one mile east of Woodlake. Miss Day advised that numerous newspaper reporters had been present in Woodlake and had interviewed the Coles on the preceding day. It was also noted from newspapers that considerable information relative to the Coles had been published and also a story had appeared in the papers to the effect that Agents were present in Woodlake and maintaining a surveillance on the Cole home, this item having been published before the arrival of Agents at Woodlake.

Immediately upon the arrival of Agents at Woodlake it was apparent that their identity was known, and also the reason for their presence in the town. For this reason, no attempt at secrecy was made. It might be stated that Woodlake is a small farming community of perhaps five hundred persons.

Agents proceeded to the COLE home, arriving there at 8:30 a. m., at which time MRS. COLE was home alone, although a neighbor, BERT USRY, was seen to be leaving the Cole home. Usry was interviewed by Special Agent H. A. Smith who did not identify himself, and it was ascertained from Mr. Usry that he was present at the Cole home for the

purpose of delivering some mincemeat for his wife and that there was no one in the Cole home at the time other than Mrs. Cole.

MRS. FRED (ESTHER) COLE was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent A. D. HORN, and advised that she had absolutely no information concerning the escape of her son or his present whereabouts other than what she had obtained from newspaper reporters who had interviewed her. It was noted at this time that Mrs. Cole was in an extremely upset condition and sobbed continuously throughout her interview. She advised that newspaper reporters had called at the Cole home at one a. m. on that morning and that they had taken flashlight pictures of her and that she had had very little sleep throughout the night.

MRS. COLE stated that she had last seen her son in July, 1937, at which time she had visited him at Alcatraz Prison, and that she had visited him on one previous occasion earlier in 1937. She also stated that she wrote a letter to her son every Monday but that she had received very few replies to these letters, and that the last she had heard from her son was approximately two months previous at which time he had written a short letter. She stated that THEODORE COLE had been very uncommunicative in his letters and had furnished her with no information as to his activities at the prison, and that he had given absolutely no indication of any intention to escape.

MRS. COLE stated that she did not expect that her son would attempt to contact her, and that the only information that Theodore had as to her location was the fact that she was getting her mail at Woodlake, California. She stated that she had never explained to her son just where the farm was located.

It might be stated that previously information had been obtained from Postmaster DLY to the effect that MRS. COLE was an extremely religious woman and regarded in the community as being of an honest and conscientious type. This fact was evidenced during the interview with MRS. COLE, at which time she advised Agents that she regretted very much that her son had turned out to be a bad boy and that she had done everything in her power to make a Christian of him and that she felt in her heart that he was dead. Mrs. Cole also stated that it was her wish that her son were dead, but that if he were alive she was of the opinion that it would be better for him to surrender himself to the authorities, and that should he contact her she would advise him to this effect.

A search was made of the COLE home and the surrounding buildings, but no evidence of the presence of Fugitive COLE was discovered. The Cole farm is located on land which is very flat and was formerly a river bottom. The nearest neighboring farm is approximately five hundred yards from the Cole farm and is in a position such that an adequate surveillance of the Cole farm could not be maintained from this place. After observing the terrain, it was the opinion of Agents that the only possible position from which to maintain a plant on the Cole farm was in the Cole home or in one of the two small buildings near the house. MRS. COLE was questioned by the writer as to her reaction should it be necessary for Agents to remain in her home. She stated that she had no facilities to accommodate Agents but that if it was necessary for them to remain in the home that she preferred that the matter be discussed with her husband. Since Mrs. Cole was extremely upset at the time the interview was concluded as rapidly as possible and Agents proceeded to Woodlake, California, for the purpose of interviewing FRED COLE, who was reported to be employed at the Texaco filling station in that town.

MR. FRED COLE stated that the only information he had concerning the recent activities of Subject COLE was such information as he had received from the newspaper reporters. He advised that neither he nor his wife read the newspapers and that they had no desire to gain information in this manner. He advised that he had visited Subject COLE in July, 1937, but that he had not seen him since. Mr. Cole stated that although Fugitive COLE was not his own son, he had considered him as such and had done everything in his power to assist Subject COLE; that during Subject's trouble in Oklahoma he, Fred Cole, had spent approximately twenty-five hundred dollars to save him from execution on a murder charge. Mr. Cole stated that on the occasion on which TED COLE had escaped from McAlester Penitentiary in Oklahoma he had come to the Cole home and contacted Fred Cole, who was then running a filling station at Stroud, Oklahoma, and that he had advised TED at this time that he should surrender himself to the authorities and serve out his sentence; that he, Fred Cole, had then left the filling station to contact the chief of police in Stroud for the purpose of surrendering TED COLE to him, but that on returning to the filling station with the chief of police they found that TED COLE had left. Mr. Cole stated that in the event that Subject COLE should make an appearance in Woodlake, California, he would immediately contact Agents and would also assist them in any way possible in the location of the fugitives.

MR. COLE was questioned as to the possibility of Agents maintaining a surveillance from the Cole home, and advised that such a procedure would be agreeable to him except for the fact that his wife

had been in an extremely nervous condition for some period of time and because of recent occurrences was, in his opinion, on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and that for this reason he preferred that some other arrangements be made inasmuch as he feared that Agents' presence at the Cole home would result in serious effects on his wife.

The provisions of the Federal harboring statute were explained to both MR. AND MRS. FRED COLE and they were cautioned against doing anything to jeopardize themselves.

Also present at the filling station during the interview with Fred Cole was a small boy, SAMP CRANKS, seventeen years of age, whom Mr. Cole stated was living at their home for a short period of time. This boy is not related to the Coles, but is the son of a friend of the family who lives at Clovis, California, who left the boy at the Cole home for a short period of time while he made a trip. Mr. Cole stated that this boy was unknown to Subject Cole, and advised that the boy would be present with the Cole family at all times. This boy was interviewed and stated that he knew nothing about the case other than what gossip he had picked up in Woodlake. On the subsequent trip made by the Coles to Bell, California, this boy accompanied them to Tulare, California, where he left the Coles. Fred Cole later stated that the Cranks boy was visiting his uncle and aunt at Tulare.

The writer then contacted Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON and advised him of the developments at Woodlake, California, and was later instructed by Mr. Hanson, who had meanwhile contacted the Bureau, that it was not desired that an attempt be made to establish a plant at the Cole home under the present conditions, but that arrangements should be made to cover the situation in some other manner.

Accordingly, contacts were made with Constable R. C. BROWN and Deputy Constable TOM ARCHER, who advised that they had already contacted the Coles and the neighbors and believed that they had established contacts such that they would be informed immediately should Fugitive COLE make an appearance in Woodlake, California. It might be stated here, however, that both Constable Brown and Deputy Archer, while promising their cooperation, did not give the impression of even average ability or alertness, and for this reason it was doubted that a great deal of reliance could be placed in them. Information was also obtained from various citizens in Woodlake to the effect that both Archer and Brown were prone to give out all information that came to them, and Agents were advised not to confide in these men to any great extent.

On the afternoon of December 18, 1937, both MRS. COLE and FRED COLE were again interviewed and information as to the relatives and possible contacts of Subject COLE was obtained. However, much of this information is mere duplication of what has already been reported in this case and also later in this report, and for that reason is not being set out here.

MRS. COLE was particularly interviewed as to any possible contacts that her son might have, but was unable to furnish Agents with any definite information. She stated that her son had been, in her opinion, more or less of a "lonely" boy and had made few friends in school or elsewhere; that he was considered by his associates in school as a "sissy" and that it was neighborhood gossip that TED spent most of his time at home with his mother. She stated that TED was born in Pittsburg, Kansas, but that shortly after his birth she had moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that TED had gone to school in that city, finishing the eighth grade except for one year during which he attended school in Eureka, Arkansas, when he was seven years old, and that he had also gone to school at the Atlantic School in Bell, California, for two or three months in 1929. She stated that TED COLE had no close friends in any of these cities to her knowledge.

MRS. COLE advised that her son had never been in any trouble until after his marriage to MARIE WYNNE; that he was married when he was nineteen years old, and that it was shortly after his marriage that he became involved in a robbery in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for which robbery he was later convicted and sentenced to the State Penitentiary. Mrs. Cole stated that in her opinion her son was not guilty of this offense, and that she and also other persons who were acquainted with TED felt that he had not received a fair trial or a just sentence in this case, and that she felt that his subsequent wrongdoing was due to the fact that he had been thus unfairly dealt with in the first instance. Mrs. Cole stated that she did not think that there was anything inherently wrong with her son, but that he was more or less the victim of circumstances.

It might be stated that interviews with Mrs. Cole were unsatisfactory and very difficult, and that throughout these interviews she interspersed quotations from the Bible and various religious teachings to clarify her feelings toward her son, stating that she felt that he was predestined from his birth to be unfortunate.

While MRS. COLE appears to be sympathetic toward her son and of the opinion that he has suffered injustice, it should be stated that she advised Agents on numerous occasions during interviews with

her that she would not be guided by any person's feelings that she might have which would be in conflict with her religious beliefs, and that she firmly believed that she must tell nothing but the truth and that for this reason she would furnish Agents with any information that she might receive, and cooperate in every way possible.

FRED COLE, when interviewed on numerous later occasions, also promised his fullest cooperation and advised Agents that he would furnish any information that he might receive that would be at all helpful in the location and apprehension of Subject Cole; that he would keep Agents posted as to all of his movements and the movements of his wife, and that Agents should feel free to contact him at any time for any reason whatever. It should also be stated that FRED COLE is presently receiving Veterans compensation from the Government, and that for this reason he has an additional incentive to cooperate with Agents. Mr. Cole impressed the writer and Agents Smith and Horn as being absolutely reliable and honest, and it is the writer's opinion that Mr. Cole will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Bureau.

During the period from December 18th to December 22nd, 1937, while Agents remained in Woodlake, California, numerous contacts were made at the Cole home and at the filling station where Mr. Cole was employed at various times of the day and night, and during the day the Cole home was also observed from a distance.

On December 20, 1937, FRED COLE advised that the man by whom he was employed at the filling station had sold out his interest in the station and that for that reason he, Fred Cole, would be no longer employed at the station but would be at home at the Cole farm.

Arrangements were made with Postmaster EDITH DAY to cover both incoming and outgoing mail of the Coles, and Miss Day advised on December 18th that a letter had been received that day postmarked Stroud, Oklahoma, on 12-15-37 at 6 p. m. Miss Day also advised on December 19th that a letter had been received by the Coles bearing the return address of 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California.

FRED COLE voluntarily advised Agents of the receipt of both of these letters immediately after their arrival, and stated that the first letter was from his wife's mother in Stroud, Oklahoma, and that the second letter was from his wife's daughter in Bell, California, and that each of the letters was merely offering condolences and contained no information as to the present whereabouts



of Fugitive Cole.

During Agents' stay in Woodlake, various rumors were circulated as to the presence of Subject COLE in the vicinity, which rumors when checked proved to be without foundation in fact and were evidently based on the fact that Agents were present in the town.

Deputy Constable ARCHER on one occasion advised the writer that he had been talking with a man who had just driven to Woodlake from Omaha, Nebraska, and was supposed to have seen Subject COLE on the road. However, Archer was unable to state who this man was or where he had seen Cole. An effort was made to locate this individual at Woodlake but no information as to his identity could be obtained.

On another occasion ARCHER stated that he had been conversing with a local farmer who stated that he knew where COLE was located, and that he had information to the effect that RALPH ROE was presently in Shawnee, Oklahoma. However, Archer was unable to give any facts as to the basis for this man's information. He at first refused to furnish the man's name, but later stated that the person who had furnished him with this information was C. J. JACKSON.

Agents contacted C. J. JACKSON who advised that he had no information as to the location of either of the fugitives in this case other than what he had heard as gossip around Woodlake; that on that morning, December 21, 1937, he had been talking with a friend of his who advised him that he had seen Subject Cole. Jackson refused to give the name of this friend, stating that he had promised to keep the information confidential, but that he would again contact this man and see what further information he could obtain. Shortly after the interview with Jackson he was observed in conversation with a disreputable looking individual on the street in Woodlake. Immediately at the conclusion of this conversation the writer again interviewed Jackson and questioned him as to whether this was the man who had furnished previous information as to the location of these fugitives, and Jackson stated that it was and that this man had just told him that he had seen Subject COLE that morning and that he knew where Subject Cole was hiding. Jackson stated that this man's name was LEE but that he did not know his first name. At this time Jackson was cautioned against circulating information concerning this case, whether true or untrue, and promised that should he receive any further information or rumors he would immediately contact Agent.

MR. CLAYTON, the individual reported to have furnished information to Jackson, was then interviewed by the writer and Special Agent H. A. Smith and denied that he had told anyone that he had seen Subject COLE, and stated that the only information he had was gossip which he had picked up in the poolhall at Woodlake, and that on the previous Sunday morning, December 19, 1937, he had been in the poolhall and had talked with ROYALE HART who had stated that he had seen Subject COLE and that he knew where Cole was presently hiding. Lee stated, however, that at the time of this conversation Hart was intoxicated and that for this reason he doubted whether Hart had actually seen Cole. Lee was also cautioned against circulating information and promised that in the future should he overhear any remarks concerning Cole's whereabouts he would furnish same to Agents.

MR. ROYALE HART was interviewed at his farm, which is located approximately a mile south and one-half mile east of Woodlake and is almost directly across the Saint John's River from the Fred Cole farm. Hart, who appeared to Agents to be of low mentality, and who admitted that he was drunk most of the time but was sober at the time of this interview, stated that he had made no remarks to the effect that he had seen Subject COLE at any time, but did admit that he may have made statements while he was intoxicated which were misinterpreted. Hart stated that on Saturday morning, December 18th, at about 7 o'clock when he went out to his farm to milk his cow he had been accosted by a stranger dressed in a pair of overalls, which individual inquired of him as to the location of the Cole farm. Hart stated that he told this man that the farm was located directly across the river and that the stranger had then questioned him as to whether he could swim across the river and Hart advised that it was possible to wade across the river. Hart said that the stranger then left in the general direction of the Cole farm, and that he did not know where he had eventually gone.

HART was shown photographs of the Subjects but was unable to identify either of them as the stranger that he had seen. He described this person as being about 5' 9" tall, slender in build, dark hair, wearing overalls and a dark shirt.

Although HART was vigorously interviewed with regard to this stranger, he could furnish no further information, but refused to admit that the stranger was the product of his imagination. Hart stated that he may have made some remarks at Woodlake concerning this stranger and had been misunderstood to mean that he had definitely seen TED COLE. He stated that he would not know either of the fugitives if he saw them, and that he had no information as to their present location. Hart was also cautioned against circulating rumors

concerning the fugitives and promised that in the future he would refrain from saying anything about this case to anyone other than Agents.

Although Hart's story as to the stranger supposed to have been seen by him on Saturday morning seemed unreliable, all possible efforts were made to ascertain whether or not it was true.

MR. BERT USRY who was present at the Cole home at the time Agents arrived at 8:30 Saturday morning, advised that he had been at the Cole home for approximately twenty minutes or half an hour prior to Agents' arrival, and that during this time he was sure that no one was present at the Cole farm other than himself and Mrs. Cole, and that he had seen no stranger in the neighborhood on that morning.

Other neighbors were interviewed, as will be reported later in this report, and each of them also stated that they had seen no stranger in the neighborhood between 7 a. m. and 8:30 a. m. on Saturday, although they were all outside doing chores at this time and it was daylight so that any of these persons could have observed such a stranger had one crossed the river to the Cole farm.

Both MR. AND MRS. COLE were again vigorously interviewed as to the possibility that TED COLE or anyone else could have been at their home on Saturday morning prior to Agents' visit, and both firmly denied that any person had called there. In this connection it might be noted that during the original interviews with both Mr. and Mrs. Cole they, of their own initiative, stated that they felt that TED COLE had most likely drowned, and each of them separately made inquiries of the writer as to the possibility of their securing the body of COLE in the event that it was recovered. These inquiries were made in a most sincere manner, and it is believed that the inquiries were honest and without a desire to mislead.

It will be observed that had a stranger such as was described by Hart left the Hart farm around 7 o'clock Saturday morning and proceeded across the river to the Cole farm, it would have been necessary for him to have traveled this distance of approximately one-half mile on foot and again left the Cole farm prior to 8 o'clock the same morning, at which time Bert Usry arrived at the Cole farm. Due to the improbability of such an

occurrence, and also due to the character and reputation of Royale Hart, it is believed that his story concerning the stranger was merely concocted by him for the purpose of arousing gossip in Woodlake and thereby attaching some importance to himself.

MR. ED YORK, whose farm is located approximately one-half mile west of the Cole farm, was interviewed and stated that he had absolutely no information as to the presence of either of the fugitives in the community, and that the only knowledge that he had that the Coles had a son in Alcatraz was such as he had obtained from the newspapers since the escape. He advised that he had been contacted by local officers and had promised them his cooperation, and that he would also cooperate with Agents in furnishing any information he might obtain. He advised that he had observed nothing which would be of interest in the instant investigation. Mr. York appeared to be a very ignorant type of person, and while he promised his cooperation it is doubtful whether he can be of much assistance.

MR. GEORGE W. ASHEVILLE, whose farm is located approximately five hundred yards east of the Cole farm, stated that he had no information of interest and that his only information concerning TED COLE or RALPH ROE was such as he had obtained from the newspapers, and that he had not previously known that the Coles had a son in Alcatraz. Mr. Asheville appeared to be an intelligent and level-headed individual and promised his absolute cooperation. Mr. Asheville also advised that he would make it a point to observe the Cole farm during the day and would furnish Agents with any information that he might obtain.

MRS. GEORGE ASHEVILLE was interviewed by Agent Smith and appeared reluctant to discuss the instant case with Agent. She stated that she felt very sorry for Mrs. Cole, and realized that Mrs. Cole was placed in a very embarrassing and sad predicament because of her son. Because of Mrs. Asheville's attitude, it is doubtful whether she would cooperate in furnishing any information, although she stated that she would do so.

MR. BERT USRY, who lives in a small shack located approximately three hundred yards north of the Asheville farm, furnished information as previously indicated, but in addition to this stated that he had nothing which would be of interest in the instant investigation. Mr. Usry advised that the first indication he had of the fact that the Coles had a son in Alcatraz Prison was received by him on his visit to the Cole farm on the morning of

December 18, 1937. Mr. Usry appeared to be an honest and cooperative individual, and stated that he would furnish Agents with any information he might obtain.

MRS. BERT USRY was also interviewed, and while she appeared to be an honest and conscientious woman, she also showed evidence of sympathy for Mrs. Cole and refused to state whether or not she would furnish any information should she obtain same, but did say that in the event that she obtained any information she would, of course, furnish it to her husband, and that she would be guided by his decision as to whether or not it should be furnished to the authorities.

As previously stated, all of these neighbors have been contacted by the local law-enforcement officers, who have in turn promised to furnish this Bureau with any information they might obtain. The address and telephone number of the Los Angeles Field Division was left with each of the persons contacted, and they were also advised of the provisions of the Federal harboring statute.

On the afternoon of December 21, 1937, FRED COLE advised the writer that he and his wife were contemplating a trip to Bell, California, for the purpose of spending the holidays with their daughter, and asked for Agent's advice as to whether they should make this trip. Mr. Cole was advised that it was not the Bureau's desire to interfere in any way with the activities of either himself or his wife, and that they should make any trips that they cared to so long as they advised Agents of the fact that they were making such trips. Mr. Cole then stated that he and his wife would leave Woodlake on the afternoon of December 22nd and would proceed to Lindsay, California, where they would visit MR. and MRS. GEORGE MORRIS, spending the night there, and that they would proceed to Bell, California, on the following day. This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Hanson by telephone, and the writer was advised that arrangements should be made to cover the Coles during their trip.

Also on the afternoon of December 22nd Special Agent in Charge Hanson advised the writer by telephone that information had been received to the effect that TED COLE had relatives at Merced, California, and instructed Special Agent A. D. HORN to proceed to Merced and contact Sheriff Cornell at that city and conduct such other investigation as might be necessary.

Agent HORN proceeded to Merced and the following investigation is reported by him:

AT MERCED, CALIFORNIA

On December 22, 1937, Sheriff N. L. CORNELL advised that JERRY M. FINSTER, Livingston, California, had contacted Chief of Police HORACE GILBERT, who stated he has known Finster for 15 years and that he is quite reliable and a reputable citizen, and himself and furnished the following information:

Finster's niece married BEN MCDANIEL in Oklahoma and is presently residing with him on Finster's ranch about four miles from Livingston, California. Ben McDaniel is an uncle of TED COLE and a brother of his mother, Mrs. Fred Cole, at Woodlake, California. They have several children, among them being Verna, Roy and Keith McDaniel, all under thirty years of age, all bad boys and outlaws. (Verne was arrested on October 24, 1937, and is presently confined in the Merced County Jail for drunk driving. Sheriff Cornell furnished Agent with a copy of the criminal record of Verne which is copied hereinafter.) R. McDaniel, a cousin of the McDaniel boys and a second-hand car dealer, lives in Oakland. Roy and Keith left home in their little Willys automobile, which has a big box on the back, last Thursday or Friday, and returned in the early morning hours Monday, December 20, 1937. They were supposed to have visited their cousin in Oakland, California. Roy or Keith was a member of an outlaw gang in Oklahoma and killed a negro.

Sheriff Cornell stated that Finster is working with Ben McDaniel and one of his boys and has the confidence of the McDaniel family and is an excellent contact and informant; that he is a personal friend of Horace Gilbert, Chief of Police, Livingston, and will cooperate fully; that he is planning on taking a jug of wine and going out to the McDaniel home over Christmas and endeavor to find out some information concerning Ted Cole; that Finster can be contacted through Chief Gilbert.

Sheriff Cornell stated that Finster also related other information concerning the McDaniel and Cole families which left no doubt in his mind that Finster was relating the truth; that Finster had stated that one of the sons of Ben McDaniel, Allan McDaniel, is working for Sears and Roebuck Co., Nobleville, Indiana.

The above information was immediately telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Hanson at the Los Angeles Division, and with his approval an appointment was made by Sheriff Cornell with Chief Gilbert for an interview with Finster on this same evening.

In the meantime, in company with Sheriff Cornell, Agent interviewed MISS DORA SHIMER, waitress at the Roses We Eat Cafe, who advised that on the evening of December 20, 1937, two men, one wearing dark glasses and a little taller than the other, who was about 5' 8" tall, came into the cafe and ordered pie and coffee; that they appeared nervous and in a hurry; that she only noticed them because the shorter fellow had a noticeable scar about 2" long extending up his right cheek from the corner of his mouth; that the man wearing glasses asked how far it was from San Francisco and she told them; that, however, they entered a coupe and apparently proceeded out of Merced toward Los Angeles. Agent exhibited the photographs of Ted Cole and Ralph Roe to Miss Shimer but she was unable to identify either.

#### AT LIVINGSTON, CALIFORNIA

JERRY M. FINSTER advised Agent in the presence of Chief of Police Horace Gilbert, Sheriff N. L. Cornell and Deputy Sheriff Morse, that he was from Indiana but had resided in California for the last 49 years; that he owns the ranch in which Ben McDaniel and his family have resided during the last two years; that prior to coming to California, McDaniel and his family resided in the Salt River Valley, believed to be near Phoenix, Arizona, for about six months; that he believes prior to that they lived at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Ben McDaniel had been engaged in looking after ranches for a banking company, but drank so much that he lost the job and took up horse trading.

Finster stated that ANNA FINSTER, his niece and the daughter of his brother, John Finster, age 82, who resides with his wife at Fellows, California, but who formerly had a ranch in Oklahoma near the Red River, married Ben McDaniel and lived at Tulsa, Oklahoma, with him where they had six boys and two girls who were raised with and grew up with Ted Cole; that Ben McDaniel is a brother to Mrs. Fred Cole, Ted Cole's mother, at Woodlake, California; that he has a sister in Oklahoma, name and address unknown; that he, Finster, believes that he also has a brother living in Oakland with R. McDaniel, a second-hand car dealer, and nephew of Ben McDaniel.

Finster claimed that he was positive that Ben McDaniel is a brother of Mrs. Fred Cole; that he has often heard Ben remark about receiving correspondence from his sister Mrs. Cole at Woodlake and Visalia, California; that his niece, Mrs. Ben McDaniel, is of the same religion, which is very peculiar, as Mrs. Fred Cole and he has heard her speak of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Cole at Woodlake, California, numerous times during the last two years; that in July, 1937, she and her daughter, who is about 18 years old, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole for about a week at Woodlake, California.

Finster stated that although he has known that Mrs. Fred Cole is a sister to Ben McDaniel for about a year and a half, he never knew until last Sunday that she was the mother of Ted Cole; that last Sunday, Ben McDaniel, while partially intoxicated, told him this fact and related the above facts relative to his boys being raised with Ted Cole in Tulsa and boasted that he had known Ted Cole since he was a baby; that Fred Cole is both uncle and stepfather to Ted Cole inasmuch as he married Ted Cole's mother after her first husband, his brother, died. Finster also stated that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole visited the McDaniels at Livingston, California, about a year or so ago.

Finster stated that the religion of his niece and Mrs. Fred Cole is very peculiar in that they themselves inflict some sort of punishment on a wrongdoer in their family, but consistently, according to their belief, try to prevent the law, which term they all apply to all officers, from arresting or punishing them.

Finster further stated that Ben McDaniel is a peculiar individual; that he is a drunkard, against all law and order, and proud of the criminal exploits of his sons; that on occasions when he has been intoxicated he has boasted that Verne McDaniel, a man named Thompson and Ted Cole did bank robbing and killing in Oklahoma; that he related how on one occasion these three got into a fight at a dance and a negro got his face cut from ear to ear, a feat that Verne, his son, has to account for; that about a year or so ago Ben McDaniel while under the influence of liquor, told him that he had just seen a friend from Oklahoma named Thompson whom "the Law" had been after for two years for robbery and murder.

He stated that Ben McDaniel and his boys are all a hard lot and that the boys often get into fierce fights among themselves. In this connection, Deputy Sheriff Morse advised



that several months ago he was called out to settle a fight between Verne and one of his brothers whom Verne hurt quite badly.

Finster stated that he has always been for law and order and does not approve of such things as Ben McDaniel boasts of and as goes on in the McDaniel family; that he has no use for the family and would like to get rid of them; that, however, he is quite friendly with Ben and the boys and has the confidence of Ben McDaniel; that after Ben had told him about Ted Cole's kinship and that Ted Cole was smart and that he knew he got across the water to shore all right and that after he learned about the trip of Roy and Keith and that they came back home during the night in the early morning hours, that he had his suspicions and came to Chief Gilbert and Sheriff Cornell and related the above information.

Finster urgently requested that his name be not mentioned in any way in connection with this matter and that the source of this information be kept strictly confidential because if any of the McDaniel family knew he was furnishing the above information they might kill him.

He agreed to go through with his plan to get Ben McDaniel and possibly the boys drunk on Christmas and endeavor to find out information about Ted Cole; he agreed to contact Chief Gilbert or Sheriff Cornell as soon as possible after he obtained any information. He stated that a day or so ago Ben McDaniel had asked him what he was going to do Christmas and invited him over to the ranch; that he has not been to the ranch since Roy and Keith got back from their trip.

Chief Gilbert and Sheriff Cornell stated that a TRUMAN MCDANIEL had got into a fight with Verne McDaniel a few months ago and had also passed a bad check. Finster stated that Truman McDaniel is another relative believed to be a nephew of Ben McDaniel.

Finster described the ranch as a building built on the ground, four rooms and a pantry, a small water house with a tank on top, a garage and a chicken house, with the buildings surrounded with vineyards and a lawn and a few flower trees in front of the house.

He stated that the persons now residing at the ranch are as follows: Ben and his wife, four boys and two girls.

It was deemed inadvisable to interview Verne McDaniel in the Merced County Jail for fear he might get word to the family.

In connection with the above investigation, Sheriff Cornell stated that although he realized that the Bureau would handle the investigation in this matter in this county as it deemed best, that he would appreciate very much to be allowed to cooperate and assist in the investigation and that such credit as might be due to his office be given in view of the fact that he will be up for re-election in the near future.

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The criminal record of VERNE McDANIEL, as received from the Bureau dated November 3, 1937, FBI #245682, is as follows:

PD, Sapulpa, Okla. as Verne McDaniel #787, 3-31-29, inv. - susp. safe blowing; turned over to Co. and rel.

S Ref., Granite, Okla. Vern McDaniels #7419, 11-14-29, G. I. 2 yrs., 6 mos.

SO, Sapulpa, Okla. Vern McDanil #2799, 6-9-31, car theft.

PD, Phoenix, Ariz. Verne McDaniels #58166, 3-24-34, begging; \$25 or 25 days comm. 3-26-37.

City and Co. B. of I., Bakersfield, Calif. Berne Ralph McDaniels, #3204, 5-19-34, att. robbery; rel. to leave Co.

PD, Ft. Worth, Tex. Verne Ralph McDaniels #Ex-14122, 1-6-35 inv.; rel.

PD, El Centro, Calif. Geo. Odell #9659; 2-23-35 drunk; \$5 or 2½ days (serving time).

PD, Berkeley, Calif. Verne Ralph McDaniel #3733-D-10; 4-9-36 Applicant for solicitor's permit.

SO, Madera, Calif. Verne McDaniel #5678, 10-5-36 reckless driving; \$250 or 125 days G. J.

PD, Tulare, Calif. Verne McDaniel #781-A, 10-3-37 driving while drunk.

SO, Merced, Calif. Verne McDaniel #354-M, 10-24-37 - 502 C.V.C.

\* Out on \$1000 bond, chg. G. L., Sup. Crt., Bristow, Okla.  
(As on prt. #787.)

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#### AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

MR. AND MRS. FRED COLE were subsequently interviewed and stated that they had no relatives named McDANIELS living at Livingston, California, and that fugitive COLE had no relatives or associates in that neighborhood. Mrs. Cole explained that Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels were members of the Church of The First Born of which church the Coles are also members, and that it is the practice of members of this church to address each other as "brother" and "sister" and that for this reason the Coles and McDaniels referred to each other as brothers and sisters, and this evidently is the reason for the misapprehension as to the relationship between the Cole and McDaniels families. Mrs. Cole stated that she had been casually acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels in Oklahoma previous to their coming to California, and that since their arrival in California the two families have visited each other and have associated with each other in the church, but that there is absolutely no relationship between them, and that TED COLE is not known personally to any members of the McDaniels family, and that so far as she knows Subject Cole is not even acquainted with the fact that the McDaniels are residing in California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. N. FRANKE on December 22, 1937:

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

In accordance with instructions received from Special Agent in Charge JOHN H. HANSON, Agent Franke reinterviewed MRS. GOLA (VIOLET) DAWSON, 6238 Gifford, Avenue, half-sister of Subject COLE, in an effort to ascertain whether she has any relatives by the name of McDANIELS, at which time she stated that to her knowledge she has none and never knew anyone by this name, but did know a lady named MRS. GLADYS DANIELS who, with her husband, runs a dairy at Woodlake, California. Mrs. Dawson further stated that to her knowledge Mrs. Daniels has no children. At this interview with Mrs. Dawson her husband was not at home, she stating that he went to a Christmas festival with two of the smaller children.

Agent Franke also questioned her concerning her knowledge of anyone named FLOYD HILL at Woodlake, California, and she stated that she did not know anyone by that name but did know a MRS. HILL who is an officer of the Presbyterian Church at Woodlake, and that she believes this Mrs. Hill has several small children, but no grown sons.

At this time Agent Franke further questioned Mrs. Dawson concerning cousins of Subject COLE, at which time she advised that MRS. WILLIAM (ALTA) COLLINS, an aunt of Subject Cole, has two sons, named JOHN and LESTER, both of whom lived with their parents; at Stroud, Oklahoma; that MRS. FANNIE BAUGHMAN, aunt of Subject Cole, has four living children, they being MRS. TIM (JENNIE) HELITT, who lives near Stroud, Oklahoma; MRS. RALPH (MAY) PAYNE, who lives near or at Roseville, California, and MARGARET and CLARA, whose whereabouts Mrs. Dawson did not know but believed that Clara was now married. Mrs. Dawson further stated that a fifth child was Mabel, now deceased. Mrs. Dawson also advised that ERNEST BRACE, uncle of Subject Cole, has three children, they being MELVIN, JAUNITA and VESTAL, all single and living with their parents at Stroud, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Dawson also advised that her mother, ESTHER COLE, has another sister named LILLIE BRACE who died about two years ago at Stroud, Oklahoma; that Lillie was married twice and Mrs. Dawson believes that both of her husbands are dead and that the first husband was named WACKILHENEY (phonetic); that as a result of these

two marriages, Lillie had three children, they being MRS. BILL  
(LOTTIE) GROVES, who lives in Stroud, Oklahoma; THELMA, married,  
name unknown, who lives somewhere in or near Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
and LEE, who is believed to live at Stroud also.

Mrs. Dawson further advised that her mother also  
had a brother named FRED BRACE, now deceased, who had a son named  
CHARLES BRACE who, to her knowledge, was last working for Montgomery  
& Ward in Amarillo, Texas; that Fred Brace's wife was named DONA, but  
she remarried and is presently living in or near Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

At this time Mrs. Dawson was unable to recall the  
names of any other relatives of Subject Cole, but stated that she  
thought her mother had several other brothers and sisters all of  
whom died while quite young.

She also advised that Subject COLE's wife's name was  
MARIE, who lived at Alpema Pass, Arkansas.

At this time Mrs. Dawson was also asked whether she  
knew if Subject COLE had been in trouble in Bell, California, con-  
cerning bad checks, and she advised that to her knowledge he had  
not been in any trouble as he was only about fifteen years old at  
that time and was going to grade school.

It may be stated that she appeared very cooperative  
and stated that if she should receive any information concerning  
the whereabouts of Subject COLE she would immediately get in touch  
with the Los Angeles Field Division.

A telegram was sent to the San Francisco Field  
Division advising them of the name and address of MRS. RALPH PAYNE,  
cousin of Subject Cole.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. N. PRANKE on December 20, 1937:

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

Inasmuch as a twenty-four-hour plant was being maintained at 6248<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Gifford Avenue in order that the home of MRS. VIOLET DAWSON could be kept under surveillance, the matter of advising WILLARD B. STEELE, Chief of Police, Bell, California, home telephone LA 7094, was discussed with Special Agent in Charge John H. Hanson, at which time it was deemed advisable to notify Chief Steele of this surveillance inasmuch as he has always been very cooperative with the Los Angeles Field Division in the past.

Accordingly, Special Agents R. N. PRANKE and F. M. STONE interviewed Chief Steele at which time he was told of the plant, and upon being advised that Subject COLE formerly lived on Acacia Street during 1928 or 1929 he stated that he believed he remembered COLE being in Bell at that time, and upon being shown Cole's photograph he was more positive of this, as Chief Steele advised that he, Steele, lived at that time on Seelina Street, which adjoins Acacia Street, the latter being only a block long. He further advised that he believed his department at that time had a bad check warrant for this lad named Cole, but was not positive of it, and upon checking his old records was unable to find any record of any warrant.

Chief Steele called into his office his two night officers, CHARLES B. WHITE and H. EVERLEN, who were shown photographs of Subjects and were instructed by Chief Steele to be on the lookout for them at Bell. It may be stated they were not told of the plant being maintained, but were merely advised by Chief Steele that Subjects may appear in Bell at some time or other.

Chief Steele was given photostatic copies of photographs of Subjects with descriptions, and stated that he also would keep a constant lookout for Subjects in Bell.

Chief Steele promised to keep the above information confidential and stated that the same would not be given out to anyone. At that time he also extended the services of his department to the Los Angeles Field Division should the occasion arise in Bell as a result of the plant being maintained there.

On December 22, 1937, the writer and Agent Smith left Woodlake, California, and followed MR. AND MRS. COLE in their automobile to Lindsay, California, where the Coles were observed to drive to the home of MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MORRIS, located on Elm Avenue, just outside of Lindsay, at which home they spent the night. No one was seen to contact the Coles during this time other than the immediate members of the Morris family.

On December 23, 1937, the Coles left Lindsay at 7:30 a. m. and were followed by Agent Smith and the writer to Bell, California, where they drove to the home of their daughter, VIOLET DAWSON, at 6238 Gifford Avenue. They made no contacts with anyone during this trip, and immediately upon arriving at the Dawson home were under surveillance from the plant being maintained by the Los Angeles office on this home.

The Coles advised the writer previous to their departure from Woodlake, California, that they intended to remain at the Dawson home for a period of three or four days and would communicate with the Los Angeles office and advise as to the date of their return to Woodlake.

#### AT ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

MRS. JAMES (FAE) ROE, who had previously been located by Agents in Arcadia, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent H. A. Smith on December 23, 1937, at which time she stated that she had been married to JAMES ROE since 1930; that she had met James Roe in 1927 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, at which time Roe was bootlegging whiskey and that Roe was arrested and sent to Leavenworth Penitentiary from which place he was released in 1930; that at the time she met him in Kansas City, Kansas, where they were married. She stated that they lived together for approximately four years, but that Roe was again arrested in Wichita, Kansas, in 1934 for bootlegging and was sentenced to Leavenworth Penitentiary, from which penitentiary he was again released in July, 1937. She stated that she had visited her husband at Leavenworth in 1935, but had not seen him since that time. She stated that she presently intended to get a divorce from her husband; that she had received one letter from him since his release in July, which letter was mailed from Tulsa, Oklahoma, but that she had no idea as to his present location and suggested that his location might be secured from the probation officer at Tulsa, to whom her husband was conditionally released.

FAE ROE stated that she was herself under probation having been arrested with her husband in 1934; that her probation would expire in April 1938; that she felt that her present embarrassment was due to her husband and his family; that she did not feel obligated to them in any way and would cooperate with Agents in any manner possible in locating fugitive RALPH ROE, but that she had no information of value in connection with this fugitive. She stated that she had only seen Ralph Roe on one occasion, in 1933, when he visited with her and her husband in Wichita, Kansas, for a period of two weeks; that she disliked Ralph from the first time she saw him and that she would not hesitate to furnish information that she might obtain concerning him. She advised that Ralph Roe had no further contact with her since his visit at Wichita, and that he did not know her present whereabouts, and that even if he did know where she was she did not feel that he would contact her.

MRS. ROE was thoroughly interviewed as to any possible information she might have as to contacts of either RALPH ROE or her husband, and advised that she could furnish no information of this nature. She stated that she was not acquainted with the other members of the Roe family, but did know RAYMOND ROE, her brother-in-law, whom she believed to be a very fine man and who was supposed to be working in the oil fields in Kansas, although she did not know his address.

With respect to her husband's flying ability, Mrs. Roe stated that he had taken flying lessons in Tulsa but had not finished his course and that she did not feel that he was a competent aviator although he had made a few short flights by himself.

With respect to her own relatives, MRS. ROE advised that they are as follows:

Father and Mother - Mr. and Mrs. T. W. BLACKBURN,  
Route 5, Apache, Oklahoma;

Sister - MRS. NANNIE BRATTON, Hobart, Oklahoma;

Brother - WAYNE BLACKBURN, Hobart, Oklahoma;

Brother, - KAY BLACKBURN, Route 2, Gotebo, Okla.;

Sister - MRS. HAZEL SMITH, Arcadia, California.



The Federal harboring statutes were explained to Mrs. Roe, and she promised that in the event that she learned anything that could possibly be of assistance in connection with the instant investigation she would furnish same to the Los Angeles office.

#### AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On the night of December 22, 1937, Detective-Lieutenant HURST of the Los Angeles Police Department called Special Agent in Charge Hanson on the phone and stated that his mother who had arrived on the Sunset Limited from Oakland, Calif. that morning had seen THEODORE COLE on the train.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS M. MULHERIN:

MRS. E. G. HURST, 1431 McCadden Place, Los Angeles, California (phone Glendale 2965), mother of Detective-Lieutenant Hurst, stated that she was on the first section of the Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, which left Oakland on the night of December 21, 1937. Mrs. Hurst stated that she was unable to obtain a berth until she arrived at San Jose, California, at which time she secured Lower 14 on the tourist sleeper, the only tourist sleeper on the train. She stated that after performing her toilet in the morning and about 7 a. m. she returned to the tourist sleeper and found most of the berths still up so that she had to occupy a seat with another woman and a man. She stated that she sat next to the woman while the man occupied the opposite seat and she had an opportunity to observe him very closely. She stated that she was struck by the marked resemblance to THEODORE COLE whose photograph she had observed in the newspapers recently. She described this man as follows:

Age:	Middle twenties
Height:	5 feet 8 inches
Weight:	145 pounds
Facial characteristics:	Turned up nose, very pale, dark hair, dark eyes
Scars:	None observed
Glasses:	Shell rimmed with dark frame
Attire:	Brown suit, shirt and tie; all appeared new
Build:	Slender, very erect.

It will be noted that Mrs. Hurst states that the man she saw had dark eyes, while those of COLE are described as blue; and also that she observed no scars, while COLE is stated to have two scars on his face.

Mrs. Hurst stated that after noticing the resemblance of the man on the train to Cole, he arose to go to the mens' room. She stated that she also immediately arose so that she could observe his height and found that he was approximately one inch taller than she, and that he would therefore be five feet eight inches.

Mrs. Hurst stated that the woman who sat next to her, who did not appear to be with COLE, and she, Mrs. Hurst, endeavored to start a conversation by making general remarks, but that the man said that he was very deaf and asked them to write their questions on a pad which he proffered. Mrs. Hurst said that while he stated he was deaf he apparently was quite conscious of the whistle of the train and also every time anyone walked in the aisle near them he would look up quickly and observe them. Mrs. Hurst also said that the man appeared to be very much engrossed in several newspapers which he had with him and apparently did not wish to encourage any efforts at conversation.

Mrs. Hurst was shown a group of photographs taken from the Los Angeles bank robbery album to which were added a full front photograph of COLE bearing the notation "Dallas 13324 1 7 35" and also a front and side view of COLE bearing similar notations. She unhesitatingly selected the full front photograph of COLE as having been that of the man she saw and stated that the photograph showing the front and side view of COLE resembled very much that of the man she saw, although she was not positive of this last identification.

Mrs. Hurst said that the man who resembled Cole got off the train at Glendale, California. She said she did not notice whether or not he had any baggage. Mrs. Hurst got off the train at Los Angeles. She said that she told no one of the incident except her son, Detective-Lieutenant Hurst, who referred the matter to the Los Angeles Bureau office.

A. E. DEIBERT, Chief Clerk, Pullman Company, 526 Central Avenue, Los Angeles, stated that the Sunset Limited which left San Francisco at 8 p. m. on the night of December 21, 1937, carried one tourist sleeper in the first section, the second having no tourist sleeper. This tourist sleeper was numbered 4146. The Pullman conductor was A. M. CLARK, 3109 Chaucer Street, Los Angeles, and the Pullman porter on the tourist sleeper was J. J. JONES, address unknown, the latter continuing with the train and was due to arrive in New Orleans on the night of December 23, 1937. Mr. Deibert stated that the reservation list showing information as to the names of the passengers occupying berths on the tourist sleeper would be in the San Francisco office of the Pullman Company.

A telegram was sent to the New Orleans Bureau Office asking that J. J. Jones, porter, be interviewed upon his arrival in New Orleans to ascertain if he could identify photographs of COLE as being those of a man who had been on his train on the night of December 21 and the morning of December 22, and, if so, determine what space he occupied so that an effort could be made to identify him through the passenger list. On receipt of advice from the New Orleans office that JONES had identified the Subject as occupying Section 4 and Upper 5 in this car, the San Francisco office was telegraphically requested to secure from the Pullman Company in San Francisco all possible information concerning the passengers in these berths.

ALBERT M. CLARK, 3109 Chaucer Street, Los Angeles, stated that he was the Pullman conductor on the first section of the Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company leaving San Francisco on the night of December 21, 1937. He stated that he remembered Mrs. Hurst who obtained a reservation for Lower 14 on the tourist sleeper at San Jose, California. After examining photographs of THEODORE COLE he said that he felt certain that COLE did not have a reservation on his train. Clark stated that he had an unusually good memory for faces which enabled him to determine immediately when a passenger from whom he had not previously obtained a ticket got on the train, and he felt that because of the dilated nostrils of COLE he would have remembered him if he had been on the train.

Clark said that the Sunset Limited leaving San Francisco on the night of December 21 would not arrive in New Orleans until the night of December 24, and that the name of the Pullman porter on the tourist sleeper was J. J. JACKSON instead

of J. J. JONES. However, as it was felt that the New Orleans office would have no difficulty in ascertaining similar information, no modifying telegram was sent to that office.

JOHN C. NELSON, dispatcher of the Yellow Cab Co., 100 N. Brand Ave., Glendale, California, telephonically advised that the following six cab drivers were assigned to the Glendale station on the morning of December 22 and every other morning:

<u>Driver</u>	<u>Cab No.</u>
R. T. Eyre	143
Edward Ralston	144
Clifford Park	145
A. V. Stafford	146
Norwood Overman	147
Extra Cab (Probably W. E. Joyce)	142

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agents THOMAS M. MULHERIN and JOHN H. ROCHE:

WESLEY HEMMINGER, starter for the Yellow Cab Co., Glendale Southern Pacific Station, stated that the information given above by Nelson as to the cab drivers assigned to the Glendale station was correct, except that in addition CARL KUHUNS, who drove a limousine for the Yellow Cab Co., might also possibly pick up a passenger at that station. Hemminger stated that the Yellow Cab Co. had an exclusive franchise for the station and no other company or independent was permitted to operate automobiles for hire from that station. Hemminger was shown photographs of COLE but failed to make any identification of them.

All the cab drivers above listed and Carl Kuhuns were interviewed early the morning of December 24th. All were interviewed at the Glendale station except Norwood Overman, who was interviewed at his home at 201 S. Central Ave., Glendale. In addition, another extra driver, PAUL RIBBLEY, was interviewed. All stated that they could not identify the photographs of COLE as being those of any person who had ever been a passenger in their cabs.

In addition to the cab drivers, six red cap porters bearing the numbers 6, 15, 43, 84, 92 and 101 were interviewed and

all stated that they had not seen anyone resembling the photographs of THEODORE COLE.

Special Agent O'CONNELL of the Southern Pacific Railroad, who is assigned to the Glendale station, was interviewed and shown the photographs of COLE and RALPH ROE, but he said that he had no recollection of seeing anyone answering their descriptions at the Glendale Southern Pacific Station.

The following memorandum was prepared by Special Agent R. N. PRANKE on December 24, 1937:

In connection with the plant being maintained at 6248 $\frac{1}{2}$  Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, it may be stated that the same was commenced on Saturday morning, December 18, 1937, by Special Agents FRED FINLEY and J. C. SLOANE, who were assisted by Special Agents PRANKE and F. M. STONE. This plant was maintained twenty-four hours a day and is so being maintained at the present time in accordance with Bureau instructions. On December 21st Agents Finley and Sloane were relieved by Agents A. R. MILLER and W. W. TOMLINSON.

It may be stated that a log is being kept of the activities of the DAWSON family, but up to the present time no information of value has been received, nor have any strangers answering Subjects' descriptions been noted in the Dawson premises.

Special Agent in Charge JOHN H. HANSON has made appropriate arrangements with the telephone company whereby a phone will be installed in the Leonard Stampfli home.

In reference to the mail cover that was placed on the mail of the Dawson family, the postmaster at Bell, California, telephonically advised Special Agent Pranke that on December 18, 1937, a typewritten letter was delivered to GOLA DAWSON, the same being postmarked at the Arcade Annex Station in Los Angeles at 12 o'clock noon, December 17th, and that this letter did not contain any return address.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY

The Oklahoma City office will conduct appropriate investigation with respect to the relatives of Subject COLE based on the information contained in the details of this report.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles office will continue to maintain surveillances of Violet Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole at Bell, California, and Woodlake, California.

AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, at the Douglas Aircraft Plant, will interview Joe Roberts, a correspondent of James W. Roe, as mentioned in reference report of Special Agent R. N. Franke dated Los Angeles 12-22-37.

P E N D I N G

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

December 29, 1937.

Time: 2:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe  
from Alcatraz

With reference to the surveillance being maintained by the Dallas Office on the home of John Barker, Childress, Texas, in view of the possibility that the fugitives might go there, Mr. Blake called and advised that Special Agent Coulter who has been on this plant has contacted an informant who is highly reliable and who can be trusted implicitly. Mr. Blake stated this individual has entree into the Barker home since the Barkers reside with an elderly individual about 70 years of age and the informant has occasion to talk to the old man. Mr. Blake suggested removing Coulter from the house and engaging the services of the informant.

I told him to do this, instructing the informant to report to the Dallas Office should anything develop.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

*SW*  
*Alcatraz*

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ORRIS BEEN. BEEN INTERVIEWED HERE

FBI SALT LAKE CITY 12-30-37

DIRECTOR, SACS LOS ANGELES, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE, ETAL. REFER TELEGRAM FROM LOS ANGELES

DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT CONCERNING ORRIS BEEN. BEEN INTERVIEWED HERE

TODAY ADVISES TRAVELS WITH CREW OF TWENTY SEVEN SALESMEN FOR NATIONAL

CIRCULATING CO., HEADQUARTERS SEVEN NAUGHT SEVEN RKO BUILDING NEW YORK

CITY. EMPLOYED BY COMPANY SEVEN YEARS. SALESMEN AGES RUN FROM SEVENTEEN

TO TWENTY FOUR, TRAVEL IN FIVE CARS ALL REGISTERED BEENS NAME, TWO PLY-

MOUTH SEDANS BOTH BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE PLATES, NUMBER UNKNOWN, TWO

CHEVROLET SEDANS BEARING OKLAHOMA PLATES FIVE TWO SIX DDASH NINE NAUGHT

FOUR AND THREE TWO ONE NINE SEVEN EIGHT, AND ONE OLDSMOBILE SEDAN BEARING

WYOMING PLATES, NUMBER NOT KNOWN. BEEN STATES ENTIRE CREW IN PORTLAND,

OREGON DECEMBER FIFTH TO TWELFTH, ALL LEFT PORTLAND LATTER DATE WORKING

SMALL TOWNS IN OREGON, MEETING IN MEDFORD, OREGON. ALL LEFT MEDFORD

MORNING DECEMBER NINETEEN CROSSING CALIFORNIA-OREGON BOUNDARY THAT DAY.

BEEN DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY FIVE HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT

ONE SEVENTY, HAIR BLACK, EYES BLUE, NATIVITY HENRYETTA OKLAHOMA.

DENIES PURCHASING BOOKLETS ON TIDES, STATES ONE CHEVROLET AND OLDSMOBILE

DRIVERS HAROLD FRAZIER AND STANLEY RAYNOCK NOW IN SACREMTNO CALIFORNIA.

DRIVERS AND CREWS STAYING HOTEL LENHART THERE. BOTH CREWS PROCEEDING

EUGENE OREGON NEXT WEEK. ONE PLYMOUTH SEDAN NOW AT BEAVER UTAH WITH CREW

OTHER PLYMOUTH SEDAN NOW AT CARSON CITY NEVADA WITH CREW, BOTH ARRIVING

SALT LAKE CITY JANUARY FIRST WHERE WILL STOP SEVERAL DAYS, THEREAFTER

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Boardman
- 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

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FUGITIVE

PROCEEDING EAST. REFERENCE TELEGRAM DID NOT INDICATE LICENSE OF CAR BEEN  
IN OR WHEN CROSSED CALIFORNIA-OREGON BOUNDARY, ALTHOUGH PRESUMED REQUEST  
FOR INTERVIEW BASED ON FACT HE WAS IN CAR CROSSING SUCH BOUNDARY ON DEC-  
EMBER FIFTEEN OR SIXTEENTH. LOS ANGELES OFFICE WILL ADVISE WHAT CAR AND  
LICENSE BEEN SUPPOSED TO BE IN IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH OF FIVE CARS  
REGISTERED TO HIM CROSSED BOUNDARY.

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TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #10472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

R. B. Cornett, Rt. 2, Stroud, Okla. advises when Cole escaped from OSPen. in fall of 1934, he went to the home of Jim and Ruth Barker, relatives of Fred Cole at Childress, Texas and stayed 5 days. Dallas office informed telephonically 12-24-37 and requested conduct appropriate investigation. On telephonic instruction from Mr. Tamm of Bureau on 12-27-37, Dallas office telephonically instructed to maintain surveillance on home of Jim and Ruth Barker. Allison "Bud" Raney, Rt. 2, Stroud, made signed statement admitting statements he made to R. B. Cornett about Dick Broyles were false. States he knows Fred Cole but does not know Ted Cole. Orris O. Been, not Dean, Henryetta, Okla. now receiving mail General Delivery, Los Angeles. Elmer Inman, inmate OSPen. advises Dixie Hamilton, Denison, Tex. is friend of Roe and will harbor and aid him. Hazel Underhill and Marvin and Juanita Connor, her son and daughter, contacted at Tulsa and they promised cooperation.

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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1937 and December 23d, 1937; Teletype from Denver office to Oklahoma City office, December 25th, 1937; Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, Phoenix, December 23d, 1937.

DETAILS:

This report covers the investigative activities of Special

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Agents F. S. Smith, C. O. Hurt, B. T. Carter, L. E. Kingman and the writer.

Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer contacted Chief of Police A. C. VanSickle at Stroud, Oklahoma on December 24th, 1937 and Mr. VanSickle stated he had just received information from R. B. "Rebel" Cornett, brother-in-law of subject Cole, to the effect that at the time Theodore Cole escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1934, and prior to the commission of the crime for which he was sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary, Cole went direct to Childress, Texas to the home of Jim and Ruth Barker, who are relatives of Fred Cole, subject Cole's stepfather, and whose residence is situated on the corner of the block, five blocks east of the roundhouse in Childress; that at that time Ted Cole stayed at their residence five days after his escape from the State Penitentiary and then proceeded north to the home of Cornett, who at that time was residing west of Stroud, where he stayed one night, and then went north to Cushing, Oklahoma where he kidnaped J. A. Rutherford.

Chief of Police VanSickle stated that Cornett informed him that if Ted Cole was successful in escaping from the penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, he would without doubt proceed direct to the home of Jim and Ruth Barker at Childress, Texas for they would harbor him and furnish him aid and assistance, as they, the Barkers, sent Ted Cole small amounts of money while he was confined in the State Penitentiary prior to his escape in the fall of 1934.

Chief of Police VanSickle stated that Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, relatives of Ted Cole, who formerly resided in Stroud, left there about September, 1937 and their present whereabouts is unknown; that the Collinses usually follow carnivals and fairs around over the country, operating lunch stands with same. Chief VanSickle stated he would endeavor to secure, through some of the townspeople, the present location of the Collins family.

Agent Smith and the writer proceeded to the home of R. B. "Rebel" Cornett in an effort to personally interview him. Mrs. Cornett stated her husband had not returned from Stroud at the time of Agents' visit. She stated that she and Theodore Cole have no relatives in Texas; that Fred Cole has some relatives somewhere in Texas, exact location unknown to her, whose names are Barker. She denied any knowledge that the Barkers had ever furnished any assistance to Theodore Cole.

An effort was made by Special Agent Smith and the writer to locate Allison "Bud" Raney, Route 2, Stroud, but he was not at his home when Agents called.

On December 24th, 1937 on instructions of SAC C. W. Stein, the writer contacted the Dallas office telephonically and informed Special Agent H. T. Arterberry of that office of the information concerning Jim and Ruth Barker, and requested that appropriate investigation be conducted.

On December 27th, 1937 SAC C. W. Stein telephonically contacted SAC F. J. Blake of the Dallas office at which time Mr. Blake advised the Dallas office had not yet openly interviewed Jim and Ruth Barker at Childress, Texas. SAC Blake was requested not to conduct an open interview with the Barkers as the Bureau might wish to have the home of the Barkers kept under surveillance. After the conversation with the Dallas office, upon telephonically contacting the Bureau (Mr. Tamm), SAC Stein was instructed to inform the Dallas office by telephone that open interview should not be conducted with Jim and Ruth Barker and that the Bureau instructed the Dallas office to place the residence of Ruth and Jim Barker under surveillance. This information was immediately furnished the Dallas office by SAC Stein telephonically.

On December 24th, 1937 Special Agent B. T. Carter conducted the following investigation at Muskogee, Oklahoma with reference to Dick Barker, as mentioned in the last paragraph on page four of the reference report of Special Agent Murphy dated December 23d, 1937.

Captain Jess Adair and Captain Claud Woods of the Muskogee Police Department, advised a York, Nebraska bank was robbed by four Oklahoma men named Charles Dobson, half-breed Cherokee Indian, Charley Cotner, half-breed Cherokee Indian, Bob Nollinger and Dick Barker; that the first three men were convicted on robbery of this bank and received sentences of 20 years each in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and Dick Barker was also convicted of robbery of the bank and received a sentence of ten years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary because he turned State's witness; that Dodson died a year or so ago while incarcerated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary and Cotner, Nollinger and Barker are said to be presently confined in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, serving their sentences.

Captain Adair stated he is well acquainted with these men and their associates as they had lived for a number of years in the community in which he resided in Sequoyah, County; that Barker was associated with a man named Rufus "Ruff" Hodge, a former Deputy Sheriff; that Hodge runs around with men of disreputable character, and he can probably be located around Vian, Oklahoma and Undersheriff Bert Cotton at Sallisaw, Oklahoma would know the whereabouts of Hodge and Hodge's associates.

Captain Adair also stated that on August 29th, 1933 his department

arrested Dick Barker with Harry Campbell, Frank Gullet and his wife Johnnie Gullet at the Lindy Hotel, 308 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Third, Muskogee; that the Lindy Hotel was formerly a rendezvous for crooks but that the Police Department had raided that hotel so many times that Captain Adair believed it was closed up altogether, and that the Palace Hotel at the corner of Main and West Okmulgee Streets has taken its place as a hangout for shady characters.

The records of the Muskogee Police Department reflect that the true name of Dick Barker is Joe Harris, OSPen. #2139. These records also reflect that Frank Gullet was fingerprinted by the Muskogee Police Department but that the prints were never forwarded to Washington, D. C. The arrest card shows he was arrested August 29th, 1933 on a charge of investigation and released. This card gave his residence as Muskogee, birthplace Arkansas, his age as 26 years, height 5' 8  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", complexion ruddy, black hair, weight 170 pounds, grey eyes.

The arrest card of Johnnie Gullet, the wife of Frank Gullet, gives her age as 28, height 5' 3  $\frac{7}{8}$ ", hair brown, eyes hazel, weight 125 pounds, occupation prostitution, Muskogee PD #2183.

Captain Adair advised that Max Molton, who formerly operated the Lindy Hotel has not been around Muskogee for about two years; that although his department had arrested Molton on several occasions, they had never fingerprinted him, but he believed that the Tulsa Police Department arrested Molton about two years ago on a charge of theft of pipe.

Chief of Police Ed Corbin, and Captain Adair of the Muskogee Police Department advised Special Agent Carter that they never handled Ted Cole, but have had Ralph Roe confined in the Muskogee Jail as a Federal prisoner charged with bank robbery. Both Chief Corbin and Captain Adair stated they would have the members of the Muskogee Police Department keep a close lookout for subjects Roe and Cole, and that if any information is obtained that might assist in locating them, same will be furnished the Oklahoma City office.

On December 26th, 1937 Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer located Allison "Bud" Raney near the farm where he resides on Route 2, Stroud, Oklahoma and he accompanied Agents to the Oklahoma City office where he was interviewed by SAC Stein, Agent Smith and the writer and made the following signed statement:

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Dec. 26, 1937

"I, Allison Raney, make the following free and voluntary statement

to C. W. Stein, Special Agent in Charge, and F. S. Smith and J. V. Murphy, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation. I make this statement without any threats or promises of immunity from prosecution, and any statement I may make can be used against me if I am prosecuted.

"My name is Allison Raney, age 41 years. I am married and have six children. My wife and family reside with me on a farm and my residence address is Route 2, Box 117, Stroud, Oklahoma.

"After Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe escaped from Alcatraz penitentiary I was at Rebel Cornett home, which is on a farm a short distance from my farm, and the conversation came up about Ted Cole. Mrs. Cornett said that Virgil "Dick" Broyles was a good friend of Ted Cole and if Dick Broyles was out of the penitentiary he might get together with Theodore Cole. As Rebel Cornett was telling me things which I thought were lies, so I thought I would tell them a big lie so I told Rebel Cornett and his wife that about two weeks before our conversation Dick Broyles and a big tough looking man came to my home in a big car that looked like it cost about \$3000.00 and they left and I was glad when they left, and I said that may be Dick Broyles and that man with him had something to do with helping Ted Cole and Roe to escape and if Dick Broyles was with Ted Cole they might go down to South America.

"I did not tell Rebel Cornett that Dick Broyles and the man with him had machine guns, but said they looked like they might be armed.

"I do not know Ted Cole, but I do know Fred Cole, step-father of Ted Cole, and have known Fred Cole about five years and he used to live in Stroud, Oklahoma and he is now somewhere in California. I am not personally acquainted with Mrs. Fred Cole, mother of Ted.

"When I told Rebel Cornett and his wife the story about Dick Broyles and the man with him, I knew it was a lie because I know that Dick Broyles is in the Oklahoma Penitentiary, and the reason I told such a story to Rebel Cornett was because I believed he was telling me lies and I wanted to match lies with him.

"If Ted Cole ever comes to my place I certainly will report it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and assist in helping apprehend him. Ted Cole has never been to my home and I don't think I would know him if he came there unless he told me his name.

"I have read the above statement of four pages and this one, and it is true and correct to best of my memory.

/s/ Allison Raney

Witnesses -

C. W. Stein,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
224 Federal Bldg., Oklahoma City, Ok.

Frank S. Smith

J. V. Murphy  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation,  
224 Federal Bldg., Oklahoma City. \*

The original of this statement is being retained in the Oklahoma City file on this matter.

For the information of the record the following is the description of Allison "Bud" Raney as obtained by observation and interrogation on December 26th, 1937:

AGE	41 years
BIRTHDATE	December 21, 1895
HEIGHT	5' 7"
WEIGHT	127 lbs.
BUILD	Small
HAIR	Brown, greying; bald in front.
EYES	Grey
MARIT. STATUS	Married; 6 children.
OCCUPATION	Farmer
RESIDENCE	Route 2, Box 117, Stroud, Okla.
RELATIVES:	Mary Raney - Wife, same address.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent L. E. Kingman at Henryetta, Oklahoma on December 26th, 1937.

Telephonic communication had been previously had with Arthur Hughes, member of the Police Department, who stated he knew of no such person as Orris O. Dean. Mr. Hughes made efforts to locate such a person and reported negative results. Agent Kingman contacted members of the Police Department and other sources of information at Henryetta and checked all persons in that vicinity named Dean and ascertained that none of these families had any relative named Orris O. Dean.

Acting on the possibility that the surname of this individual, as reflected in the teletype received from the Denver office on December 25, 1937, might be in error, postal records were checked for similar names and with the assistance of Sam Gray, Assistant Postmaster, it was ascertained that an individual by the name of



Orris O. Been had formerly been a patron of the Henryetta Post Office, and that he was the nephew of one Roscoe Been, former Deputy Sheriff, who is presently selling Oldsmobile and Chevrolet cars as a salesman. Sam Gray and Frank George, Postmaster, both stated there were several persons by the name of Been in the vicinity of Henryetta, none of whom had ever been in any trouble with the law and who bore fair reputations.

Mr. Gray furnished some highly confidential information to the effect that Orris O. Been and his wife, Stella Mae Been, during October, 1937, had purchased at the Henryetta Post Office three Government bonds and had paid \$1875.00 for same. These bonds are described as follows:

\$1000 denomination, Number M384440C  
\$1000 denomination, Number M384441C  
\$500 denomination, Number D281330C

These are the type of bonds which will mature in ten years to a total value of \$2500. At the time he purchased these bonds Orris O. Been gave the address of Route 1, Box 2550, and Mr. Gray stated that this is the mailing address of Roscoe Been.

Using the pretext that a search was being made on the West Coast for a stolen Oldsmobile Sedan and that a car of similar description had been checked through a Port of Entry into California recently, Agent contacted Roscoe Been who stated that Orris O. Been was his nephew, who for nine years had been employed by the National Circulation Company at New York City and was handling crews of magazine salesmen and that his territory covered the whole United States. He stated that he had recently heard from Orris O. Been from Portland, Oregon and that in the letter Orris had stated that he would be in Los Angeles, California on December 23d, 1937 and could receive mail at General Delivery at Los Angeles, and would be there probably a week. Roscoe Been stated he and his wife had sent a Christmas package to Orris O. Been at General Delivery, Los Angeles.

Roscoe Been stated he did not know where Orris had purchased the 1937 Oldsmobile Sedan which he was now driving but that he had made two visits to Henryetta during the past year in this car and that it bore Wyoming license plates. He stated that the last visit was in September of this year.

Roscoe Been stated further that Orris had been married for about two years and that his wife and sister were presently traveling with him and that when traveling from one state to another he should have had three or four cars in the party and that Orris was supposed to have now, in addition to the Oldsmobile, a 1936 Chevrolet Sedan, 1938 Chevrolet Sedan and a Plymouth Sedan. He stated that Orris Been would be through Henryetta again sometime in January.

He described Orris Been as being 27 or 28 years of age; six feet tall, 175 pounds, dark brown hair, dark eyes, round face, clean cut appearance, slightly bald in front.

A teletype message was dispatched to the Los Angeles office on December 27th, 1937 requesting that they attempt to locate Orris O. Been at Los Angeles.

Chief of Police F. A. Budd, Shawnee, Oklahoma was contacted by Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer on December 24th, 1937. Mr. Budd stated he is acquainted with Ralph Roe, having been a member of a posse at the time Roe was shot in the home of Wilbur Underhill, Shawnee, and that his information concerning Roe's associates is of a general nature, such as his relatives at Duncan, Oklahoma and his former associates, who were Hazel Underhill, the wife of the deceased Wilbur Underhill, who is now said to be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Elmer Inman, who is now confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Roe has at various times associated with others, but Chief Budd stated he has no information concerning any of Roe's close associates or contacts in or around Shawnee. Chief of Police Budd stated that J. A. Rutherford, who was kidnaped by Theodore Cole, for which offense Cole was sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, is now residing at Shawnee at 333 North Florence, Telephone 1418. Chief Budd stated he would talk to Mr. Rutherford and advise him to keep close lookout for Theodore Cole.

Reference is made to the interview with Dr. J. L. Wharton, Depew, Oklahoma, stepfather of Letha Jones of Phoenix, as set forth in the reference report of Agent Murphy, dated December 22d, 1937. At the time Dr. Wharton was interviewed he stated he would make inquiry and endeavor to secure additional information, as well as the correct address of Letha Jones in Phoenix.

A letter was subsequently received from Dr. Wharton of Depew in which he advised that he had talked to the night police officer, Jerry Hazlet of Depew, and Hazlet stated he had seen Ralph Roe in Depew three or four years ago. Dr. Wharton stated in his letter that the Roe boy and another boy visited a family named Payne in Depew; that he, Dr. Wharton, knew of these people by the name of Payne, but did not know them well; that they were underworld characters and are no longer living there; that Letha Jones lived with the Paynes while they resided in Depew.

The Phoenix office is being requested to conduct open interview with Letha Jones and obtain any information she may be able to furnish concerning her association with Ralph Roe or Ted Cole and obtain any information which might be of assistance in locating them. Night police officer Jerry Hazlet at Depew will be interviewed by the Oklahoma City office.

On December 28th, 1937 Special Agent F. S. Smith interviewed Elmer Inman, inmate of the Oklahoma Penitentiary, McAlester. Inman stated he is personally acquainted with Ralph Roe and was associated with him in many burglaries. Inman stated he knows Roe's associates and habits, and in his opinion Roe is woman crazy and will seek the association of some female at the first opportunity; that Roe has a very close woman friend named Dixie Hamilton, the daughter of a railroad engineer, who resides at Denison, Texas and is well known there; that she will give Ralph Roe aid and assistance, financial and otherwise. Dixie Hamilton is evidently the person referred to by Sheriff Bose Johnson, Sulphur, Oklahoma as the girl friend of Ralph Roe, referred to in undeveloped lead to the Dallas office set out in the report of referende of Agent Murphy, dated December 22, 1937.

Elmer Inman further stated that Bertie Pruitt, a woman who lives in Ardmore, Oklahoma and owns and operates a ranch near Ardmore, has in the past harbored and protected Ralph Roe, Wilbur Underhill, himself and others, and it is Inman's opinion that if Roe is successful in reaching Oklahoma, he will immediately get in touch with Bertie Pruitt and seek aid and assistance from her.

Chief of Police Jake Sims at Seminole, Oklahoma was interviewed by Special Agent F. S. Smith on December 28th, 1937 and advised that an informant of his, named [redacted] had stated that a woman named [redacted] an underworld character at the present time in Seminole, Oklahoma, local address unknown, is purported to be a [redacted] of Ralph Roe, and received several letters from Roe since he was convicted; that informant [redacted] had observed those letters several months ago.

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The informant of Jake Sims, named [redacted] was contacted by Agent Smith, at which time he again stated he had several months ago seen letters in the possession of [redacted] which were from Roe; that he does not know [redacted] present address in Seminole but he promised to locate her and will endeavor to obtain from her some of the letters she received from Roe, as well as to endeavor to obtain from her any information she will furnish concerning Ralph Roe.

Chief of Police Jake Sims advised Special Agent Smith that he would keep in touch with his informant [redacted] and when information is received from him, he will immediately furnish same to the Oklahoma City office telephonically.

Special Agent C. O. Hurt on December 27th, 1937 contacted Hazel Underhill, owner and operator of Ham's Tavern, 2608 West 41st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma and she advised that she maintains living quarters in the rear of the tavern and occupies same with her son, Marvin Connor, age 22, and her daughter, Juanita Connor, age 20. Hazel

said she and Ralph Roe were not on the best terms at the time Roe was sentenced to Leavenworth Penitentiary, however Roe did write her three or four letters from Leavenworth after his incarceration. These letters were mailed to her at Ada, Oklahoma and she stated she answered two or three of the letters and in the last letter advised Roe not to write to her any more as she realized Roe could not be of any assistance to her, which prompted her to notify him to quit writing. Hazel stated she is positive Roe does not know she moved to Tulsa, and has no way of finding out her address unless it would be through someone she has seen since she has been living in Tulsa. She also stated that Roe would not contact her at any address unless it would be to try to obtain some money; that her tavern business has been so bad for the past several months that she can hardly support herself and children and therefore would not have any money for Roe or anyone else. She stated that Roe has a brother named Jimmie Roe, whose address is unknown to her, but she believes this brother would assist Roe in any way he could; that he also has numerous other relatives and friends, who reside around Seminole, Ada and Duncan, Oklahoma. She believes Roe could obtain all the assistance he wants from either of the above-mentioned towns.

Hazel Underhill also said Roe had a girl friend, whose name she did not recall, whom he intended to marry about the time he went to the penitentiary; that Roe was crazy about this girl and no doubt would contact her if he returns to Oklahoma. Hazel stated this girl is the daughter of a wealthy farmer who lives near Denison, Texas and that the girl is now working in an office for someone in Denison. She described the girl as age 20 to 25 years, slender build, red hair. Hazel also said Roe was very friendly with the sister of Eva Nichols (deceased) at Seminole, Oklahoma; that this woman does not use the name of Nichols but is well known at Seminole as the sister of Eva. Reference report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated December 22d, 1937 reflects an interview with Jake Sims, Chief of Police at Seminole, wherein Mr. Sims furnished information concerning the sister of Eva Nichols, who is known as Lena Stewart, and who is now said to be in Russell, Kansas. In the report of Special Agent Murphy dated December 22d, 1937 an undeveloped lead was set out for the Kansas City office to locate and thoroughly interview Lena Stewart at Russell, Kansas.

Hazel Underhill also said she had lost touch with the Underhill family after the death of Wilbur, due to the fact that Underhill's sister from Joplin, Missouri came to Oklahoma City and accused her of having a lot of money that Wilbur left to her, and wanted her to divide this money among relatives of Wilbur Underhill. Hazel said she told this sister Wilbur did not leave her any money

and that the sister hired a lawyer at Norman, Oklahoma and threatened her with a lawsuit if she did not divide the money and automobiles Wilbur left; that she refused to give the sister either of the cars left to her by Wilbur, and that the only money Wilbur left that she knew of was on his person at the time he was killed. She said she does not know how much money he had as she was not given any of the money which was taken from Wilbur's body by the arresting officers. Hazel said Wilbur had no brothers living in Tulsa and that the only brothers she is acquainted with are Clyde Underhill and the one recently released from the Kansas State Penitentiary, and to her knowledge neither of these brothers were acquainted with Roe. She advised that Clyde Underhill resides in Joplin, Missouri. Hazel was requested to communicate with Resident Special Agent W. E. Hopton at Tulsa in the event she hears anything from Roe, and she stated she would rather not do this, but did promise to communicate with Special Agent Hurt by long distance telephone collect, and she was furnished with the office telephone number and the residence telephone number of Special Agent Hurt.

Hazel Underhill also advised that she had never known Ted Cole and had only heard of him through newspaper publicity, however she was advised that there is a Federal process outstanding against both Cole and Roe, as well as being advised of the Harboring Statute, and she stated she was familiar with this Statute.

J. D. Bills, Captain of the Detective Squad, Tulsa Police Department was interviewed by Special Agent W. E. Hopton and Special Agent Hurt, and stated he is very well acquainted with Morris Quinn, who was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary about six months ago; that Quinn is presently in the undertaking business with his brother-in-law, Harold Bailey at 12th and Boulder in Tulsa. Captain Bills stated Quinn is very unreliable and would not cooperate with any law enforcement agency. Captain Bills said he would assign scout car officers working in the vicinity of 12th and Boulder to watch the Bailey-Quinn Funeral Home for suspicious persons seen around this place. Captain Bills stated it would not be advisable to openly interview Quinn as nothing could be gained from such interview.

It was ascertained that Mr. Collier of the Collier Airport east of Tulsa, is not connected with the Municipal Airport. Mr. Collier on interview advised that Earl Field was never employed by him, but Field did store his plane with him some during the summer of 1937; that Field is now flying for the Lofflan Brothers Drilling Company at Fort Worth, Texas; that the home office of this company is in the Philtower Building in Tulsa, and that they would have his correct mailing address.

At the Lofflan Brothers Drilling Company home office in the Philtower

Building, Tulsa, it was ascertained that Fields is employed by this company as a flyer at Fort Worth, Texas and receives his mail through the Lofflan Brothers Drilling Company office, Box 915, Texas and Pacific Passenger Building, Fort Worth.

Captain Bills made a search of the Identification Bureau records of the Tulsa Police Department but was unable to find a record of a Harry Newton. However Captain Bills said Newton was known to him and that he left Tulsa soon after his brothers, Joe and Jess, were arrested for the robbery of the Medford, Oklahoma bank, and has not returned. Captain Bills also made a search for a record of Robert Bridges, which was found to be Tulsa PD #9307, FBI-620642, who was sentenced to serve five years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, in 1936.

At Drumright, Oklahoma Special Agent C. O. Hurt contacted Jack Ary, Chief of Police, who advised that Virgil Dick Broyles was sentenced to the State Penitentiary in 1929 from Creek County, Oklahoma to serve a sentence of 15 years for rape, and that his penitentiary number is 21659, and to the best of his knowledge, Broyles is still incarcerated.

Chief Ary also advised that after the death of Roy Brannon, the balance of his family moved to somewhere near Bristow, Oklahoma and to the best of his knowledge, still reside at this place.

In view of the fact that Dick Barker, true name Joe Harris, is still confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, and was interviewed by an Agent of the Omaha office and would furnish no information concerning Roe and Cole, and that fact that Allison Raney states his story to R. B. Cornett concerning Dick Broyles and a man from Chicago is a pure fabrication, no further consideration will be given to Joe Harris or Dick Broyles.

On December 23d, 1937 the San Antonio office advised the Oklahoma City office by telegram that Roy E. Roe alias R. A. Belmar was released from the Texas State Penitentiary December 18th, 1936 and received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, as Roy Rowe, #35509 on February 9th, 1937. It was ascertained by telephonic conversation with T. M. Fields, Record Clerk at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary that Roy Rowe, #35509, was received at the State Penitentiary on February 9th, 1937 to serve a sentence of 7 years for larceny of an automobile, and is still in that institution; that he lists as brothers, Ralph Rowe, Duncan, Oklahoma, and James Rowe, Kansas City, Missouri. The Bureau was informed on December 23d, 1937 that Roy Roe, brother of subject Ralph Roe, is presently confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. On December 23d, 1937 the San Antonio and San Francisco offices were advised that Roy Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, is presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Therefore no further consideration will be given to Roy Roe as a possible contact of Ralph Roe in view of the fact that

Roy is at the present time confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and was at the time of the escape of Ralph Roe.

A review of the file on this matter in the Oklahoma City office does not indicate that the correspondence records of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth have been checked. A lead is being set out for the Kansas City office to ascertain the names and addresses of the correspondents of Ralph Roe and Ted Cole while they were incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

For the information of the El Paso, Phoenix and Little Rock offices, there are attached to copies of this report indicated for those offices, one photograph each of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, with descriptive data thereon.

ENCLOSURES: TO EL PASO: One photograph each of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

TO PHOENIX: One photograph each of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

TO LITTLE ROCK: One photograph each of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE at Denison, Texas will conduct appropriate investigation concerning Dixie Hamilton, who is stated to be a close friend of Ralph Roe. If deemed advisable she should be thoroughly interviewed concerning Ralph Roe and his associates and if interviewed she should be informed of the Federal Harboring Statute. With reference to the girl friend of Ralph Roe in Denison, mentioned by Hazel Underhill during her interview, it should be ascertained whether or not this girl friend is the same as Dixie Hamilton.

At Childress, Texas will maintain surveillance of the home of Jim and Ruth Barker in accordance with telephonic instructions from the Bureau as telephonically relayed to the Dallas office by the Oklahoma City office.

At Fort Worth, Texas will locate and interview Earl Fields through the Lofflan Drilling Company in the Texas Pacific Passenger Building, for any information he may be able to furnish which may be of assistance in locating subjects. He should be questioned as to whether while James Roe was associated with him in Tulsa, James Roe ever mentioned to him the possibility of flying to California and freeing his brother from Alcatraz Island through the use of airplane or seaplane.

THE PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE at Phoenix will thoroughly interview Letha Jones, 801 West Madison Street relative to her knowledge and association with Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, particularly while she was residing with the Payne family in Depew, Oklahoma. Will ascertain the present whereabouts of the Payne family with whom Letha Jones formerly resided in Depew. Letha Jones should be informed of the Federal Harboring Statute.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE at Leavenworth, Kansas will at the U. S. Penitentiary check the correspondence records of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and obtain a list of their correspondents, setting forth names and addresses, and relationship if any.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Seminole will maintain contact with Chief of Police Jake Sims and obtain from him any information he may secure from his informant Brown relative to Billie Brown, a female friend of Ralph Roe, and if deemed advisable, will thoroughly interview Billie Brown concerning her association with Roe, and secure any information she may be able to furnish which may be of assistance in locating subjects.

At Stroud will interview Mrs. Nettie ~~Brace~~ Brace, grandmother of subject Cole, who resides on a farm southeast of Stroud. Mrs. Fannie Baughman, the daughter of Mrs. Brace, is said to reside with her and is said to be mentally unbalanced and has been for a number of years.

Will interview Ernest Brace, who resides on a farm about one mile from the home of Mrs. Nettie Brace. He is an uncle of Ted Cole and should be advised of the Federal Harboring Statute.

At Depew, will interview Jerry Hazlet, night police officer for any information he may be able to furnish regarding Roe and Cole.

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

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Raymond Roe, Hays, Kansas, has not heard from Ralph Roe in over three months. Present whereabouts of James W. Roe and Roy Roe, brothers, unknown to Raymond Roe. Mrs. Ruby Ankrum, Joplin, Missouri, sister of Volney Davis, states Herbert Farmer the only release from Alcatraz who has contacted her; does not know Roe and Cole. Investigation at Pittsburg, Kansas, to develop former address of Cole negative. Peace officers at Pittsburg, Kansas, Joplin and Springfield, Missouri, furnished descriptive data. James W. Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, 6-21-35, charge - Internal Revenue Act, released conditionally 7-28-37 to Probation Officer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; believed now residing with paramour Wanda Stukey at Hobbs, New Mexico. Richard Tallman Galatas released conditionally U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, 11-1-37, to Probation Officer, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from San Francisco Office, dated 12-16-37; telegram from San Francisco Office, dated 12-18-37; letter from Oklahoma City Office, dated 12-18-37; report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-17-37; and teletype from Portland Office, dated 12-19-37.

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DETAILS:

At 6:30 P.M., December 18, 1937, Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau telephonically stated that he desired to know the whereabouts of Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy, convicted in the KANMO case, and particularly whether Mulloy had been in Kansas City recently. Special Agents J. M. O'Leary and D. R. Scruggs conducted this investigation and ascertained that Frank Mulloy is operating a joint in the 3700 block on Main Street. These Agents observed him at that place and ascertained through U. S. Marshal Dillingham and Deputy U. S. Marshal Robert Pulliam that Mulloy had been in town continuously for the past several days. The Bureau was advised by teletype of this investigation.

Upon receipt of the teletype of reference from the Portland Office on December 19, 1937, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley telephonically communicated with Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, relative to the correspondents and relatives of Richard Tallman Galatas, which information was furnished by teletype to the Portland Office on the same date and will be set forth more in detail hereinafter.

At Hays, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. M. O'Leary:

Raymond Roe, who is employed as District Foreman for the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company at Hays, Kansas, advised that the Roe family originally came from Duncan, Oklahoma; that his father and mother are deceased; that he has no sisters living; that he and his oldest brother, Roy W. Roe, enlisted in the U. S. Army together at the outbreak of the World War; that the family has been separated since that time; that, in addition to himself and James W. Roe, the family consisted of Ralph and Roy Roe.

Raymond Roe advised that his brother, James W. Roe, was released from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, during July, 1937, and that he had heard that James W. Roe had come to Hays, Kansas, during August, 1937, but that he did not see him, due to the fact that he, Raymond, and his wife were on their vacation and absent from Hays. Raymond Roe continued by stating that he had heard from James W. Roe in September, 1937, at which time James advised that he was working for the Continental Supply Company at Big Springs, Texas.

Concerning Roy Roe, Raymond advised that Roy had been released from the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, in February, 1937, and that Roy was with him in Hays, Kansas, from February until March, 1937; that Roy left Hays in March, 1937, and he had heard that he was in Houston, Texas, although he did not know what he was doing. Raymond stated that his neighbors in Hays had informed him that one of his brothers had been in Hays while he was away on his vacation and he believes from the description furnished by the neighbors that it was Roy Roe who had stopped at Hays.

Raymond Roe advised that all of his brothers were continually getting in trouble and that he wanted them to stay away from him as he had a responsible job with the Halliburton Company; that he had been with this company for four years and was presently in charge of the Hays district; that the activities of his brothers were liable to be embarrassing to him and that if they stayed away from Hays he would be well satisfied. He claimed that he was not close to any of his brothers and that they hardly seemed to be related to him; that he had had little to do with any of them since before the World War. Raymond stated that he had received one letter from Ralph Roe during the past six months and that this letter was received about three months prior to the interview. Raymond Roe stated that he had told Ralph that he was to write to him when he wanted money for magazines and other similar articles; that he had given Ralph money to subscribe to magazines but when Ralph wrote last he did not ask for money and he assumed that he was not going to subscribe for the magazines any longer.

Raymond Roe advised that the following relatives, all residing at Duncan, Oklahoma, might possibly be contacted by Ralph Roe:

Mrs. Willis Bonner - aunt  
John Hickey - uncle  
Mrs. S. E. Legg - cousin

Raymond Roe further advised that he believed that, if Ralph Roe returned to the state of Oklahoma, he would most likely go to Ardmore or vicinity, as he had heard Ralph speak of Ardmore and knew that he had friends there, although he did not know the identity of these friends.

Raymond Roe further advised Agent that in August, 1937, he and his wife took a trip in his personally owned automobile and drove out to the west coast and that they spent some time in Los



Angeles and then drove to San Francisco, where they planned on visiting Ralph Roe at Alcatraz; that they spent a day or so in San Francisco and that they spoke to a city policeman concerning visiting privileges at Alcatraz and, when the officer told them that there would be considerable formality to be complied with, they decided that they would not visit Ralph and shortly thereafter left San Francisco and drove back to Hays, Kansas. Raymond Roe stated that he believed that he and his wife arrived back in Hays, Kansas, about August 20, 1937.

Raymond Roe expressed the opinion that he thought that Ralph's sentence of 99 years was rather severe but that he believed that Ralph did have a chance of getting out after serving a term of years; that he believed that Ralph would be much better off back at Alcatraz than he would be on the outside, where he might kill some officer or be killed himself. Raymond Roe stated that for this reason he would cooperate with the Bureau and, in the event he received any communication from Ralph, he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division and advise them of the information.

A summary of the foregoing investigation was transmitted by teletype message to the San Francisco, San Antonio, and Dallas Offices on December 22, 1937, requesting that the Dallas and San Antonio Offices conduct appropriate investigation relative to James Roe and Roy Roe.

At Joplin, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. J. Endres:

The current city directory reflects that Raymond Q. and Ruby J. Ankrum operate a cafe at 214 East Seventh Street and reside at 502 Pennsylvania Avenue. The directory also reflects that Mrs. Myrtle Annes operates the rooming house at 502 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Walter E. Grammer, Trooper, Missouri Highway Patrol, advised that Raymond and Ruby Ankrum and Mrs. Myrtle Annes were unknown to him, but that S. A. Wilson, 614 Pennsylvania Avenue, is a personal friend of his. Agent and Trooper Grammer contacted S. A. Wilson, who stated that the Ankrums were unknown to him. He further advised that Mrs. Annes does not operate the rooming house, having moved about two months ago. Agent and Trooper Grammer observed a doctor enter the residence located at 502 Pennsylvania Avenue and ascertained through the license number on his car that he was Dr.

J. O. Marbrough, 1930 Bird Street. At the office of Dr. Marbrough, it was ascertained that he was attending a Mrs. McIntire on a confinement case; that he had made two calls at the address and that the operator of the rooming house was unknown to him.

Joe Thorpe, operator of the Marathon Service Station, located west of the cafe operated by the Ankrooms, stated that he has known Raymond Ankrum for about five years and does not believe that he has been in any trouble during that time; that he has also known Ruby Ankrum for about two or three years but did not know her name before her marriage to Raymond Q. Ankrum. He stated that they reside at 219 East Seventh Street, across from the cafe. Informant believed that Ruby Ankrum came from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Margaret Roche, 219 East Seventh Street, was interviewed by Agent and Trooper Grammer. She stated that she has operated the house at 219 and also the house at 217 East Seventh Street for the past two years. Mrs. Roche was requested to name her tenants but the Ankrooms were not mentioned. She was then asked if she was acquainted with Raymond and Ruby Ankrum and she stated that they resided at her place from about January, 1936, to December, 1936, and were presently residing at 715 Pennsylvania Avenue. She further advised that during the year Mr. and Mrs. Ankrum resided at her rooming house they had no visitors except Mrs. Ankrum's parents and one sister of Mrs. Ankrum. She further advised that Mrs. Ankrum was formerly Mrs. Ruby Davis Lamberson before her marriage to Raymond Q. Ankrum. She also advised that Mrs. Ankrum had stated that she had a brother in the penitentiary. Informant further advised that Raymond Q. Ankrum was a long-time resident of Joplin, Missouri, and that they had no automobile.

At the Joplin Retail Credit Association, Mrs. McNatt advised that Raymond and Ruby Ankrum had no previous credit rating prior to 1936. Through telephonic contacts, Mrs. McNatt ascertained that Mrs. Ruby Ankrum was formerly Ruby Lamberson; that she had resided at Tulsa, Oklahoma, prior to coming to Joplin, Missouri. There were no newspaper clippings or other information in the file concerning Ruby Lamberson.

Mrs. Ruby Davis Lamberson Ankrum was interviewed at the cafe, located at 214 East Seventh Street, by Agent. She advised that she is the sister of Volney Davis, who is now incarcerated at Alcatraz Island. She further advised she left Tulsa, Oklahoma, in December, 1935, for the reason that it was commonly known that she is the sister of Volney Davis; that she had operated an apartment house at Tulsa, Oklahoma; further, that she purchased the cafe at 214 East Seventh

Street, Joplin, Missouri, in November, 1935, and took possession on December 9, 1935; that she operated the cafe until January, 1936, when she married Raymond Q. Ankrum, and that she and her husband have been operating the cafe since that time; that her husband has no criminal record and was advised of the fact that Volney Davis is her brother prior to their marriage. Mrs. Ankrum advised that she left and divorced her former husband, Glen Lamberson, for the reason that he is an habitual drunkard; that he presently resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and can be located through his aunts, Sue Adams and Blanche Bunche, 105 North Zumis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Ankrum further advised that she does not know whether her ex-husband is acquainted with Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe, but stated that he is not on good terms with her due to the fact that she obtained custody of the children at the time of their divorce. She further advised that Glen Lamberson is not reliable, when drinking.

Mrs. Ruby Ankrum stated that Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe are not known to her and she doubts that they were known by Volney Davis prior to his incarceration at Alcatraz Island, for the reason that they are much younger than Volney. She further advised that she recalls reading of Theodore Cole in a Tulsa, Oklahoma, newspaper at the time he was apprehended and associated him with the newspaper item on his escape.

With reference to having been contacted by former inmates of Alcatraz Island, Mrs. Ankrum advised that Herb Farmer contacted her at the cafe about one week after he returned from Alcatraz; that he informed her that Volney Davis was in good health but did not mention that Volney had requested him to contact her and did not mention Cole or Roe. She said that no other former associates of Volney Davis have contacted her and she does not believe that Volney would send ex-convicts to her because he had never involved his family in his criminal activities. She does not believe that Volney would send escaped convicts to her for the purpose of harboring them and she added that she would not involve herself or her husband in harboring criminals, due to the fact that she does not want to become involved in a scandal on account of her twelve-year-old son and eight-year-old daughter. She further stated that she receives letters from Volney on rare occasions, as Volney writes to all members of the family. She stated that she last heard from Volney in November, 1937, but that he made no mention of Cole or Roe. Mrs. Ankrum further advised that her husband, Raymond Q. Ankrum, her brothers-in-law, John Harness and L. B. Hoffman, have never met Volney Davis.

The following list of relatives of Volney Davis was obtained from Mrs. Ankrum:

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- Parents - Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri.
  - Sister - Mrs. John Harness, nee Mildred Davis, Pueblo, Colorado. John Harness employed by Swartzlander Dairy.
  - Sister - Mrs. John (Bertha) Williams, North Troost Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
  - Sister - Mrs. L. B. (Irene) Hoffman, North St. Louis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
  - Sister - Buelah Davis Porter, inmate of Oklahoma State Hospital for Insane, Vinita, Oklahoma.

Raymond Q. Ankrum was interviewed and stated that he does not know Volney Davis, Ralph Roe, or Theodore Cole; that he has lived in Joplin, Missouri, since 1917 and has no criminal record; that he has been employed as a cook by the Connor Hotel for five years, by the Rex Cafe for five years, and has done odd jobs in Joplin and vicinity. He stated that his wife informed him that she is a brother of Volney Davis but that he is attempting to raise her children as law abiding citizens and will not allow a known criminal to patronize his cafe. He advised that he does not handle beer or cigarettes in his cafe as he believes that thieves would attempt to sell him stolen cigarettes and would be more inclined to patronize his cafe if he had beer.

The following descriptions of Ruby and Raymond Ankrum were obtained for future reference:

Name	RAYMOND Q. ANKRUM (Adopted - previous name Raymond Q. Whitereed)
Age	31
Born	January 8, 1907
Height	5' 10"
Weight	168 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Teeth	Two front lower out
Mustache	Brown

Occupation	Cook
Residence	715 Pennsylvania Avenue, Joplin, Missouri
Tattoos	Eagle with numerals 203, Missouri National Guard, inner left arm; heart with arrow piercing and name "Myrl", left arm outer; dagger right arm outer.
Criminal Record	Claims none. Joplin, Missouri, Police Department reflects none.

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Name	RUBY DAVIS LAMBERSON ANKRUM
Age	29
Born	July 11, 1908
Height	5' 6"
Weight	187 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Pale blue
Teeth	Separated
Marital Status	Married - two children by former marriage; son, age 12, and daughter, age 8.
Residence	715 Pennsylvania Avenue, Joplin, Missouri
Relatives	Previously listed in this report
Criminal Record	Claims none. Joplin, Missouri, Police Department reflects none.

Mrs. Ruby Ankrum advised that she would be willing to advise Bureau Agents if Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe made an effort to contact her at Joplin, Missouri. Her husband also made the same statement and, therefore, the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Office were left with them for the purpose of advising when and if Roe and Cole attempt to contact them.

Records of the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department were examined in an effort to locate a criminal record for Ruby or Raymond Ankrum, without success. Members of the Joplin Police Department and Chief of Detectives Ed Portley were not advised as to the nature of the inquiry.

Descriptions of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole were left

with members of the Missouri Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, who stated that they would be apprehended, if located in Joplin, and the Kansas City Office immediately notified.

At Pittsburg, Kansas.

Reference report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated 12-17-37, indicates that Theodore Cole, in 1929, made the statement that he resided at Pittsburg, Kansas. The following persons and places were contacted in an effort to ascertain the residence and associates of Cole when he resided in Pittsburg, Kansas, but these inquiries proved fruitless:

Chief of Police Ross Armstrong (member of the Police Department in 1928.)

Thomas M. Stowers, Sergeant of Police (member of the force in 1928.)

Sheriff Leon C. Delamaide, Crawford County.

August Dorchey, Deputy Sheriff.

Bert Manley, Desk Sergeant, Pittsburg Police Department.

City directories from 1919 to date.

Crawford County Retailers' Association.

R. E. Mangrum, Postmaster.

George B. Weeks, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

It is also noted that Sergeant Thomas Stowers, Pittsburg, Kansas, Police Department, made telephonic contacts with the older tailors in Pittsburg in an effort to ascertain whether Theodore Cole was employed as a tailor. These contacts proved to be unsuccessful and no information concerning Cole was received.

At Springfield, Missouri.

Descriptions of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe were furnished to the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department and the Missouri Highway Patrol. Neither agency had any information concerning Subjects.

City Detective Lester Scott advised Agent that K W T O and K G B X, the local radio broadcasting stations, had announced over the radio that Mrs. Theodore Cole would be interviewed over the radio on December 20, 1937, at 12:30 P.M., but that the broadcast

was not made. Mr. Scott ascertained from the News Departments of the radio stations that arrangements were made for Mrs. Theodore Cole to come to Springfield, Missouri, on the mentioned date, but that she did not arrive in Springfield. Mr. Scott was informed that Mrs. Theodore Cole had not remarried since her husband was committed to Alcatraz Island and that she is presently residing with relatives (names unknown to the broadcasting stations) at Alpena Pass, Arkansas.

At Leavenworth, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent:

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, through the cooperation of Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden, the file on James W. Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, was examined. This file reflects that James W. Roe, with aliases, was received at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on June 21, 1935, on a charge of violating an Internal Revenue law and the counterfeiting of revenue stamps from the Northern District of Oklahoma at Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve a sentence of three years, his maximum term to expire on June 17, 1938. However, he was released conditionally on July 28, 1937, after being allowed 252 days good time and is supposed to be reporting to Mr. J. R. Small, Probation Officer, Federal Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

By way of family history, this file reflects that James W. Roe was born January 22, 1900, at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, where the family lived until James was about 12 years of age, when they moved to Duncan, Oklahoma, he later going to Amarillo, Texas, when he was about fifteen or sixteen years of age. It appears that he enlisted in the U. S. Army on February 18, 1917, at Amarillo, Texas, and was discharged at Camp Pike, Arkansas, on January 20, 1920, as a Private, Fifth Field Signal Battalion. The file also reflects that on July 3, 1930, he was married to Babe Blackburne and, so far as education is concerned, he has had two years high school attendance, a bookkeeping course in an unnamed commercial school, and an apprenticeship course in aviation and mechanics, he apparently thereafter being employed at some unknown place as an aviation mechanic.

The file reflects the following relatives of James W. Roe:

Father - John W. Roe, residence -  
Duncan, Oklahoma (now  
believed deceased).

Brother - Raymond Roe, Hays, Kansas, employed by Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company.  
Brother - Ralph Roe, fugitive herein.  
Wife - Mrs. Fae Roe, address - P. O. Box #634, 15 East Colorado Boulevard, Arcadia, California.

With respect to John W. Roe, father of James W. Roe, the file contains a telegram, dated June 22, 1936, from Duncan, Oklahoma, signed Raymond, reading as follows:

"DAD PASSED AWAY SUNDAY FUNERAL FOUR  
OCLOCK TUESDAY LETTER FOLLOWS"

James W. Roe sent the following reply to his brother, Raymond, on the same date, signed Jim:

"SORRY CANT ATTEND FUNERAL WIRE FAE  
CARE OF D W BLACKBURN GOTEBO  
OKLAHOMA"

The file reflects the following list of correspondents of James W. Roe, while confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas:

Mrs. James Roe, wife, P. O. Box #634,  
15 East Colorado Boulevard, Arcadia,  
California.  
Raymond A. Roe, brother, Box #143,  
Hays, Kansas.  
Mrs. W. H. Stukey, sister, 1208 South  
Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Joe Roberts, friend, Douglas Aircraft  
Company, Santa Monica, California.  
Mark Lane, friend, addresses: Tupelo,  
Oklahoma; 813 South Chrysler Avenue,  
Independence, Missouri; and 629  
Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Louis Morelsky or Moretsky, 2545 Taylor  
Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, or 2224  
Percy, Detroit, Michigan.  
John Price, friend, Russell, Kansas.

With respect to the listing of Mrs. W. H. Stukey as



the sister of James Roe, the file contains a notation, under date of September 24, 1935, that James Roe had three visits with Mrs. Stukey, claiming her to be his sister, these visits being on July 29, 1935, August 19, 1935, and September 6, 1935; that after investigation by the penitentiary officials, who determined that James Roe had no sisters whatsoever, on the above date all visiting privileges were forfeited and were not again restored until July 2, 1936.

The file also reflects the following list of visitors:

- 7-29-35 - Mrs. W. H. Stukey, Commonwealth Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 8-19-35 - Mrs. W. H. Stukey, Commonwealth Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 9-6-35 - Mrs. W. H. Stukey, Commonwealth Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 6-16-36 - Junius Yates, Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 6-16-36 - James Gaylor, Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 6-17-36 - Junius Yates, Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 6-17-36 - James Gaylor, Alcohol Tax Unit, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 7-2-36 - Mrs. Fae Roe, 15 East Colorado Boulevard, Arcadia, California.

In connection with an application for parole, submitted by James W. Roe, which was later denied, the file revealed that his parole plan was to drive a truck on a job which Louis Moretsky obtained for him in Detroit, Michigan, suggesting Louis Moretsky as his parole adviser and listing the name of his contemplated employer under the plan as Bernard Bleshein or Blostine, Vice-President, United Fish Dist., Inc., 2517 Hasting Street, Detroit, Michigan.

The Leavenworth file on James W. Roe also reflected that his last legal residence at the time of incarceration was 1515 South Frisco Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that a former address was 1003 South Main Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is apparently a barber shop, managed by some relative of Fae Roe.

It is believed significant to note that the penitentiary file contains a letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons by the Assistant Commissioner of the Alcohol Tax Unit, apparently in the nature of a parole report, which states in part that when James W. Roe was arrested in the case he owned a cabin located on the ~~lake of the Ozarks~~ in Burton County, Missouri, valued at \$500.00, as well as personal property in the same amount. There is no such county in the state of Missouri and it might be advisable for the office of origin to verify this information through the local office of the Alcohol Tax Unit in Oklahoma or to ascertain if the same was levied upon in connection with any unpaid fines prior to any investigation being conducted by the Kansas City Office.

The following description of James W. Roe, #47123, together with a number of photographs, was obtained from the file at the penitentiary:

Name	JAMES W. ROE
Age	35
Height	5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	153 lbs.
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Medium dark chestnut; bald top and front
Eyes	Yellow hazel
Color	White
Occupation	Bookkeeper
Scars and Marks	Ft. hor. sc. $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " abr. bs. R. ind. rear - Cur. sc. 1" 2nd jt. R. sm. frt - Ft. vert. $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ " abv. outpt. L. ibrow
Penitentiary No.	U. S. P., Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123
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The file on James W. Roe also reflects that on 6-26-20 Roe, as L. S. Evans, #17314, was received at the State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas, to serve a two year sentence for grand larceny and was released on 3-28-22, and that on 7-24-24, as James Roe, was received at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, under #21514, to serve a three year sentence for Dyer Act violation, being released on 11-13-26; that on 2-11-28 he was again received at the U. S.

Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as James Evans, under #29363, to serve a two year sentence for probation violation and was released on 10-19-29.

The file at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on Richard Tallman Galatas, #46085, reflects that he was received on 1-15-35 to begin a two year sentence for conspiracy and \$10,000.00 fine, but subsequently was temporarily released pending hearing of an appeal; that he was released conditionally on November 1, 1937, and furnished transportation to Hot Springs, Arkansas, he being required to report to John Reeves, Federal Probation Officer, Federal Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, his parole adviser being listed as C. Floyd Huff, Jr., Hot Springs, Arkansas. The file also shows that employment was offered to him by Walter Carrigan, owner of the Carrigan - Stephens Mens' Wear Store, 258 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the capacity of solicitor and collector, at \$25.00 per week.

The file reflects the following list of relatives of Richard Tallman Galatas:

Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, wife, 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.  
Gordel (Pat) Galatas, son, Macon, Georgia, employed by large furniture house there.  
Joseph Albert Galatas, brother, salesman, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Mrs. Ida Mae Mounce Galatas, mother, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California.  
Mrs. Luther Raines, sister, housewife, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California.  
Mrs. Hugh Martin, sister, housewife, 1329 1/2 Lime Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The file also reveals the following visitors, while confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth:

Charles S. Walden, attorney, 1011 Fidelity Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri.  
James H. Anderson, attorney, 512 Scarritt Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

John S. Cannon, 301 Gloyd Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
C. Floyd Huff, Jr., attorney, Arkansas  
Trust Building, Hot Springs, Arkansas.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas, wife, 18 Dell  
Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The only additional correspondent of Galatas is named  
Henry Ballaban of Ballaban and Spahr, attorneys, 11 South LaSalle  
Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At Kansas City, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by Special  
Agent D. R. Scruggs:

At 1216 Broadway, the address of the Commonwealth Hotel,  
Agent contacted Mr. Ellis, manager, who advised that one Wanda  
Stukey had never lived at that address but had received mail there  
about a year ago and that it was his understanding that she, at that  
time, was living at the Convention Hotel, 327 West 12th Street.

Telephonic inquiry at the Convention Hotel resulted in  
the information from the clerk that Wanda Stukey was not in. Agent  
then advised the clerk that he had some mail which had come to the  
Commonwealth Hotel and desired to ascertain her forwarding address,  
whereupon the clerk at the Convention Hotel stated he would send  
for it, but he was informed that the hotel rules would not permit  
such an arrangement.

Mr. Bell, Post Office Inspector, after a search of the  
records, advised that there was no forwarding address for Wanda  
Stukey.

Accompanied by Detective Lieutenant Lou Myers of the  
Kansas City Police Department, Agent contacted Mrs. J. H. Norton,  
manager of the Convention Hotel, who advised that she knew Wanda  
Stukey and that Stukey had lived at the Convention Hotel for some  
time, but that during July of 1937, Wanda Stukey had brought with  
her to the hotel a man named James Roe, who had just been released  
from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Mrs. Norton  
continued that Stukey and Roe had lived at the Convention Hotel as  
man and wife for approximately two months and had left for an unknown  
destination in the state of Texas. Upon further inquiry, Mrs. Norton  
related that there was a girl living in room #204, who corresponded

with Wanda Stukey, but she deemed it most inadvisable to contact her openly. While Agent overheard the conversation through the switchboard, Mrs. Norton conversed with the girl in room #204 for the ostensible purpose of sending Wanda Stukey a Christmas card and thereby obtaining the address of Wanda Stukey as Post Office Drawer M, Hobbs, New Mexico.

On December 20, 1937, a summary of the information obtained from the records at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was transmitted to the Bureau, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco Offices by conference teletype, suggesting that the Oklahoma City Office verify through the Probation Officer at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the address of James Roe and thereafter advise the El Paso Office accordingly.

Photographs and the following descriptive data pertaining to Fugitive Subjects Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole were obtained from the records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas:

Name	RALPH ROE
Age	28
Height	6' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Weight	167 lbs.
Build	Medium muscular
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark chestnut - receding hairline
Eyes	Yellow blue
Color	White
Scars and Marks	B. tat. sm. star 1st jt. L. ind. rear - B. tat. 2 stars L. hand rear - Hor. scar 4" 5" belo L. tit.
Penitentiary No.	U. S. P., Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153
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Name	THEODORE COLE
Age	23
Height	5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	123 lbs.
Build	Medium

Complexion	Medium
Hair	Medium chestnut
Eyes	Yellow hazel
Color	White
Penitentiary No.	U. S. P., Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905
Scars and Marks	Ft. obl. sc. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 2" ab. L. wrist rear - Obl. sc. $1\frac{3}{4}$ " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from outpt. R. ibrow - Cur. sc. $\frac{1}{2}$ " outpt. lower R. lip - Hor. sc. $1\frac{1}{4}$ " under chin.
F. P. C.	<u>17</u> <u>IM</u> <u>17</u> (21) 27 0 16

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU - one photograph of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; one photograph of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and one photograph of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE - two photographs of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; two photographs of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and two photographs of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

TO THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE - two photographs of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; two photographs of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and two photographs of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE - two photographs of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; two photographs of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and two photographs of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

TO THE DETROIT OFFICE - one photograph of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; one photograph of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and one photograph of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

TO THE EL PASO OFFICE - one photograph of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46905; one photograph of Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #46153; and one photograph of James W. Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #47123.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Tulsa, Oklahoma, will verify the address of James W. Roe and Wanda Stukey through the Probation Officer, as requested in the teletype from the Kansas City office dated 12-20-37, thereafter advising the El Paso Office for appropriate interview for any information concerning whereabouts of both fugitives.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, will obtain information relative to the ownership by James W. Roe of a cabin located on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and the exact location thereof, since this might afford a logical hiding place for fugitives.

At Duncan, Oklahoma, will conduct interviews with Mrs. Willis Bonner, aunt; John Hickey, uncle; and Mrs. S. E. Legg, cousin, all relatives of Ralph Roe, for any information which they may have concerning his disappearance or name of relatives or associates who may have information.

At Gotebo, Oklahoma, will interview D. W. Blackburne, relative of Fae Roe, for any information concerning the whereabouts of James W. Roe, as well as any information concerning the disappearance, associates, or whereabouts of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Arcadia, California, will contact Mrs. Fae Roe, wife of James W. Roe, and other members of her family, at 15 East Colorado Boulevard, for information concerning the present whereabouts of James W. Roe, as well as for the purpose of obtaining any information they may have or the names of relatives or associates who may have information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

At Santa Monica, California, will contact Joe Roberts at the Douglas Aircraft Company for the same purpose.

THE DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan, will contact

Louis Morelsky or Moretsky, who may be located at 2545 Taylor Avenue, 2224 Pengree, or 1983 Seward, for any information he may have concerning the present whereabouts of James W. Roe and particularly any information concerning the disappearance of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole or associates of these individuals who may have information concerning their whereabouts.

Will interview Bernard Bloshein or Blostine, Vice-President, United Fish Dist., Inc., 2517 Hasting Street, for the same purpose.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, will ascertain the contacts of Mrs. Theodore Cole there. Will interview her, ascertaining names of associates of Cole and Roe, as well as the present whereabouts of these individuals, if known.

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at Houston, Texas, will conduct investigation to locate and interview Roy Roe concerning any knowledge he may have regarding the disappearance of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole. Any additional members of the Roe family which are not mentioned herein should also be interviewed, as well as any possible contacts which Roy Roe may have.

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Huntsville, Texas, at the State Penitentiary, will obtain photographs and descriptive data of Roy Roe, forwarding same to the San Antonio Office for assistance in locating and interviewing Roy Roe at Houston, Texas.

At Big Springs, Texas, will locate and interview James W. Roe for any information he may have concerning the disappearance of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, obtaining from him the identity of any members of the Roe family not mentioned herein, as well as any friends or associates that Ralph Roe may contact. It is suggested that this lead be held in abeyance pending the development of information that James W. Roe is located at Hobbs, New Mexico, with Wanda Stukey.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will make appropriate investigation to determine whether Raymond Roe and his wife requested permission to visit Ralph Roe during August, 1937.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Hays, Kansas, from time to time, will maintain contact with Raymond Roe for any possible information he may have concerning Ralph Roe, bearing in mind that Raymond Roe may be reached by telephone at Hays, Kansas, #155.

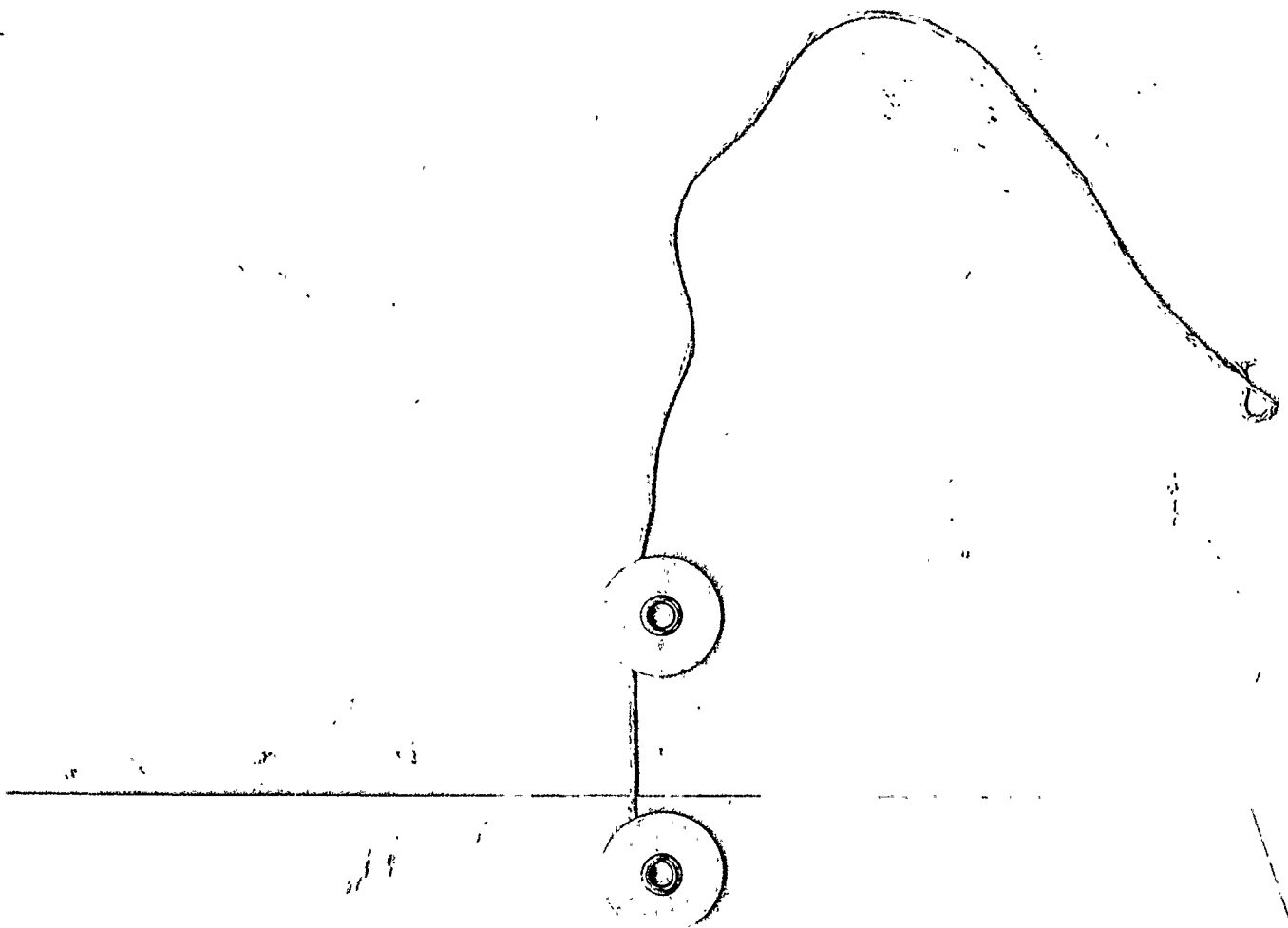


At Russell, Kansas, will interview John Price, friend of James W. Roe, for any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of James W. Roe and, more particularly, for any information relative to the disappearance of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, as well as information concerning additional members of the Roe family or associates which may be potential contacts for the fugitives.

At Kansas City, Missouri, or Independence, Missouri, will locate and interview Mark Lane at 629 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri, or 813 South Chrysler Avenue, Independence, Missouri, for the same purpose.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview Junius Yates and James Gaylor of the Alcohol Tax Unit for any information which they may personally have or which is reflected in their files of benefit to this investigation.

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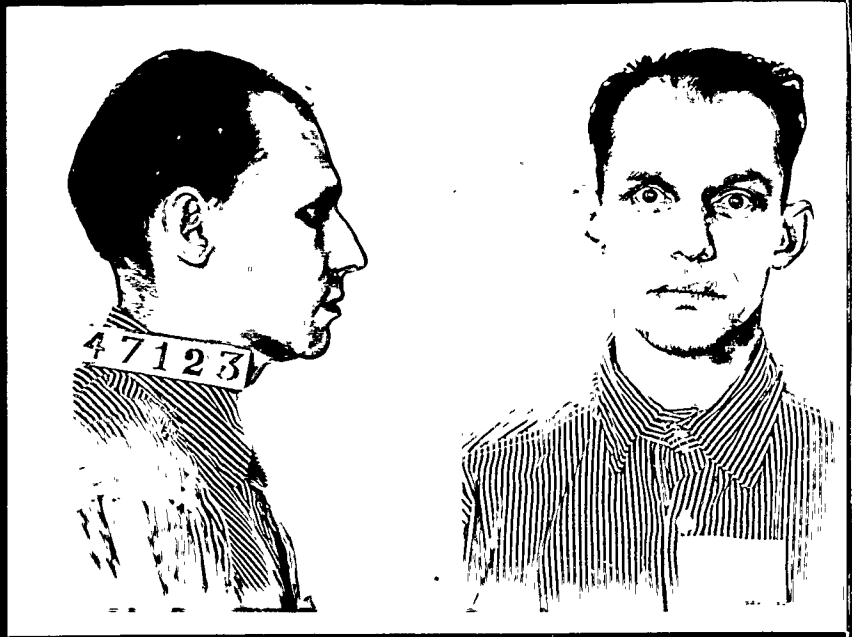
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RE KANSAS CITY FILE NO. 76-471

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

Name James W. Roe

Alias \_\_\_\_\_

Photo U.S.P. Leavenworth #47123

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Crime \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Male

Color White

Age 35      5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Wt. 153      Med.

Complex. Med.

M. Dk. Ch. Bald.

Hair Top & frt. Yellow Hazel

Ft. hor. sc.  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " abv. bs. R. Ind  
Scars Rear-Cur. sc.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2nd. jt. R. sm.  
frt-Ft. vert.  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\frac{1}{2}$ " abv. outpt.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Name Theodore Cole

Alias \_\_\_\_\_

Photo U.S.P., Leavenworth #46905

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Crime \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Male

Color White

Age 23      5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Wt. 123      Med.

Complex. Med.

Hair M. Chest. Eyes Yellow Hazel

Ft. obl. sc.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " ab. L. wrist rear-  
Scars Obl. sc.  $1\frac{3}{4}$ "  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from outpt.  
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Date Arrest R. lip-Hor. sc.  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " under chin.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Name Ralph Roe

Alias U.S.P., Leavenworth

Photo #46153

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Crime \_\_\_\_\_

Sex Male Est. Fern \_\_\_\_\_

Color White Hair \_\_\_\_\_

Age 28 Height 6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Wt. 167 Build M. Musc.

Complex. Med. Race \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Dk. Eyes Yellow blue

Scars B. tat. sm. Star lst. jt. L.

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Date Arrest L. hand rear-

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 12/30/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21/37	REPORT MADE BY Tom E. Neal
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. O. D. Stevens states she has read newspaper accounts of escape of Cole and Roe but has no reason to believe they would contact her, and in event they do, she will communicate with the officials at Ft. Worth. 30 day cover placed on mail of Mrs. Stevens.

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**REFERENCE:** Telegram from San Francisco Field Office, dated December 21, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

The writer, accompanied by U.S. Marshal J. R. Wright, Fort Worth, Texas, interviewed Mrs. O. D. Stevens at her home four miles from Arlington, Texas.

She advised that she had read newspaper accounts of the escape of Cole and Roe from Alcatraz Prison, but that she had no reason to believe that either of these men would attempt to communicate with her. Mrs. Stevens was advised of the Harboring Statute and she stated she was aware of this law and that she would not want to become involved in any way in this matter, as she had had enough trouble, and that if Roe and Cole should contact her in any way, she would immediately notify the officials in Fort Worth. The writer requested Mrs. Stevens to notify the Dallas Bureau Office, and she said she would.

Mr. L. G. Collet, Postmaster, Handley, Texas, advised that Mrs. O. D. Stevens sends mail at Handley but receives her mail at Arlington, Texas. A 30 day cover was placed on 1st and 2nd class mail of Mrs. Stevens sent from the post office at Handley, Texas.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Beave</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
 RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL. REFER MY CONFERENCE TELETYPE  
 TODAY CONCERNING ORRIS A. BEEN. LOSANGELES HAS ADVISED  
 CAR ON WHICH CHECK REQUESTED IS OLDSMOBILE SEDAN WYOMING  
 LICENSE <sup>4-1861</sup> FOUR DASH EIGHTEEN SIXTY ONE. THIS CAR NOW IN  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, Calif.

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[redacted].  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

--- Jerry Lester (Escaped)

Copy to:  
San. Field Div.,  
Okla. City, Okla.  
Coroner's Office,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
(25-1760)

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California

December 27, 1937.

*01-5-38*

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

Dear Sir:

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

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints of JAMES LESTER, deceased, which were taken by Special Agent V. I. PARRY, LESTER'S body having been recovered from the San Francisco Bay, on December 25, 1937.

It is requested that a search be made in the Identification Unit fingerprint files, for the purpose of determining if LESTER has any prior criminal record, and if so, the San Francisco Division be advised, as well as the Coroner's Office, San Francisco, California.

Very truly yours,

*COPY TO*

*N.J.L. Pieper*

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

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Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

John Doe, #76, Deceased.

CC-Cormer's  
Office,  
San  
Francisco,  
Calif.  
CC-Bu. ✓

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL  
DELIVERY

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
Very truly yours,  
JAN 6 1938  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 27, 1937.

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

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

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the fingerprints of an unknown individual, whose body was found at Lands End, which is a point at which the San Francisco Bay empties into the Pacific Ocean.

After determining this individual was neither ROE nor COLE, Subjects in this case, his body was removed to the Coroner's Office, 650 Merchant Street, San Francisco, California, where he was fingerprinted, and the enclosed copy of his fingerprints furnished to the San Francisco Division.

It is requested that a search be made of the Identification Unit fingerprint files, for the purpose of endeavoring to establish the identity of this individual, and that the San Francisco Division, and the Coroner's Office, San Francisco, California, be advised as to the outcome of this search.

This individual is referred to as Coroner's Office, San Francisco, California JOHN DOE, No. 76, and he is described as follows:

RECORDED & INDEXED

Age	About 40 years.
Height	5'10".
Weight	127 lbs.
Build	Slender.
Eyes	Brown.
Hair	Iron gray, receding above temples.
Scars	Vaccination-scar-left upper arm.
Teeth	Uppers gone. Lower - gold crown and bridge work - 5 crowns - 7 on bridge. (Gold crown on 2nd molar, left side, also second bicuspid. 1st bicuspid left side missing. Bt. 1st molar crowned. Bridged - 2nd molar cantilever; bridged

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first molar; bridged anterior  
5 teeth. )

Race  
Nationality

White.  
Apparently American.

Very truly yours,



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

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c.c. Oklahoma City.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Milwaukee

FILE NO. 76-65

REPORT MADE AT <b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/30/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/27,28/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. WOOD</b>	<b>JG</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Wisconsin license 605-995 issued to W. L. Morris, Route #1, Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Wisconsin license #693-309 issued to O. A. Goffin, Radisson, Wisconsin. Investigation reveals former has reputation of being dishonest in business practices; no criminal record; farmer in vicinity of Rice Lake and Campia, Wisconsin for past 10 or 12 years; mail address presently 519 West Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon. Car bearing above plates not paid for, repossessed at Cottage Grove about middle of November, 1937. Investigation at Radisson reveals O. A. Goffin in garage and oil distributing business there for 20 years; has excellent reputation; no criminal record. Goffin advises was in Oregon from 9/20/37 to 12/16/37; drove back his own car and his son, Robert, at request of Chippewa Valley Security Company, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, drove back a car repossessed by this company and stored at Cottage Grove, Oregon; crossed Oregon-California line on 12/16/37. States they did not purchase maps of any kind while on trip.

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**REFERENCE:**

Conference teletype message from Portland office to Milwaukee office, dated 12/24/37; teletype message from Milwaukee office to Portland office dated 12/24/37.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:**

On receipt of the reference teletype message inquiry was immediately made at the Wisconsin Automobile License Bureau, 759 North

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Broadway, concerning the identity of the owners of Wisconsin license plates 605-995 and 693-309. Review of the registration book for 1937 licenses revealed that 605-995 is listed under the name of W. L. Morris, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Rural Route #1; and 693-309 is listed under the name of O. A. Goffin, Radisson, Wisconsin, the former for a 1937 Dodge Touring Sedan, motor #5139817, and the latter for a 1937 Chevrolet Master Sedan, motor #1099257.

Telephonic inquiry of S. J. McShane, Postmaster at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, revealed that W. L. Morris is presently believed to be in Oregon and that his mail forwarding address is 519 West Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon. This information was forwarded at once by teletype to the Portland Division.

Telephonic inquiry of Postmaster Rynda, Radisson, Wisconsin, revealed that O. A. Goffin has been visiting in Oregon for several weeks and intended to return on or about Christmas day; that he is a garage owner in Radisson.

AT RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN:

S. J. McShane, Postmaster, advised that he does not know W. L. Morris, nor do any of the Post Office employees; that he secured his information concerning this man from Louis Mark, Rural mail carrier at the Rice Lake Post Office on Route #1.

Louis Mark was interviewed and he stated that he has known W. L. Morris for about three years; that Morris has been a farmer in the vicinity of Campia, Wisconsin, most of this time; that Morris is reputed to be a man who can not be trusted to keep his word but has not, to Mark's knowledge, ever been arrested; that he acquired his reputation through various business deals in which he made false representations and took unfair advantages whenever the opportunity offered. Mark advised that Albert Hansen, a lumber dealer in Campia might be able to give more information concerning Morris as he, Marks, was not familiar with Morris family on affairs and knew him only slightly as one of the people on Rural Route #1; that the only thing he knew about Morris was his forwarding address at 519 West Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Albert Hansen, 202 West Messenger Street, advised that he is a lumber dealer in Campia and has known W. L. Morris for about ten or twelve years; that Morris is a person who cannot be trusted in business



deals if he gets a chance to take advantage of someone; that to his knowledge has no criminal record, nor has he ever heard of Morris having been arrested or involved in any way in law violations; that he does not know where Morris lived prior to the time he came to Campia but he thinks it was on a farm near Watertown, Wisconsin, at a place called Johnson Creek; that he knows Morris as "Bill"; that the latter left a number of unpaid bills in Campia when he left for Oregon; that, to his knowledge, Morris has no relatives in Oregon and it came as a surprise to hear that Morris had gone there sometime during the month of September, 1937.

Frank Brynes, 120 Douglas Street, a deputy sheriff in Rice Lake for the past seven years was interviewed and he stated that he has known Morris for the past eight or nine years and knows that Morris has the reputation as being a difficult person to do business with as he is supposed to be dishonest whenever it will gain him any profit; that Morris has no criminal record and has never been arrested; that he does not know where Morris lived before coming to Campia and Rice Lake about twelve years ago; that John Froemming, a farmer near Campia knows Morris and has had business dealings with him so may be able to give information of value in determining Morris' past record and reputation.

John Froemming, Campia, advised that Morris rented during the year 1935 a farm of his and that subsequently Morris tried to secure the profits from the place by one means or another; that, however, Morris was never arrested for this; that he does not know where Morris lived before he came to Campia; that Morris is married and has three or four children.

At the Rice Lake Auto Company, Charles W. Barney, salesman, was interviewed and he advised that Morris purchased a 1937 Dodge Sedan there during March, 1937; that subsequently Morris drove this car to Oregon and that after some time he was located there at Cottage Grove and the car was repossessed for the Chippewa Valley Security Company, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, which company was financing the purchase of the car for Morris; that about \$700.00 was unpaid on the purchase price; that this car was repossessed about the middle of November; that the car is being returned to Wisconsin from Oregon by a friend of Mr. Dorsey, manager of the Chippewa Valley Security Company.

AT RADISSON, WISCONSIN:

Postmaster Rynda advised on interview that he had known O. A. Goffin for about twenty years; that Goffin has been in the garage business

in Radisson for that length of time and prior to that was a restaurant owner in Birchwood, Wisconsin; that he bears a good reputation and is a married man with one son, Robert, who is in the garage business with his father; that the Goffins have been visiting in Oregon at Mrs. Goffin's father's home for the past two or three months and returned to Radisson December 26, 1937.

Cashier Lebeau, Chippewa Valley Bank, was interviewed and he stated that he has known O. A. Goffin for about twenty-five years; that Goffin is a reputable, hard-working man and has been in the garage business for about twenty years in Radisson; that he is married and has one son, Robert, who is in the business with his father; that Goffin has never been in any trouble of any kind in respect to law violations; that he and his family have been in Oregon for the past two or three months visiting Mrs. Goffin's father, who was formerly in the garage business in Radisson.

Orrin A. Goffin was interviewed and he advised that he returned to Radisson on December 26, instant, from a three and a half months visit to Oregon; that he went there with his wife, his son, Robert and his wife, and his grandson; that they visited at the home of his wife's father, Oliver C. Sabin, Route #2, Box #303, Medford, Oregon; that his father-in-law left Radisson in 1924 and has lived at Medford since that time and owns a small fruit farm there.

Mr. Goffin further advised that he and his family left Radisson on September 12, 1937, and arrived at Medford on September 20, 1937; that during the last week in September they visited in Seattle at the home of his wife's sister and that on this trip they passed through Portland, Oregon; that this is the only time they were in Portland and that they did not buy any maps of any kind while on the trip; that they visited his nephew, Bobby Rindt at Yreka, California and also Jack Kermott at Upland, California, during the first week in October; that he telegraphed home that he intended to start back on December 15 and received an immediate reply from Mr. Dorsey of the Chippewa Valley Security Company, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, requesting him to go to Cottage Grove and bring back a car which was stored there at the Woodin Motor Company; that this car has been repossessed from a W. L. Morris, who had purchased it through the finance company of which Mr. Dorsey is manager; that he did go to Cottage Grove and secure this car, a Dodge Sedan bearing 1937 Wisconsin plates #605-995; that his son, Robert, drove this car on the return trip; that they went south through Oregon and California, crossing the state line on December 16, on which date they were stopped for inspection at a pest control station at Yreka, California, and then continued on south through San Francisco and then

turned east and crossed the state line into Arizona on December 16, where they were once more stopped for inspection. Mr. Goffin, by referring to a map to refresh his memory, advised that this point was at Topock, Arizona; that in the car with him and his wife was their small grandson and in the other car were his son and daughter-in-law; that at Yreka he is not sure if his grandson was in the car with him and his wife or in the other.

Mr. Goffin further stated that he is not sure when the Morris car was repossessed but that there was a \$7.50 storage bill against it at the Woodin Motor Company in Cottage Grove, so it must have been there in storage for at least two weeks prior to December 15, when he secured it pursuant to the request from Mr. Dorsey.

A description of Mr. Goffin is as follows, secured by Agent through questioning and observation at the time of the interview:

Name	ORRIN A. GOFFIN
Address	Radisson, Wisconsin
Race	White
Age	48 years
Height	5' 7"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Medium brown, no gray
Eyes	Gray-blue
Complexion	Ruddy cheeks, fair skin
Spectacles	None
Mustache	None, needed shave
Marital status	Married
Scars & marks	None noted
Peculiarities	None noted
Occupation	Mechanic and garage man, also whole-sale gasoline and motor oil dealer

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
December 27, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to instructions of Mr. Tamm that an explanation be made as to why there had been a delay in forwarding the photographs of the subjects to the Bureau.

Please be advised that at the time of the Alcatraz break I was out of the city, Special Agent Joseph E. Thornton was acting, and he has made the following explanation to me:

Agent Thornton advises with regard to these photographs that Warden Johnston told him he would have photographs of the subjects available as soon as possible and that he might expect them on December sixteenth on the 5:40 P. M. boat and arrangements were made for an Agent to meet this boat and get these photographs; however Agent Thornton was telephonically advised that the Warden had been unable to get them off on the 5:40 boat and that they would arrive at approximately 6:40 P. M. An Agent met that boat which was late and did not get in until approximately 7:00 P. M.

At this time there were forwarded three photographs of each fugitive and due to the fact that Agent Thornton had been telephonically instructed to give the widest possible publicity of the matter, providing it met with the approval of the Warden, these photographs were given to newspaper reporters in the city. Arrangements were made for additional photographs to be furnished the San Francisco Office on December seventeenth. The additional photographs were received at approximately 6:00 P. M., December 17, 1937.

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Agent Thornton advises me he did not realize the photographs of these two fugitives were not on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau inasmuch as they were Federal prisoners and confined in Alcatraz, and although the subject of Identification Orders was mentioned in telephone conversations with the Bureau, having in mind the fact that these photographs we received from Alcatraz were the same as those in the Bureau files, it was not thought necessary to send them at that time.

In view of the subsequent developments, it appears the photographs should have been sent to the Bureau immediately upon receipt at this office; however it appears that in view of the desire for immediate publicity, looking to the location of these men in the Bay Area, it was highly desirable to have these photographs disseminated to the newspapers as there was a great possibility of apprehending the fugitives in the Bay Area if they had perpetrated their escape.

In the future on any major case of this kind this error will not occur as I can understand the Bureau's position and my only comments regarding the failure to forward them by Special Agent Thornton are that he was endeavoring to do everything he could looking to their possible apprehension in this district.

Very truly yours,

  
N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California

December 23, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: RALPH ROE, With Aliases, FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, With Aliases, FUGITIVE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

There is enclosed herewith a note which was turned over to the San Francisco Field Office by MR. HARRY LONG, of the San Francisco Examiner, which reads as follows:

"A1,  
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"

Also enclosed are four pages of handwriting of subject ROE, Alcatraz Number 260, and two drawings, one of a man and the other being a girl, supposed to have been done by ROE.

Enclosed, also are two handwriting specimens of subject COLE Alcatraz Number 258, consisting of two brown Manila envelopes with figures on the outside, one sheet of paper with figures and some writing and Alcatraz Prison Form dated October 27th which has his signature, namely, THEODORE COLE, also Alcatraz Penitentiary Questionnaire signed with the signature THEODORE COLE. Also two Alcatraz Forms with the signature THEODORE COLE, one of which is dated August 4th, the other dated the 15th, with no month, indicating COLE was Number 258 in Cell 393.

It is respectfully requested that the handwriting on the note enclosed in the cellophane envelope be compared with the handwriting of subjects COLE and ROE, in an effort to ascertain if either subject could have written this note.

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It is also requested that the note be processed for any possible latent fingerprints and any prints which may be developed be

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compared with the fingerprints of the two subjects which are on file with the Identification Division.

*JEH*  
*Just* It is requested that the results of the examination also be supplied the office of origin which is Oklahoma City.

*JEH*  
*Just* All of the original handwriting specimens should be returned to the San Francisco Field Office immediately upon completion of the laboratory examination as they must be returned to Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

  
N.J.L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Tech. Lab. with  
14 enclosures-Reg.Mail

*V* cc: Oklahoma City

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-31-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-24-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. JONES</b>	ELB
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471; RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1937 Indiana license plates #711043 issued 7-2-37 at La Porte, Indiana, to James William Porter, 1115 Lincolnway, La Porte, for a 1937 Dodge coupe, motor #D5-203393. Investigation at La Porte disclosed that above address was that of the Flewelling Motor Sales, which sold above car to Mr. Porter, home address, 7731 Burnham Street, Chicago, Illinois, during June, 1937. File of the Flewelling Motor Sales reflects that since 6-7-37, Mr. Porter has resided at Heathman Hotels, Portland, Oregon, and apparently had his son from Chicago secure the car and drive it to Oregon; that Porter is employed by Chrysler Corporation and engages in installation of factory accounting systems at distribution points; that at Portland, Oregon, he was making an audit and installation at the Roy Burnett Motors, the Shipley Motors and then at Tarola's (Plymouth and Chrysler dealers). Porter not known at La Porte, Indiana, other than because of above purchase.

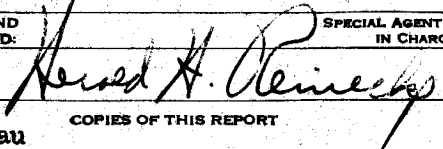
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**REFERENCE:**

Conference teletype message from Portland Office to Bureau, Indianapolis Office and other offices, dated December 24, 1937.

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DETAILS:

Subsequent to the receipt of the reference teletype message, Special Agent in Charge Reinecke communicated by telephone with the writer at South Bend, Indiana, and furnished pertinent information contained therein, advising that 1937 Indiana license plates #711043 were issued to James William Porter, 115 West Way Street, La Porte, Indiana, for a 1937 Dodge coupe, motor #D5-203393, according to information received from the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

AT LA PORTE, INDIANA.

At the La Porte, Indiana, Police Department, Detective James Payton advised that there was no Way Street in that city and an examination of the 1936 city directory confirmed this; also that no James William Porter was listed. An examination of the La Porte County passenger automobile list for 1937 showed that license #711043 was issued to James William Porter, 1115 Lincolnway, La Porte, Indiana, for the above described Dodge coupe.

At the Flewelling Motor Sales (Dodge and Plymouth dealers), 1115 Lincolnway, Mr. R. P. Bixler, manager, checked his files and advised that on April 8, 1937, J. W. Porter, 7731 Burnham Street, Chicago, Illinois, by letter placed an order for a Dodge Coupe to be ready for delivery not later than June 5, 1937. In this letter Mr. Porter said that he was planning on taking his two children for a rather extensive tour and wished to be on the way after his son graduated from high school on June 6, 1937.

A letter written to Porter on May 29, and one on June 7, 1937 both advised that the car was ready for delivery. A letter dated June 7, 1937 was received by the company from Porter on stationery of the Heathman Hotels, Park at Salmon-Broadway at Salmon, Portland, Oregon, in which Porter said that it was impossible for him to be in La Porte or Chicago to get the car; that his firm had sent him to Portland to make an audit and installation of the Roy Burnett Motors and after that he had the Shipley Motors (Dodge and Plymouth dealers) and then Tarola's (Plymouth and Chrysler dealers in Portland). In this letter Porter asked that the necessary papers be sent him for signing and that he would have his son pick up the car, and also suggested that the company secure Indiana license plates for the car "so that it might be registered in your district"; also that a conditional sales contract for eighteen months period be made out. He further stated in this letter that his son could be notified that the car was ready for delivery at 7731 Burnham Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The company sent Porter the contract for the car and addressed the communication to Porter at the Heathman Hotels, Portland, Oregon on June 10, 1937. The car as described in the contract is a 1937 Dodge, rumble seat coupe, motor #D5-203393, serial #4709235, painted sheet metal color, price \$930.50, down-payment \$310.50.

Porter sent the company a letter dated June 19, 1937 from the Heathman Hotels in Portland, Oregon, enclosing the signed agreement and stating that the company should notify James Porter, 7731 Burnham Street, Chicago, Illinois, when the car was ready. He also stated that he would be at the Roy Burnett Motors (DeSoto and Plymouth dealers) in Portland installing the Chrysler factory accounting system. James Porter was notified by letter dated June 23, 1937, that the car was ready and on June 24, 1937, according to the records of the Flewelling Motor Sales, the car was delivered to James Porter, presumably the son of James William Porter, at La Porte, Indiana.

Mr. Bixler further advised that he did not know Porter and made inquiry of several employees with negative results. He stated that Mr. Sewell Flewelling who is president of the company possibly carried on the entire deal with Porter, and was the only one at that establishment who was acquainted with him; that Mr. Flewelling was then visiting various relatives in the State of Arkansas, but could be reached within a reasonable length of time at the home of Velma Schaffer, 503 Arkansas Avenue, Russellville, Arkansas. Mr. Bixler finally advised that the time payments on the above car are now being made to the Commercial Credit Corporation with home offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which company is financing \$630.00 and is not known to have a branch office in La Porte.

At the automobile license branch office located in the Masonic Temple Building in La Porte, it was ascertained that 1937 Indiana license plates #711043 were issued at that place on July 2, 1937, and that the application for title reflected that the car was purchased on June 30, 1937; that an individual who secures an Indiana license plate for an automobile is supposed to and presumably does live in the State of Indiana.

The above information was telephoned to the Indianapolis Office by the writer at La Porte, Indiana, on the same day when secured, namely, December 24, 1937.

For the information of the Chicago Office to which

copies of this report are being directed, the following is stated: The reference teletype message advised that an unknown person at Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937, purchased a Department of Commerce booklet entitled "Current Tables Pacific Coast 1938" and a U. S. Hydrographic Service booklet entitled "Current Chart of San Francisco Bay". Investigation is being conducted with regard to the unknown person who purchased the above booklets because of the possibility that that person may have been implicated in instant case. Also all automobiles passing through California checking stations from Oregon at the Oregon-California border on December 15 and 16, 1937, have been checked by license numbers and one of such cars was that described hereinbefore, and the purpose of the investigation reflected in this report is to determine the reliability, reputation, destination and business of individual driving the above car, in which there was one passenger, from Oregon to California.

The description of the unknown person securing the above mentioned booklets is as follows:

Age	40-50
Height	5'6" or 5'7"
Weight	140-170
Hair	Dark, slightly graying
Face	Full and ruddy
Glasses	May have worn them
Appearance	Made good appearance and impressions and was apparently intelligent; appeared to have recently visited barber shop.
Dress	Suit possibly dark gray; carried dark top coat; well dressed and groomed; conservatively dressed.

A resume of the above was submitted to the Portland Office by teletype on December 24, 1937.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

#### THE PORTLAND OFFICE:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON, will determine the present activities and reputation of James William Porter who is supposed to be residing at the Heathman Hotels, "Park at Salmon - Broadway at Salmon" and to be installing a factory audit system for the Chrysler Corporation at the Roy Burnett Motors, the Shipley Motors and at Tarola's (Plymouth and Chrysler dealers).

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California

December 30, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

RE: RALPH ROE, With Aliases; FUGITIVE;  
THEODOR COLE, With Aliases; FUGITIVE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. E.  
Miller, Phoenix, Arizona, December 23, 1937.

This will advise that a thorough check of all  
correspondents, visitors and relatives of subject ROE has  
failed to develop any information concerning one LETHA JONES,  
mentioned in Agent Miller's report. However, it is requested  
that since information has been obtained that LETHA JONES  
has made statements indicating she was once the wife of subject  
ROE and had a daughter by him, she be openly and directly inter-  
viewed for any information which she might possibly have concerning  
either subject ROE or subject COLE.

LETHA JONES at the time of the interview should be  
fully advised of the Federal Harboring Statute.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Bureau  
cc: Oklahoma City

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

EAT:MC

December 31, 1937.

Time: 11:30 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape from Alcatraz

While talking to Mr. Pieper at San Francisco, he advised it will be practically impossible to do much searching on the water today as there is a heavy dense fog.

Reference was made to the allegation from Los Angeles that a man identified as Roe is working in a restaurant there, and I told Mr. Pieper to see that the Los Angeles Office follows out this lead.

Concerning the information about the delay in the submission of the photographs, Mr. Pieper stated he has directed a letter to the Bureau relative thereto by air mail special delivery.

Time: 1:55 P.M.

At this time, I informed Mr. Pieper of the request made by the Director, Bureau of Prisons, for an investigation of Henry T. Davis, Walter F. Peterson, Claud E. Billingsley and James V. Halsted, who are employees at the Alcatraz Penitentiary. These four men are the men referred to by Mr. Pieper in a letter to the Bureau on this matter. Mr. Pieper was also advised that the Director, Bureau of Prisons, desires that investigation be made of anyone at the penitentiary at whom suspicion is cast, regardless of the personnel involved. Mr. Pieper was accordingly instructed to investigate the activities of the above named men, thereafter investigating anyone else whose activities are under suspicion.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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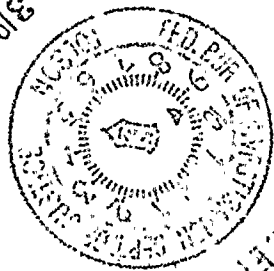
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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL EFP HELEN PAYNE RESIDING ADDRESS GIVEN WITH  
HUSBAND AMMIE S PAYNE UNEMPLOYED STEEL WORKER AND RUTH L YOUNG  
SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FORMERLY RESIDED INDEPENDENCE MO NEIGHBORHOOD VERY POOR  
RECEIVES MAIL FROM ALCATRAZ AND NEIGHBOR RECEIVES MAIL FROM SANQUENTIN HELEN PAYNE  
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**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 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, who has 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.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO.

76-282

REPORT MADE AT <b>El Paso, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-30-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-22/28-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. L. Damron m w</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">James Roe and Wanda Stukey now residing Hobbs, N. M., where Roe employed by International Supply Company. Both state only knew of Ralph's escape by reading newspapers and know none of his contacts. Both advised as to harboring statute. James Roe apparently in Hobbs at time of escape. Mail cover placed at Hobbs.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">P. Telegram from San Francisco office to El Paso office, 12-21-37.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Upon receipt of the reference telegram it was ascertained from Mr. Henry C. Clifton, Federal Probation Officer, that James Roe is now under his supervision and is employed by the International Supply Company at Hobbs, New Mexico. Mr. Clifton advised that James Roe had formerly worked at Wink, Texas, but his last report was mailed on December 2, 1937, from Hobbs, New Mexico, giving his address as Box M. He further stated that he recently received a Christmas Card from James Roe and an inspection of the same disclosed that it was postmarked at Hobbs, N. M., on December 20, 1937.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Deputy Sheriff Ellis Summers, Wink, Texas, telephonically advised that James Roe was still in Hobbs, N. M., to which point he had been transferred from Wink, Texas, a bout three months ago.</p>			
<b>COPIES DESTROYED AT HOBBS, N. M.</b>			
<b>61 SEP 8 1966</b> James Roe was located at the International Supply Company at Hobbs, N. M., and upon interview advised that he served two terms in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Texas, for "bootlegging" and is now on conditional			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. H. Colman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>JAN 4 1938</b> <b>76-2686-141</b>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT  3 - Bureau 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - San Francisco <i>AMASO</i> 2 - Kansas City 2 - El Paso		<b>FUGITIVE</b> <b>STAT. SECT. 9/6 M.</b> <b>JNC</b>	

release from that institution. He will be discharged in June, 1938. He is now reporting to the U. S. Probation Officer at El Paso, Texas. He originally obtained employment with the International Supply at Wink, Texas, and is now stationed at Hobbs as a temporary relief man. He expects to obtain a position as Manager of one of the stores which the company contemplates opening after January 1, 1938, but can always be located through Mr. Clifton or through Mr. John Price of the International Supply at Wink, Texas.

James Roe stated that the first time he knew of his brother's escape was when he read of it in the newspapers and that he believes his brother drowned in the attempted escape. He said that he last saw Ralph in the penitentiary at Leavenworth but merely spoke to him as Ralph was segregated from the other prisoners until his transfer to Alcatraz; that since Ralph was transferred to the island he had never corresponded with him and never heard from him in any way, or anything about him.

He said that his brother, Raymond ~~of~~ Hays, Kansas, had intended visiting Ralph and after arriving at Wink he, James, wrote Raymond, and asked about Ralph but never received an answer.

James Roe stated that he was in Hobbs at the time of Ralph's escape and had worked continuously during the month of December; that he had not lost any time from his work and the only time he was absent from Hobbs was on Christmas Eve when he and Mr. Price drove to El Paso, where they spent the night at the Camp Grande Tourist Camp. He stated he called to see Mr. Clifton the following morning but was unable to locate him and they then returned to Hobbs and Mr. Price returned to Wink.

Roe was questioned concerning the information received by the Kansas City office that he was an airplane pilot. He stated that he was not a licensed pilot but was interested in aviation and had approximately 70 hours flying time to his credit; that he has not flown any since his release from the penitentiary and knows no one in Hobbs that has a ship. He said that Joe ~~Roberts~~, Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, Calif., is the name of a person given to him as a possible source of employment and he, therefore, entered his name on his correspondence list so he could write to him. However, he stated he never wrote to Roberts.

With reference to his other correspondents, he stated that L. ~~Movelsky~~ is a friend and employed by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan; Mark ~~Lane~~ is a friend and has relatives in Kansas City, Mo., but is not related to "Spike" ~~Lane~~ whom he knows; John ~~Price~~ of Russell, Kansas, is the John Price now stationed at Wink, Texas, and manager of the International Supply Company store there. None of these correspondents, he stated, is related to him.

James Roe stated that he never associated with Ralph's crowd and therefore knows none of his contacts. He said that Ralph's crowd were killers, etc., and that was too strong for him. He did recall, however, that on one occasion Ralph spoke of two girl friends, one called Clara ~~Bell~~ and the other he believed was Hazel. He said he knew neither of these two women and does not know if Hazel is identical with Hazel ~~Underhill~~. He believes that at one time Hazel and Ralph were at Raymond's house for about one hour and Margaret, Raymond's wife, disliked Hazel very much and thought she was an Indian girl. ~~True~~

~~Roe~~ He said that the only close relatives of Ralph are Raymond, Roy (another brother) and himself, as both their father and mother are dead. Their step-mother, he said, is supposed to be in Oklahoma somewhere and he does not know where Roy is.

Roe stated he is separated from his wife and presumes she is still in California but he does not correspond with her; that he is now living with Wanda Stukey and they plan to obtain divorces and get married as soon as he receives his discharge.

He stated further that Raymond is the only member of his family or relative that knows where he is located and he therefore feels sure that Ralph, if alive, will not contact him and would not do so even if he knew where he was located as he would know that the authorities would be watching his brothers.

James Roe stated that although Ralph is his brother he will not harbor or assist him. He frankly stated that he would not notify local officers if Ralph should appear in Hobbs, but that he would not let him in his house or assist him and would notify the El Paso office by telephone.

Roe accompanied the writer to the Hoteling Apartments where he resides with Wanda Stukey. She was interviewed but could add nothing to the statements made by Roe. She too stated that James had been in Hobbs continuously during the month of December except for the trip to El Paso. Wanda stated she has been separated from her husband for five or six years, has a son 14 years of age that is now with his grandmother.

Both Wanda and James Roe were advised separately and jointly as to the harboring statute. Roe and Wanda Stukey are now residing in an apartment located adjacent to the Hoteling Store in Hobbs. The apartment has only one double bed and accommodates only two people. They have a black cocker spaniel dog with them.

Mrs. George Hoteling advised that James Roe and his wife moved into this apartment on December 1, 1937, and have occupied it continuously since that time; that they have had no visitors, are good tenants and keep to themselves. Mrs. Hoteling was not advised of Agent's identity as James Roe advised that no one in Hobbs knew that he was an ex-convict or related to Ralph Roe.

Through Postmaster Langford at Hobbs it was ascertained that Postoffice Box M is assigned to the International Supply Company. A cover was placed on all mail received by Roe and Wanda Stukey through this box, which cover is to be maintained indefinitely and until Roe leaves Hobbs.

Inquiry at the Post office, Gas Company, Light Company, and the Retail Credit Association disclosed no information concerning Otis Swan. Neither was he known to Sheriff W. Kerley, Deputy Sheriff D. B. Witcher, Cattle Inspector Shannon, or members of the Police Department questioned by Sheriff Kerley. At the Retail Credit Association it was ascertained that the Manager was formerly

employed by the Gas Company at Seminole, Okla., and is personally acquainted with Jake Sims, Chief of Police, and Otis Swan. He described Otis Swan as a young, dark complexioned man and said that if Swan were in Hobbs he would know it, but that he was not here. He stated further that he knew by sight a girl called Clara Belle that formerly worked at a Beauty Parlor in Seminole but did not know that she was married to Otis Sims and had not seen her in Hobbs.

James Roe and Wanda Stukey were questioned concerning Clara Belle and Otis Swan and they stated they did not know Swan and only knew of Clara Belle through Ralph. Roe stated if Swan was working in the oil fields he could locate him and promised to make inquiries and advise the El Paso office if successful in locating him.

Deputy Sheriff D. B. Witcher was given two Identification Orders on both Ralph Roe and subject Cole and was shown the residence of James Roe and advised as to his place of employment. He promised to appropriately cover the matter in Hobbs.

James Roe's statement concerning his efforts to visit Mr. Clifton in El Paso on Christmas Day were verified by Mr. Clifton who found a note from Roe left at his office. This note, together with the envelope that contained the Christmas Card sent to Clifton by James Roe, are now in the El Paso file of this case.

P E N D I N G

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTERS
WMP-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

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RECEIVER'S NUMBER
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TIME FILED
STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 29 1937 JET:FB

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

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL FUGITIVE EFP. CONTACT RUBY E WILSON ASSISTANT POSTMASTER  
PLANADA CALIFORNIA CONCERNING UNKNOWN MAN WHO IS BELIEVED BY HER TO POSSIBLY  
BE SUBJECT ROE. WILSON ADVISED NOTIFYING COUNTY SHERIFF MERCED TODAY. HANDLE.

CC: Bureau

OKlahoma City Charge-Government rate  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Suite 1720 - 11th Street St.

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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 such, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated 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 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, 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, 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 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 secure 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 limiting the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for and 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 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.

**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 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, and transmitted by telegraph to destination, subordinate to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, with equal effect, 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.

**WEEK END CABLE LETTERS** at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, except that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicator "WEL" 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.

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

EAT:MC

December 30, 1937.

Time: 2:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*File*

RE: Escape of Theodore Cole and  
Ralph Roe from Alcatraz.

Mr. Pieper advised there are no developments in this case. He advised the shore line is being patrolled by boat daily but as yet nothing of value has been found. He indicated an agent is not on the boat as there is no special search being made in the water, but the boat is going along the shore and it would be a waste of personnel to have an agent on board.

With reference to the report submitted in this matter, I referred to the statement of the truck driver at Mill Valley relative to having been hailed by two strangers and asked Mr. Pieper if we can develop anything further on this line. He indicated he does not believe so as this has been fairly well covered. He indicated the statement obtained from an individual who said he believed he heard a speed boat on the afternoon of the escape, has been disproved by another individual who was in a position to have heard the boat and did not.

He indicated the relations with the Warden at Alcatraz are very friendly and the Warden is turning over everything he gets to Agent Farland. Mr. Pieper stated he believes Farland should remain on the island now. The Warden has indicated there are four individuals, two guards and two civilian employees, under suspicion and stated that agents can investigate them, interrogate or take any other action they desire. Mr. Pieper said he has submitted a letter to the Bureau covering this and pointing out it is not advisable to investigate these four men now as this would lead to the investigation of the entire personnel at Alcatraz. He indicated that the prisoners will not talk as they are afraid to talk in the presence of other prisoners.

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Mr. Pieper indicated it was decided that it would be a good idea to have the photographs taken at Alcatraz developed there in order that there would be no possible question as to the negatives, with the result that half of the photographs were ruined. He indicated that Agent Wood developed the remainder of the photographs himself and they turned out perfectly. Agents will take more photographs today at Alcatraz.

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~~Respectfully,~~  
E. A. TAMM.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
DECEMBER 30, 1937

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N. J. L. PIEPER,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
SUITE 1729 - 111 SUTTER STREET.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL. REFER MY CONFERENCE TELETYPE TODAY CONCERNING ORRIS A. BEEN. LOS ANGELES HAS ADVISED CAR ON WHICH CHECK REQUESTED IS OLDSMOBILE SEDAN WYOMING LICENSE FOUR DASH EIGHTEEN SIXTY ONE. THIS CAR NOW IN SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA DRIVER STANLEY RAYNOCK, AGE ABOUT TWENTY, STOPPING HOTEL LENHART. INTERVIEW RAYNOCK AND CREW IN ACCORDANCE REPORT SAC SPEARS PORTLAND DECEMBER TWENTY TWO. 4-1811

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cc - Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
Portland  
Los Angeles.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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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 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 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 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 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

#### 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.

#### 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 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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE, ET AL. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. RE TELETYPE  
TWENTY FOURTH INSTANT. ANOTHER CAR, CHEVROLET COUPE, BEARING IDAHO LICENSE  
7A-1C77  
SEVEN A DASH ONE NAUGHT SEVEN NINE CONTAINING TWO PASSENGERS CROSSED CALIFORNIA  
BORDER SOUTH BOUND DURING SAME PERIOD. SAID LICENSE ISSUED TO BARBARA M. BOYATT,  
C-1664617  
DOX TERRE, HAILEY, IDAHO, FOR CHRYSLER COUPE, MOTOR C DASH ONE SIX SIX FOUR SIX  
ONE SEVEN. COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, HOLDS LIEN.  
BARBARA BOYATT IS WIFE OF PAUL MARTIN BOYATT, WHO WAS SENTENCED AT HAILEY,  
IDAHO, NOVEMBER SIXTH LAST, TO SERVE TWENTY TO FORTY YEARS, IDAHO STATE  
PENITENTIARY FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER. DAY FOLLOWING SENTENCE BARBARA LEFT  
HAILEY WITH PAUL'S BROTHER, C. V. BOYATT. BARBARA FORMERLY RAN HOUSE OF  
PROSTITUTION IN HAILEY, STUDIED LAW, NURSED AND QUALIFIED AS STENOGRAPHER.  
CHARACTER QUESTIONABLE AND IS CONSIDERED HARDENED. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.  
DESCRIPTION AGE THIRTY, FIVE FEET SIX, WEIGHT ONE TWENTY TO ONE THIRTY, TRIM  
BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, LIGHT COMPLEXION. ENDEAVOR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS  
THROUGH COMMERCIAL CREDIT AND INTERVIEW ALONG LINES SUGGESTED TELETYPE OF  
REFERENCE.

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cc Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
San Francisco  
Portland

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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

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

EAT:MC

December 23, 1937.

Time: 1:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ *File*

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

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With reference to my call to Mr. Fletcher at Little Rock instructing him to check the probation officer's file on Galatas and to forward all pertinent data to the Bureau, since the Bureau contemplates submitting a memorandum to the Department pointing out that Huff is not a reputable person to whom a man should be paroled, Mr. Brantley called from Kansas City advising that in accordance with a telephonic request from Mr. Fletcher, he had contacted Mr. Timmons, the Parole Officer at Leavenworth. Timmons advised his files reflect that several communications were received there in behalf of Galatas, several being addressed to the Warden at Leavenworth and several to the Warden at Alcatraz. He said he received a letter dated April 20, 1936, from Huff urging the parole of Galatas and in this letter Huff volunteered to be the parole adviser. Mr. Brantley indicated this was before Galatas was transferred to Alcatraz. Timmons further stated that Galatas was received back at Leavenworth about a month before the date of his conditional release, and according to Departmental regulations, it is incumbent upon Timmons, as parole officer, to make every effort he can to obtain a parole adviser for individuals about to be released conditionally. Timmons said in view of the interest manifested by Huff, as reflected by the file, the necessary forms were sent by him, Timmons, to Huff to be executed and returned. These forms were then signed by the state officer to whom the prisoner is to be paroled, which official must attest to the good character of the individual who is to be a parole adviser. Timmons indicated the forms were then sent to the parole officer at Washington. Timmons stated he does not pass upon the qualifications of the parole adviser but the submission of a name by him in the executed forms is usually equivalent to acceptance.

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Mr. Brantley indicated there is some discussion to the effect that conditionally released prisoners do not require parole advisers, but is not certain of the latest Departmental rulings on this question.

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*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM  
FILE  
DEC 23 1937

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 29, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:      Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases -  
                  FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472.  
                  THEODORE COLE, with aliases -  
                  FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.  
                  Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Reference is made to a teletype received from the Kansas City Office, and directed to the Special Agent in Charge, San Francisco, dated 12/20/37, which contains information to the effect that during the time JAMES W. ROE, brother of Subject ROE, was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he corresponded with one LOUIS MORETSKY, 2545 Taylor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

It is requested that you instruct a Special Agent of your office to interview LOUIS MORETSKY at that address, in an attempt to elicit some information which he may have relative to the Subjects of this case, which would be of assistance in effecting their apprehension.

Very truly yours,

H.J.L. FLINER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

D.c. Bureau.  
c.c. Oklahoma City.

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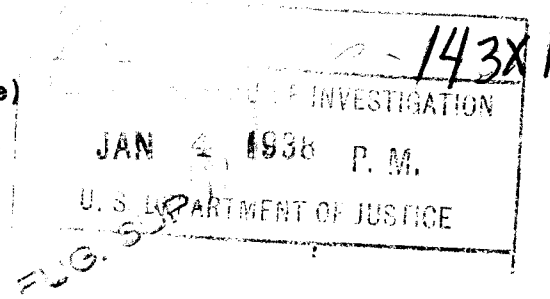
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December 27, 1937

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE HEAD EXP. HENRI O. YOUNG, ALCATRAZ TWO FOUR FOUR, TODAY RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOTHER HELEN PAYNE, FIVE NINE FIVE SEVEN BLUNNER OR BRINLER STREET, LOS ANGELES, DATED LOS ANGELES DECEMBER TWENTY SIXTH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, ARCADE ANNEX STATION, NINE THIRTY PM QUOTE DAFLING PLEASE DONT GIVE MY ADDRESS TO ANYONE DONT MASTER HOW GOOD THEIR INTENTIONS. I BEEN IN PLENTY HOT WATER INNOCENTLY. ALL CLEARED NOW. WILL DO ANYTHING AT ANY TIME FOR ANYONE AS LONG AS IM IN THE RIGHT UNQUOTE CONDUCT DISCREET INVESTIGATION AS TO STATUS AND REPUTATION HELEN PAYNE

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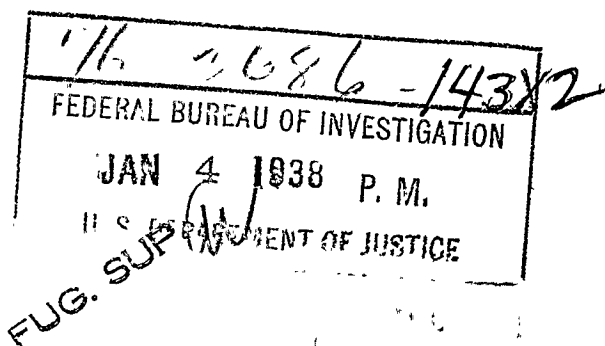
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE, ET AL. EFP. REFERENCE CONFERENCE TELETYPE FROM PORTLAND OFFICE TWENTY FOURTH INSTANT. IDAHO LICENSE ONE K FIVE NINE THREE ISSUED TO HARVEY F. SIXSMITH, SPIRIT LAKE, IDAHO FOR CHEVROLET TRUCK MOTOR T DASH ONE NAUGHT THREE FOUR EIGHT FIVE EIGHT. SIXSMITH LEFT SPIRIT LAKE IN TRUCK WITH WALTER COLLINS, BLANCHARD, IDAHO, AND CONNIE ROOHN, DECEMBER FOURTEEN. CHECKED INTO CALIFORNIA AT DUNESBUR, THENCE THROUGH OAKLAND TO PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA. CLAIM TRUCK LOADED WITH ORANGES FROM SUNKIST PACKING HOUSE TWO MILES SOUTH OF PORTERVILLE AND RETURNED SPIRIT LAKE THROUGH DORRIS, CALIFORNIA. HELD BY STATE OFFICERS, KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH EXAMINATION OF TRUCK AND FRUIT. MAINTAIN THEY DID NOT PASS THROUGH REPUTATION THREE INDIVIDUALS FAIR. PORTLAND./ LOS ANGELES DIVISION REQUESTED TO VERIFY STORY AT SUNKIST PACKING PLANT, PORTERVILLE. PORTLAND DIVISION REQUESTED TO VERIFY STORY AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

December 28, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with the above captioned case, a check was made recently at the California-Oregon border for cars traveling from Oregon to California over a certain period immediately prior to the break from Alcatraz.

In this connection, it has been determined that E. V. Nicholson Route 8, Box 2004, Portland, Oregon crossed the above mentioned border driving a 1935 Chevrolet Coach bearing Oregon registration 105-939. Investigation conducted at Portland, Oregon indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson departed from Portland shortly prior to Christmas and that after reaching Fresno, California, mailed a forwarding order to the Post Office in Portland requesting that their mail be sent to them at 2516 Washington Street, Fresno, California. It was also determined that the Nicholsons intend to remain in Fresno for a period of at least two months.

The Los Angeles Office is therefore requested to contact Mr. E. V. Nicholson to determine whether he was the individual who purchased the pamphlet from the Hydrographic Bureau, Portland, Oregon, entitled "Tidal Current Chart of San Francisco Bay" and the booklet purchased from the Department of Commerce entitled "Current tables of Pacific Coast 1936".

Very truly yours,

G. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

This Case Originated at: OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA File No. 76-290  
Report Made at: San Francisco, Calif. Date When Made: 12/28/37 Period for Which Made: 12/28/37 Report Made By: M. E. Gurnea--IST

Title: CHANGED: Character of Case:  
RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J.H. Reynolds, Ralph Rowe - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.

Synopsis of Facts:

Details of escape for information of auxiliary offices. Names listed of all prisoners released or transferred from Alcatraz during 1937, and names of all visitors to the Island set out. List of prisoners employed in shops with Subjects. Weather and tide conditions described.

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Details:

The title in this case is being "Changed" to include the alias of "ROY JACKSON" for Subject COLE, and the alias "RALPH ROWE" for Subject ROE, as reflected on I.O. #1471 and I.O. #1472.

This report is predicated on general information which has been obtained during the general investigation of this case, and is set out herein for the information of all auxiliary offices to assist them in conducting further investigation, and following out future leads.

Approved and Forwarded: *M. E. Gurnea* Spec. Agt. in Charge.  
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### DETAILS OF ESCAPE

At 1 p.m., on December 16, 1937, six prisoners, including Subject COLE, were returned from the Mess Hall to the blacksmith shop by Junior Officer JOE B. STEERE. At the same time twenty-six other prisoners, including Subject ROE, were returned from the Mess Hall by Junior Officer STEERE to the mat shop, which adjoins the blacksmith shop. Officer STEERE advised that he counted these prisoners when bringing them through the gate, into the yard, and again checked them when they actually entered their places of employment. This is the usual routine when bringing prisoners from the Mess Hall to the shops, and affords a double check, and precludes the possibility of prisoners leaving the line unobserved when marching to work.

After checking these prisoners into their shops, Junior Officer STEERE returned and observed the prisoners working between 1 and 1:30 p.m., but although he is of the opinion that Subjects ROE and COLE were there at that time, he states that he cannot be positive of this fact.

As the prison rules require that Junior Officers and Guards in charge of work details check their prisoners every half-hour, Officer STEERE again checked these men at 1:30, at which time he observed that the Subjects were missing. He immediately notified the Warden's Office, and a search was then conducted. This search revealed that three panes of glass in the detention sash of the blacksmith shop had been removed. This detention sash consists of steel frames made of "T" iron, which is approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " across the top of the "T", the shank being of similar width, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in thickness. The sash is so constructed that each individual pane of glass is  $5\frac{1}{4}$ " by  $8\frac{3}{4}$ ". By removing two sections of the steel frame, and three panes of glass, an aperture of approximately  $17\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8\frac{3}{4}$ " was created.

Closer examination of the sash revealed that it had been cut with an instrument, which was apparently a hack-saw. Warden JOHNSTON and Officer STEERE advised that hack-saws are only used in the blacksmith shop, and are charged out to the men working therein. As Officer STEERE is required to continuously inspect five rooms, it is logical to believe that Subject COLE used a hack-saw which was charged to the blacksmith shop to saw the detention sash at such times as Officer STEERE was inspecting the other rooms, particularly those in the adjoining mat shop.

This window faces the northwest corner of the Island, and is immediately above the water-line. There is, however, a fourteen foot

heavy iron-mesh fence on the edge of the cliff, to prevent prisoners from running to the edge of the Island, and diving into the Bay. Between the window where the escape was made, and the iron fence, there is a steel cat-walk, which leads to a lower level at the rear of the mat shop, and was used for the purpose of throwing remnants of the automobile tire casings into the Bay after the good portions had been removed for use in the construction of mats. At the termination of the cat-walk is a small iron gate in the fence, which could be opened for throwing the tires over the cliff. Examination of this gate following the escape revealed that the Subjects had taken with them a large Stilson wrench, for the purpose of twisting the padlock off the gate. This wrench was found at the gate with the broken padlock.

After opening the gate it was then possible for the prisoners to jump to a ledge a few feet below the gate, which is covered with automobile tires, and then to either jump directly into the Bay, or to follow a natural ledge which leads down to within a very few feet of the water-line.

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An investigation revealed that guards were searching this portion of the Island, and that the prison launch was in the Bay immediately opposite this point, within ten or fifteen minutes following the time the escape was discovered. It will be observed that it would be impossible for the Subjects to have proceeded any great distance along the shoreline without having been observed by a guard on one of the towers. Even though the guard on the roof of the building which contains the mat shop and the blacksmith shop could have observed these prisoners escaping through the gate, it would have been a coincidence, in view of the fact that it is necessary for him to patrol the entire roof of the building, which is rather extensive.

An examination of the shore-line where these men apparently entered the water, failed to reveal that any articles of clothing had been discarded. They were wearing prison work-suits at the time of escape.

Coast guard boats were also notified of the escape, and the entire surrounding waters of the Island were thoroughly patrolled. It will be noted, however, that on the day of escape there was a heavy fog, and visibility ranged between two and three hundred yards. There was also an exceptionally strong current running in the vicinity of the Island at that time, caused by an exceedingly high tide. The current was accelerated by flood waters from the rivers, caused by heavy rains in the valley. Light-house keepers and Coast Guardsmen estimate that the

current at the time of escape had a speed of approximately six knots per hour.

It has also been suggested that it would have been impossible for a swimmer to proceed in any other direction than the general direction of the current at that time. Coast Guardsmen and light-house keepers also advise that it would have been almost impossible for a row-boat to have been propelled against that current, and suggested that unless a motor boat was rather powerful, it could not have proceeded up-stream.

The temperature of the water was below normal, which was caused by melting snow in the mountains, which added to the flooded waters. The Bay had an unusual amount of drift wood in it at that time, which had been carried down by the rivers and floated from the mud flats. A check with experienced marine observers in the Bay revealed, however, that had the Subjects attached themselves to any floating object, it would have been impossible for them to have propelled it to shore against the current, but would have been carried to sea at least ten miles from the Island. As this was a flooded ebb tide, the returning tide would have returned them only approximately six miles.

Investigation to date has not revealed any evidence that would indicate that these men are either drowned, or at liberty.

DESCRIPTIONS, RELATIVES, AND CRIMINAL RECORDS

For description, fingerprint classification, and criminal record of Subject ROE, see Identification Order #1472.

Relatives of Subject ROE:

Mother and father deceased.

JAMES W. ROE, brother.

RAYMOND A. ROE, brother,  
Box 242, Hays, Kansas.

ROY ROE, brother,  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Mrs. EVA MARCH, cousin,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mr. S. E. LEGG, cousin,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

ALPHA ROE, sister,  
deceased.

JOHN HICKEY, uncle,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, aunt,  
Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mrs. WANDA STURKEY, sister,  
338 Perry Avenue, or  
1216 Broadway, Kansas City.

Mrs. MARIE BLACKWELL, sister,  
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

MARGARET ROE, sister-in-law,  
Hays, Kansas.

The investigation of these relatives is not complete,  
and will be supplemented at a later date.

For description, fingerprint classification, and crim-  
inal record of Subject COLE, see Identification Order #1471.

Relatives of Subject COLE:

Mrs. PAULINE CORNETT, sister,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

R. B. CORNETT, brother-in-law,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

Mrs. FRED (ESTHER) COLE, mother,  
Woodlake, California.

~~FRED COLE~~, step-father,  
Woodlake, California.

~~Mrs. GUY VAUGHN~~, step-aunt,  
528 West 44th South,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

~~Mrs. NETTIE BRACE~~, grandmother,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~Mrs. ALICE COLE~~, step-grandmother,  
528 West 44th South,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.



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~~MARIE COLE~~, wife,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~Mrs. WILLIAM COLLINS~~, aunt,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN~~, aunt,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~ERNEST BRACE~~, uncle,  
Stroud, Oklahoma.

~~Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON~~, sister,  
Woodlake, California.

The following are the names of the inmates employed in the shops with Subjects ROE and COLE:

Mat Shop:

#61-AZ, Eaton, Ruey  
#64-AZ, Waters, Francis  
#129-AZ, Sargeant, James  
#156-AZ, Gouker, Frank  
#157-AZ, Gill, Willie  
#166-AZ, Harden, Alfred  
#267-AZ, McCain, Rufus  
#268-AZ, Barker, Arthur  
#297-AZ, Swyer, Harry  
#322-AZ, Campbell, Harry  
#335-AZ, Franklin, Rufus  
#339-AZ, McDonald, John  
#342-AZ, Roubideaux, Jefferson  
#359-AZ, Harris, James  
#363-AZ, Kendrick, William  
#364-AZ, Dixon, Major  
#369-AZ, Brandt, Rudolph  
#370-AZ, Martin, William  
#371-AZ, Lucas, William  
#386-AZ, Saccotello, James  
#388-AZ, House, Evans  
#403-AZ, Voss, John W.  
#406-AZ, Stanley, Hobart  
#411-AZ, Lewis, Edward  
#415, Coy, Bernard P.  
#260-AZ, Roe, Ralph

Blacksmith Shop:

#132-AZ, Berta, Charles  
#238-AZ, Chase, John Paul  
#239-AZ, Bartlett, William E.  
#264-AZ, Lloyd, Jack  
#302-AZ, Brown, Floyd  
#258-AZ, Cole, Theodore

The following prisoners were known to have been particularly friendly with Subjects ROE and COLE, and for the information of the file, brief information pertaining to each is set out herein:



FRANCIS HARPER  
No. 283 AZ  
FBI #735649  
Employed in model shop.

This man has had no visitors since entering the institution following arrest in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 4, 1935, charged with bank robbery, and sentenced to twenty-five years, eight months, and six days.

His relatives are:

MAHLOE BETHERS, father  
14th Avenue and 12th Street,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. MARIE HARPER, mother,  
823 South 42nd Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. W. COLLEN, sister,  
3246 Prospect Avenue,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Correspondents:

Mother and Mrs. COLLEN.

CHARLES BERTA  
No. 132 AZ  
FBI #5427.

Arrested in Seattle, Washington, January 26, 1931, and sentenced in the Northern District of California to twenty-five years, for the offense of mail robbery. Committed to the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, transferred to Leavenworth, where he attempted to escape on December 11, 1931, at which time he was wounded, and recaptured the same day. For this attempt he received five years additional sentence. He is presently employed in the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE. He has been visited by his mother, Mrs. GABRIELLE BERTA, 526 - 36th Avenue, San Francisco, and by his wife, GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush Street, San Francisco. Besides corresponding with his mother and wife, he has written letters to VINCENT MARKOVITZ, 184 Park Street, San Francisco.

JOHN PAUL CHASE  
No. 238 AZ  
FBI #874084.

This prisoner was received at Alcatraz on March 31, 1935, sentenced from Chicago, Illinois to life imprisonment. He was employed in the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE.

He has been visited by:

CHARLES B. and AMBROSE CHASE,  
brothers,  
715 - 42nd Avenue,  
San Francisco, California.

FRANK CHASE, brother,  
14 Crescent Avenue,  
Sausalito, California.

Mrs. F. B. CHASE, sister-in-law,  
14 Crescent Avenue,  
Sausalito, California.

He has corresponded with I. H. CHENY, McNear's Beach, San Rafael, California; F. B. CHASE, C. B. CHASE, A. C. CHASE, and H. I. MULVERLY, County Clerk, San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM E. BARTLETT  
No. 239 AZ  
FBI #232941.

This man has received no visitors since entering the institution, and his relatives are listed as being:

ERNEST BARTLETT

ROBERT BARTLETT

ENNIS BARTLETT,  
brothers,  
Conley, Georgia.

✓  
IDA ALLEN, sister,  
Stockbridge, Georgia.

✓  
MARY F. BARTLETT, sister,  
Conley, Georgia.

✓  
EDITH L. BARTLETT, sister,  
Conley, Georgia.

✓  
H. GOOGLER, uncle,  
994 Dill Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

✓  
Miss I. WHITE,  
185 Eleanor Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia.  
(Relationship not given).

✓  
He has corresponded with Mrs. IDA ALLEN and FRANCES  
BARTLETT, c/o J. E. STARR, Jonesboro, Georgia: He was employed in  
the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE.

JAMES SARGENT  
No. 129 AZ  
FBI #229601.

This prisoner was transferred to Alcatraz on Sep-  
tember 4, 1934, from Leavenworth, where he was sentenced to twenty-  
five years on February 5, 1932, for robbing the mails. He has  
received visits from the following persons:

✓  
Mrs. ANNIE FRAVEGA and son  
(mother and brother),  
2769 Bryant Street,  
San Francisco, California.

✓  
LEO FRAVEGA, brother,  
1258 Alabama Street,  
San Francisco, California.

~~GEORGE FRAVEGA~~, brother,  
2867 - 22nd Street,  
San Francisco, California.

~~Mrs. MARY BOITANO~~, aunt,  
2867 - 22nd Street,  
San Francisco, California.

~~Mrs. MAMIE BOITANO~~, aunt,  
same address.

~~Mrs. STELLA BACIGALUPI~~, aunt,  
same address.

He has corresponded with STELLA BACIGALUPI, MARY BOITANO, GEORGE FRAVEGA, and LEO FRAVEGA.

He was employed in the mat shop with Subject ROE, and was particularly friendly with CHARLES BERTA, as well as being a co-defendant of Subject ROE.

FLOYD BROWN  
No. 302 AZ  
FBI #458776.

This man has received no visitors other than Agents of this Bureau since his arrival at Alcatraz, following his arrest in Bridgeport, Texas, on January 9, 1935, for which he was subsequently sentenced to twenty-seven years, two months, and twenty-three days, for bank robbery.

His relatives are:

~~WILLIAM BROWN~~, father,  
Garfield, Arkansas.

~~MINNIE BROWN~~, mother,  
Same address.

~~LAWRENCE BROWN~~, brother,  
Brownfield, Texas.

TED BROWN, brother,  
Oklahoma State Reformatory.

BESSIE WILLETT, sister,  
Route 1, Burk Burnett, Texas.

DESSIE RILEY, sister,  
Box 137,  
Sargosa, Texas.

DOROTHY HARRELL, sister,  
506 North Michigan Avenue,  
Roswell, New Mexico.

He has corresponded with Mrs. WILLETT, TED BROWN,  
DOROTHY HARRELL, W. L. BROWN, and DESSIE RILEY. He was employed  
in the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE.

The following is a list of the prisoners who have  
been transferred from Alcatraz Island to other penal institutions  
during the year 1937:

U.S.P., ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Willie Kennedy #50-AZ

Transferred 9/22/37.

U.S.P., LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

Leo McIntosh #74-AZ

Transferred 3/18/37.

Frank Tesciona #155-AZ

Transferred 3/18/37.

Joe Stein #319-AZ

Transferred 3/18/37.

Sam Floisher #327-AZ

Transferred 3/18/37.

J. W. Watts #68-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

W. H. Wiggins #183-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

J. H. Satterfield #197-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

R. W. Moore #202-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

E. E. Wiley #245-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

E. J. Edwards #349-AZ

Transferred 7/9/37.

Frank B. Mulloy #330-AZ

Transferred 9/25/37.

Richard T. Galatas #331-AZ Transferred 9/25/37.

U.S. DEFECTIVE DELINQUENTS HOSPITAL,  
SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Andrew D. Minor #291-AZ Transferred 1/7/37  
Hays Van Gorder #87-AZ Transferred 7/4/37  
Mike Talarico #121-AZ Transferred 7/4/37  
Earl Phipps #378-AZ Transferred 11/5/37

U.S.P., McNEIL ISLAND, WASH.

Andrew Ballew #147-AZ Transferred 8/16/37  
Joseph Fisher #253-AZ Transferred 8/16/37

U.S.I.R. CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.

William F. Leaman #274-AZ Transferred 7/6/37

NOTE: All records pertaining to the above-named inmates were transferred along with the inmates.

The following prisoners have been released from Alcatraz Island during the year 1937:

ALEX SKOOG, #225-AZ was released from this institution on June 14, 1937, and on this same day, June 14, 1937, having already served thirty days for non-payment of fine required by Section 1042 Revised Statutes of U.S., he was discharged after taking oath that he was unable to pay fine imposed (\$200.00) by U.S. Commissioner ERNEST WILLIAMS, San Francisco, California. After discharge by Commissioner, SKOOG was immediately taken into custody by Mr. BRENNAN, Deputy Parole Officer for the State of California.

Transcript of record received by FBI on June 23, 1937 indicates that Subject was received at Folsom Prison, California, on June 14, 1937, at which place he is apparently still in custody.

SKOOG did not receive any visits while incarcerated at Alcatraz. (Sentence: 5 years and \$200.00 fine for Post Office robbery from D/Mimm.) FBI No. 12320.

JIMMY PIERCE, #312-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on June 24, 1937, as a "Conditional Release" after completing sentence of 2 years for crime of violation of Internal Revenue Act. Transportation was furnished to Goodwater, Oklahoma, and under Section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1932, he was treated as if on parole until expiration of his maximum term, August 4, 1937 (41 days), and during this period of 41 days he was required to make three (3) reports to U.S. Probation Officer, PAT M. SWAIN, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Relative sheet indicates as follows:

ELVIE PIERCE (Mother), Star Route, Goodwater, Oklahoma.  
BARNEY PIERCE (Brother), Conroe, Texas.  
BILL PIERCE (Brother), General Delivery, Tom, Oklahoma.  
ROBERT PIERCE (Brother), Star Route, Goodwater, Oklahoma.  
NANIE BOCHMAN (Sister), Dallas, Texas (4326 Frank).  
LAURA PIERCE (Sister), General Delivery, Tom, Oklahoma.  
JIMMIE-LOU PIERCE (Sister), Star Route, Goodwater, Oklahoma.

Subject PIERCE never received a visit while incarcerated at Alcatraz. FBI No. 1094975.

WILLIAM E. BOYD, #42-AZ, was released from this institution July 3, 1937, transportation being furnished to Los Angeles, California. BOYD was released on "Conditional Release", being treated as if on parole for 504 days, and in addition he was under a five-year probationary sentence. The record indicates he violated parole besides committing other Federal crimes, and is now a fugitive. FBI No. 330557.

THEODORE MURDOCK, #101-AZ, received from USNEP, Lewisburg, Penna., August 22, 1934, serving one five year sentence for violation Dyer Act, and one year sentence for transporting female for immoral purposes.

Had no visitors while at USP, Alcatraz. Corresponded with Mrs. KATE MURDOCK, 1542 Benton Street, St. Louis, Missouri (mother). EVELYN TETLEY, 4930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri (cousin), JUDY MURDOCK, 3219 Gray Avenue, Flint, Michigan (wife), and Mrs. THOMAS KITCHEN, 3219 Gray Avenue, Flint, Michigan (mother-in-law). MURDOCK was transferred to U.S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to serve one year sentence, December 26, 1937.

ALBERT BEST, #107-AZ, was released from USP, Alcatraz on January 11, 1937, after completing sentence of 3 years for crime of false pretenses. When released from Alcatraz Best was immediately taken into custody by an Officer of the San Francisco Police Department, due to detainer filed by Police Department of San Francisco. Record now indicates that BEST is incarcerated in the San Francisco County Jail. While at Alcatraz BEST did not receive visitors.

At time BEST was admitted to Alcatraz he stated on USP A.C.F. 58, under "Whom do you plan to communicate while you are here?" as follows:

(Wife) THEDA BEST, Jesseups, Maryland.

[REDACTED]  
(Mother) Mrs. SARAH BEST, 3425 Galeo Place,  
New York City.

(Father) Mr. BARNETT BEST, " " "  
New York City.

(Brother) MICHAEL BEST, Cotton Club, New York  
City.

(Sister) Dr. HENNETTA, American University,  
Prag C, Chla.

(Sister) ETTA BEST, 3425 Galeo Place, New York  
City.

FBI No. 11681.

A. W. DAVIS, #311-AZ, was released from USP, Alcatraz on January 13, 1937, as a "Conditional Release", transportation was furnished to his legal residence, Port Arthur, Texas. Under Section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1932, Subject was treated as

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if released on parole until the expiration of his maximum term, March 14, 1937 (91 days) and during this period of 91 days he was required to make monthly reports to U.S. Probation Officer, F. Z. EDWARDS, Sherman, Texas.

The record indicates that relative and correspondence list, in this case, was as follows:

BARBARA DAVIS, (Wife), 848 - 7th St.; Port Arthur, Texas.  
HARRIET DAVIS (Mother), Navidad, Jackson Co., Texas.  
JESSIE DAVIS (Brother), Edna, Texas.  
BERT DAVIS (Brother), Edna, Texas.  
LEWIS DAVIS (Brother), Edna, Texas.  
Mrs. ELSIE NICHOLS, (Sister), Navidad, Texas.  
Mrs. CALLIE McEARLAND (Sister), Donna, Texas.  
Mrs. ALICE FOCKE (Sister), 275 Dearborn, Toledo, Ohio.  
Mrs. WINNIE DOBROSKY (Sister), 848 - 7th St., Port Arthur, Texas.  
Mrs. GENA MacWALL (Sister) 711 College St., Beaumont, Texas.  
Mrs. ETTA DAVIS (Sister), 275 Dearborn, Toledo, Ohio.

Record indicates that he received no visitors while at Alcatraz. FBI No. 758272.

EDWARD ROWLAND, #154-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on April 1, 1937, and transportation was furnished to Chicago, Illinois, where he had employment. ROWLAND was serving a life term for murder and was released on account of commutation of life sentence to portion served by order of Secretary of War.

The true name of EDWARD ROWLAND is EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, and while at this institution he was in correspondence with his brother, J. H. GILLIES, 3232 North Karlov, Chicago, Illinois, and with his sisters, M. J. GILLIS, 1924 Amelia Street, J. F. WALPOLO, 902 Pleasant Street, and J. P. HOAG, 3321 Laurel Street, all of New Orleans.

The record further indicates that while in this institution he was visited by JOHN B. GILLIES and Mrs. HELEN GILLIES (brother and sister-in-law), 3232 Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on July 19, 1935. FBI No. 830443.

JACK SIEMAN, #177-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on April 12, 1937, after completing sentence of ten years, and \$5000.00 fine for violation of the Narcotic Laws. (Fine was not paid and he served additional period of thirty days for non-payment of fine required by Section 1042 Revised Statutes of the United States, and he was in fact discharged by U.S. Commissioner Mr. ERNEST WILLIAMS, San Francisco, California). However, on the above-mentioned date; April 12, 1937, and after his discharge by Commissioner WILLIAMS, SIEMAN was immediately taken into custody by Immigrant Inspector LESTER W. MARSTON, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, for the purpose of deporting Subject SIEMAN to Canada. The record further indicates that he was deported to Canada through the port of Sumas, Washington. (Immigration file #12020/13168).

While at Alcatraz, SIEMAN was visited by his wife, Mrs. ALICE SIEMAN, 824 Hyde Street, San Francisco, California, on the following dates: May 18, 1935, July 6, 1935, August 8, 1935, September 28, 1935, November 7, 1935, December 12, 1935, February 6, 1936, July 27, 1936, August 10, 1936, November 28, 1936, and March 11, 1937.

When Subject was admitted to this institution September 4, 1934 by transfer from USP Leavenworth, Kansas, he listed on USP A.C.F. 58 under "With Whom do you Plan to Communicate while you are here?", as follows:

Mrs. ALICE SIEMAN (Wife), 1459 Rose Avenue, Long Beach, California.  
Mrs. ELSIE ACKERMAN (Niece), McIntosh, Ontario, Canada.

FBI No. 394678.

ANGELO G. PARIS, #20-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on April 13, 1937, after completing a term of 10 years for crime of sodomy. Transportation was furnished to his residence Jersey City, New Jersey.

December 22, 1934 Subject completed relative and reference sheet, and listed as follows:

~~ANGELO PARI~~ (Father), 512 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, N.J.  
~~ELI J. PARI~~ (Brother) 512 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, N.J.  
~~ELIZABETH ANTONIACCI~~, (Sister), 241 - 7th Ave., Jersey  
City, N.J.  
~~LAGGIE PACOR~~, (Paternal Aunt), RFD #29, So. Charleston,  
N.H.

Also corresponded with Superintendent, Pennsylvania R.R., Jersey City, N.J., for purpose of securing employment in the event of release from this institution.

Record indicates that he received no visits while incarcerated at Alcatraz. FBI #356064.

FBI #573958, ~~FRANK WILLIAMS~~, #308-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on April 23, 1937 as a "Conditional Release", and transportation was furnished to legal residence, Cleveland, Ohio. Under Section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1932, Subject was treated as if on parole until expiration of his maximum term, July 16, 1937, (84 days), and during this period of 84 days he was required to make monthly reports to U.S. Probation Officer THOMAS B. WILLIAMS, 29 Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio. Relative and reference sheets indicate as follows:

~~FLORENCE YAUBERT CARPENTER~~ (Wife-divorced), Chicago, Illinois.  
~~EMMA CARPENTER~~ (Mother), Shelbyville, Indiana.  
~~RAYMOND P. CARPENTER~~ (Brother), San Francisco, California.  
~~DALLAS CARPENTER~~ (Brother), Shelbyville, Indiana.  
Mrs. EUNICE BUSHMAN (sister), Indianapolis, Indiana.

~~FARNER, HERBERT ALLEN~~, #332-AZ. Received by transfer from USP. Leavenworth, August 6, 1936, serving a two year sentence for conspiracy. Discharged as a Conditional Release September 21, 1937. Transportation furnished to Joplin, Mo. FBI #9271.

✓ PORTER, FRANK H. #305-AZ. Received by transfer from USP., Leavenworth Annex May 15, 1936, serving sentence of five years for violation of Postal Laws. Discharged as conditional release to San Francisco, California, August 12, 1937. FBI #5874.

✓ GAYDEN, WALTER #251-AZ. Received by transfer from USP., Atlanta, October 5, 1935, serving sentence of 15 years for robbery and assault with intent to kill. Released July 23, 1937 and transportation furnished to Washington, D.C. GAYDEN had no visitors while confined in this institution. Correspondence and relative lists give the following names: MARY LOVE, 1550 - 3rd St., N.W.; Washington, D.C. (Mother), JANE GAYDEN, 465 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., (grandmother). FBI #105677.

✓ HAWK, HENRY #333-AZ. Received by transfer from USP., Leavenworth, August 6, 1936, serving sentence of four years for Dyer Act. Discharged as conditional release November 26, 1937, was immediately taken into custody by JOHN HOPKINS, Omaha, Nebraska, on a warrant of arrest to be returned to Nebraska State Prison to begin serving life sentence for 1st degree murder. Mr. J. H. RICE, FBI Agent from the San Francisco Office, was the only visitor HAWK had while confined at this institution. Correspondence and relative sheets giving the following names:

✓ ROBERT A. NELSON,  
310 Federal Securities Building,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

✓ SARAH BUTTERFIELD (Mother),  
36 Ruggles St., Omaha, Nebr.

✓ WOODFORD HAWK (Brother),  
St. Joseph, Mo.

✓ CLYDE HAWK (Brother)  
with mother.

✓ SYLVIA L. LARD (Sister)  
RFD, St. Joseph, Missouri.

✓ MANDY MORRISON (Sister)  
RFD, Savannah, Missouri.

~~CORA FLANK~~, (Wife) Address unknown.

Record indicates no visits while at Alcatraz (except official visit made by J. H. RICE, FBI, San Francisco, on April 1, 1937). FBI #25247.

~~EDWARD WATKE~~, #47-AZ, death by suicide, November 13, 1937.

~~JAMES VESSILA~~, #235-AZ was released from Alcatraz on March 4, 1937 as "Conditional Release" after completing sentence of five years for robbery. He was treated as on parole until his maximum date, January 8, 1938 (310 days), and during these 310 days he was requested to report once each month to FREDERICK H. WILLIAMS, U.S. Probation Officer, Baltimore, Maryland. Relative sheet indicates as follows:

~~Mrs. L. P. VESSILLA~~ (Mother),  
1612 G St., SE, Washington, D.C.

~~Mrs. L. J. SHEPARD~~ (Sister),  
same address as mother.

~~EDITH VESSILLA~~ (Sister)  
~~ROSALIE VESSILLA~~ (Sister)  
~~DOROTHEA VESSILLA~~ (Sister)  
~~CATHERINE VESSILLA~~ (Sister)  
~~ROGER L. VESSILLA~~ (brother)  
~~CRYSTAL E. PRITT~~ (wife-separated).

Address of above not known as Subject  
did not want them to know whereabouts.

~~VESSILA~~ received no visits while incarcerated at Alcatraz.  
FBI #495405.

~~MOXON, ROBERT B.~~ #34-AZ., was discharged from USP., Alcatraz, Nov. 9, 1937 after serving a sentence of 1211 days for parole violation. He was immediately taken into custody by Immigration Officers for deportation to Canada, and held on Angel Island until deported. MOXON had one visitor while at USP., Alcatraz.

On January 15, 1935 Mr. J. D. MURRAY from the British Consulate-General's Office interviewed MOXON. He corresponded with the following:

British Consulate-General,  
San Francisco, California.

CORRIG & BOLLES,  
610 Sansome Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Mrs. ROBERT B. MOXON, (Wife)  
614 Hamilton Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. GEORGE A. MOXON, (Father)  
411 Queen Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Last address of father given  
as 335 Lyon St., Ottawa.

FBI #219134.

CONWAY, BRYAN, #293-AZ. Received by transfer from USP., Atlanta, April 5, 1937, serving sentence of 18 years for murder. Released November 4, 1937, transportation furnished to Lawrenceburg, Tenn. CONWAY had no visitors while confined at this institution. His relative and correspondence sheets give the following names:

Mrs. MARY CONWAY (Mother),  
Cochran, Georgia.

Miss VIRGINIA CONWAY, (Sister),  
Cochran, Georgia.

W. R. CONWAY  
ANDREW CONWAY (brothers),  
Nashville, Tennessee.  
(Street address not given).

✓  
LEW CONWAY (Brother),  
Franklin, Tennessee.

✓  
HUGH CONWAY (Brother),  
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

✓  
J. F. CONWAY, (Uncle),  
Leona, Tennessee.

FBI #1085999.

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BENDER, JOHN F. #80-AZ (Military prisoner). Received by transfer from USP., Atlanta, August 22, 1934, serving sentence of 15 years for stealing Government property. Released October 14, 1937, by commutation of sentence by Sec. of War. Transportation furnished to Mobile, Ala. BENDER had no visitors while confined in this institution. Correspondence at this institution was confined to letters to Adjutant General, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and A. C. ADERHOLD, Warden. Also:

✓  
Mrs. LAURA SMITH (Friend),  
511 North Beach St.,  
Mobile, Alabama.

✓  
Mrs. G. SMITH, (Friend),  
Prichard, Alabama.

FBI #221311.

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DUPONT, JOHN #288-AZ. Received by transfer from USP., Atlanta, December 22, 1935, serving sentence of 3 years for violation National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Discharged October 11, 1937, and was immediately taken into custody by Officer from Division of Parole, New York State as a parole violator from Elmira Reformatory. DUPONT had no visitors while confined in this institution. His correspondence and relative sheets give the following names:

~~JAMES ROLLINE (Brother),  
Johnston, New York.~~

~~WILLIAM ROLLINE (Brother)  
Gloversville, New York.~~

~~PAUL HILLY, (Step-brother),  
Oppenheim, New York.~~

~~EDWARD HILLY (Step-brother),  
Gloversville, New York.~~

~~Mrs. ANNA NELLIS (Sister),  
Johnston, New York.~~

~~Miss JOSEPHINE ROLLINE (Sister),  
Johnston, New York.~~

~~Miss SADIE E. HILLEY (Step-sister),  
345 North Main Street,  
Gloversville, New York.~~

~~Mrs. LEON MOSHER (Sister),  
1 West 9th Ave.,  
Gloversville, New York.~~

FBI #599237.

The following is a list of the persons who have visited the indicated prisoners at Alcatraz Island during the year 1937, to and inclusive of December 20th:



✓ AUDETTE, Theodore J. #208-AZ.

1/5/37 Mrs. ANNA WINELAND, 1700 Willow St., Alameda, Cal. (Mother).  
Present address Box 372 Hood River, Oregon.

2/9/37 Mr. and Mrs. ANNA WINELAND, 372 Hood River, Oregon.

4/3/37 Mrs. HILDA MILLER, Mrs. AGNES O'DELL (Sisters), 2134 Derby Street, Berkeley.

5/6/37 Mrs. HILDA MILLER, Mrs. AGNES O'DELL (Sisters), 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 Street, Berkeley (Mother and Father-in-law). (Home Box 372, Hood River, Oregon.)

11/27/37 Same.

12/21/37 Same.

BERTA, CHARLES #132-AZ.

Mrs. GABRIELLE BERTA, 526 Thirty-Sixth Avenue, San Francisco (Mother).  
Visited every month except May, 1937, when Mrs. GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush Street, San Francisco (wife) visited.

✓ BERTZ, EDWARD #307-AZ.

Sister, Mrs. GEO. W. JOHNSON, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$  Twelfth Avenue, San Francisco, 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.

CHASE, John Paul #238-AZ.

CHAS. B. and ALBROSE (Brothers), 715 - 42nd Avenue, San Francisco.  
Alternate months (perhaps family feud), with FRANK CHASE, 14 Crescent Avenue, Sausalito, California.

COLE, Theodore #258-AZ.

Mrs. VIOLET LAWSON, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, P.O. Box 215, Woodlake, Calif. (Sister and Mother) 7/1/35.

Mrs. ESTHER and FRED COLE, Same, (Mother - Father), 7/10/37.

✓ COSSACK, Loeb L. #317-AZ.

✓ Miss VOLYA COSSACK, (Sister), 243 So. Carondelet St., Los Angeles,  
11/14/36.

✓ Mr. R. H. COSSACK, 11137 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, Calif.,  
(Father), 4/30/37, 5/1/37.

✓ VOLYA COSSACK (Sister), 243 So. Carondelet St., Los Angeles, 7/2/37,  
8/28/37.

✓ COLSON, James #60-AZ.

✓ Mrs. ANNA POTTERBECK, PAUL POTTERBECK (Sister-in-law, brother),  
19 Dearborn Street, San Francisco.

✓ Mrs. ESTHER MALLY (Sister), 34 Angelica Street, San Francisco.

✓ JOHN MALLY (Brother-in-law), 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.

✓ FISHER, Joseph #255-AZ. (Transferred McNeil Island)

✓ MORRIS RUBIN, General Delivery, San Francisco, (Brother-in-law),  
8/5/37

✓ GRINDLE, Hubert A. #111-AZ.

✓ ALBERT A. HILL, Tanforan Race Track, Barn L, San Bruno, California,  
(Brother), 12/4/37. (Follows the ponies - traveling - mail sent

care of Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD (GRINDLE'S twin sister) 3909 Cleveland  
Street, San Diego, California.)

✓ KERR, George W. #45-AZ.  
Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON (Sister), 1443 Funston Avenue, San Francisco,  
California, 8/11/36.

✓ KRESS, Robert #792-AZ  
Mrs. KATHLEEN McCLUBE, Shaw Hotel, San Francisco, California  
(Sister). Home - 3113 W. Garland Avenue, Spokane, Washington,  
12/16/37.

✓ KENDRICK, John #105-AZ.  
Mrs. JOHN KENDRICK (Wife), Chancellor Hotel, San Francisco,  
California, 11/24/37. Home - 202 Chestnut, Ashville, North Caro-  
lina.

✓ LEVIN, William #186-AZ  
Mr. MORRIS LEVIN (Father), 595 - 26th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.  
Mrs. WILLIAM LEVIN (Wife), 1267 Filbert St., San Francisco, Calif.

✓ MORRIS, Daniel J. #113-AZ.  
J. J. MORRIS, Sr., (Father & Mother), 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. H. T. PETTYJOHN (Wife); Box 492 Watsonville, California.

✓ PHILLIPS, Burton #259-AZ.  
Mrs. ELLA PHILLIPS, LAWRENCE PHILLIPS, 602 W. Walnut Street, Sal-  
ina, Kansas (Mother and Brother); 9/1/37, 8/31/37.

✓ RIPLEY, James L. #344-AZ.  
Mrs. CORA SIMONS, FLORINE SIMONS (Mother and Sister), 516 North  
15th Street, Corvallis, Oregon, 8/31/37, 9/1/37.

✓ RITCHEY, Wm. E. #99-AZ.  
Mrs. WM. E. RITCHEY (Wife), Roosevelt Hotel, San Francisco, 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 St., San Francisco, California, 12/14/37.  
Also visited by Brother GEORGE TRAVEGA (Same Address).

SULLIVAN, HARRY #198-AZ  
Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN (Mother), 299 Dolores, San Francisco.  
Mr. P. J. SULLIVAN (Father), 85 Fourth St., San Francisco.

THOMPSON, George #248-AZ.  
Mrs. LILLA MILLER (Wife), GEORGE MILLER (Son), 2190 Sutter St., S.F.  
Mrs. JOSEPHINE GHEMMINGER (Sister), 919 Guerrero Street, San Francisco.

VAN GLAHN, George #337-AZ.  
Mrs. MARION VAN GLAHN (Mother), 47 Costa Street, San Francisco,  
California, 4/27/37, 8/14/37.

WILEY, Edw. E., #245-AZ Transferred to Leavenworth.

YOUNGBERG, Arthur H. #195-AZ.  
Mrs. DIXIE MARTINET and PETER MARTINET (Sister & brother-in-law),  
822 E. 104th St., Los Angeles, California.

YOUNG, Henry #244-AZ  
Mrs. RUTH KERN (Sister), 5957 Benner St., Los Angeles, California.

### TIDES

The following information was furnished by MARIE SMITHSON, Scientific Aid, U.S. Coast Geodetic Service, Customs House, San Francisco, California, and was also verified by H. S. BALLARD, Tide Observer, U.S. Coast Geodetic Service.

#### High & Low Predicted Tides at Golden Gate

9:18 a.m.	12/16/37	High	6.8'
4:34 p.m.	12/16/37	Low	1.5'

#### High & Low Predicted Tides at Alcatraz

9:28 a.m.	12/16/37	High	6.9'
4:44 p.m.	12/16/37	Low	1.5'

#### Predicted Tide at Alcatraz at 1:30 pm

1:30 p.m.	12/16/37	-----	1.9'
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### CURRENTS

This information relative to the velocity of the current was furnished by MARIE SMITHSON, Scientific Aid, U.S. Coast Geodetic Service, Customs House, San Francisco, California.

#### Predicted Velocity of Current at Golden Gate 12/16/37

11:08 a.m.	Slack current	0 velocity
2:34 p.m.	Maximum ebb	5.8 knot per hour

Predicted Velocity of Current at Alcatraz 12/16/37

\*10:23 a.m.      Slack current              0 velocity  
\*\* 1:49 p.m.      Maximum Ebb              2.9 knots per hour.

\*It is noted that the maximum ebb is 45 minutes earlier 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 Conditions Noted on 12/16/37

The temperature on 12/16/37 was fifty-two degrees.

No wind was observed at noon on 12/16/37.

WIND

B. ~~STREXLER~~ STREXLER, Junior Meteorologist, from the United States Weather Bureau records, reported that there was a five-mile-an-hour East wind blowing between 12:00 M and 1:00 p.m., on 12/16/37, and a four-mile-an-hour wind between 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m., on this date, but that this slight wind was not enough to disturb the fog which lay over San Francisco.

SURROUNDING LIGHTHOUSE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

Mr. O. L. JENKINS, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses, Customs House, San Francisco, California, was requested to obtain information from all lighthouse-keepers in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island. Following this request Mr. JENKINS submitted the following reports:

BONITA POINT: "The fog conditions at this station on December 16, 1937 were as follows:

12 midnight to 1:05 p.m., dense.  
4:40 a.m., to 7:20 p.m., dense.

"Fog backed off shore from 1:05 a.m., to 4:40 a.m. All lights in inner bay, and in the gate visible between these hours. During the afternoon from about 1 to 5 p.m., the fog cleared on our side a little, but was dense outside in the channel and inner bay."

ANGEL ISLAND LIGHT STATION: "Visibility at Point Blunt, Point Stuart, Angel Island Light Station from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., not more than 50 to 100 feet at any time. At Point Blunt the signal was sounded from 4:05 a.m., to 7:50 p.m., and again sounded from 11:40 p.m., to midnight. At Point Stuart the signal sounded from 5:40 a.m., until 7:10 p.m., and at Point Knox, Angel Island Light Station, the signal began at 5:40 a.m., and ended at 7:10 p.m."

YERBA BUENA LIGHT STATION: "Fog set in at 3:50 a.m., continuing the entire day, and through the following day, December 17th, until 12:35 p.m. No time during the 32 hours was visibility exceeding 500 yards, and from 8 a.m., until sundown it was so dense that the tower 100 yards from the quarters could not be seen.

"Frequently during the night the lights on Pier 6 of the bridge could be seen, but very dim."

LIME POINT LIGHT STATION, Fort Baker, California: "I wish to say that this station's fog signal was in operation from 4:40 a.m., until 7:20 p.m. Visibility until 7 p.m., was 0, as it was the heaviest fog of the season."

MILE ROCK LIGHT HOUSE: "On December 16th the fog came in at 4:50 a. m., and lifted at 7:50 p.m. No condition of fog and visibility distance at 1:30 p.m., was recorded."

SOUTHAMPTON SHOALS: "December 16th fog came in at 3:05 a.m., and lifted 7:05 p.m. 1:30 steady fog. Visibility at this time 200 feet."

ALCATRAZ LIGHTHOUSE: "Fog signal started at 4:05 a.m. Wind S.S.E. light. Fog settling in thick. Visibility poor. 6 a.m., Fog continues, visibility poor. Wind dropping to calm at 10 a.m. Fog continues from noon on. 1:30 p.m., visibility poor, calm. 2:30 p.m., fog settling, calm. 3 p.m. fog dense. No visibility. From 4 p.m., on fog dissipated gradually until 7:15 p.m. Berkeley shore and gate in the clear. Signal shut down at 7:15 p.m."

The following is a record of the fog signals for the month of December, 1937:

Day of Month	Time		Duration of Fog		Time Started Sounding	Time stopped Sounding	Signal was sounded	
	Com- menced	Ended	Hr.	Min.			Hrs.	Min.
2	8 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	-	25	8:00 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	-	25
2	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	2	-	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	2	-
4	6:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	4	30	6:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	4	30
6	11:10 p.m.	12 Mid.	-	50	11:10 p.m.	12 midnight	-	50
7	12 mid.	12:45 a.m.	-	45	12:00 mid.	12:45 a.m.	-	45
7	7:50 a.m.	10 a.m.	2	10	7:50 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	2	10
16	4:05 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	15	10	4:05 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	15	10
16	11:35 p.m.	12:00 mid.	-	25	11:35 p.m.	12 mid.	-	25
17	12 mid.	12:20 a.m.	-	20	12:00 mid.	12:20 a.m.	-	20
17	2:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	8	30	2:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m.	8	30
22	4:25 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	1	05	4:25 a.m.	5:30 a.m.	1	05



The following is a record of weather conditions at Alcatraz for the month of December, to and including December 22, 1937, as obtained from the Journal of the Lighthouse at Alcatraz:

1937

MONTH  
DECEMBER

DAY

1	North Wind	Clear
2	" "	"
3	" "	Fog a.m.
4	" "	" South end siren down.
5	Light N.W.	Clear Sunday
6	" "	Fog p.m.
7	" "	" "
8	" S.S.E.	Cldy
9	Fresh S.E. to S.W.	Heavy rain
10	Heavy S.W.	" "
11	" " "	"
12	Light S	Clear Sunday
13	" N	"
14	" "	"
15	" "	"
16	Light SSE to calm	Fog. Signals operated thick tule fog, poor visibility, 2 pris. escaped 1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. Fog dense, no visibility.
17	" S.	Fog a.m.
18	" "	Clear
19	" "	" Sunday
20	Fresh N.	"
21	Light N.	"
22	" S.E. to S.W.	Cloudy

All Field Divisions, when interviewing informants, Subject's relatives, possible contacts, etc., in this case, are requested to personally advise each individual interviewed of the fugitive status of Subjects COLE and ROE, and so indicate in their reports, so that prosecution may be had under the harboring statute in the event that COLE and ROE have actually made their escape from the Island.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ALL FIELD DIVISIONS: It is requested that all Field Divisions review the lists of released and transferred prisoners, and institute an immediate investigation to enable their location and interview. These interviews should deal particularly with any knowledge that they may have pertaining to plans which were formulated on the Island relative to this break.

ALL FIELD DIVISIONS are also requested to review the list of visitors and correspondents of prisoners on the Island, as set out herein, and arrange for their immediate interview.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Pomona, California, will investigate the arrest of Subject ROE in that city, on 4/28/23, for any information that may be of assistance in locating this Subject.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Enid, Granite, McAlester, Shawnee, Oklahoma City, Muskogee, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, will investigate the previous arrests of Subjects ROE and COLE, for any information that may be of assistance in conducting this investigation.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION at Bonham, Texas, will conduct a similar investigation in so far as Subject ROE is concerned.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION, at Little Rock, Arkansas, will conduct a similar investigation relative to the arrest of Subject COLE, on 8/27/29.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

FILE NO. **76-139**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-29-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24-28/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. Ramsey</b> <span style="float: right;">vb</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE. - I. O. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**LYLE GALLAND**, now located in trailer at 22 South 9th Avenue, Phoenix, states **LETHA JONES** has never indicated to him in any way that she was the wife of Subject **ROE**. **LETHA JONES** advises that a girl friend, one **AIMEE PAYNE**, now deceased, was sweetheart of **RALPH ROE** and that **AIMEE PAYNE** left her two pictures of **RALPH ROE** to keep for her shortly after death of **WILBUR UNDERHILL** at Shawnee, Oklahoma. She denies that she was ever personally acquainted with **RALPH ROE**.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **W. E. Miller**, Phoenix, Arizona, 12-23-37; report of Special Agent **J. E. Thornton**, San Francisco, California, 12-20-37; report of Special Agent **J. V. Murphy**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-23-37.

**DETAILS:**

Further investigation with reference to the location and activities of **LYLE GALLAND**, who it will be recalled is living with **MRS. LETHA JONES**, who it has been alleged is the wife of Subject **ROE** developed that **Lyle Galland** and **Mrs. Letha Jones** had moved their trailer from the location at 801 West Madison Street (not East Madison Street) to a location in the rear of the residence at 22 South 9th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Following appropriate contact **LYLE GALLAND** was interviewed at the Phoenix Bureau Office by reporting Agent, at which time he stated that he is 34 years of age, having been born April 30, 1903, at Fond du lac County,

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Waupun, Wisconsin. He stated that he had been married to JANETTE GALLAND in Phoenix, Arizona, several years ago, but that he had been separated from her for the period of over the past year; that he did not know her present whereabouts but when last he had heard of her she was located at 2220 East Van Buren Street. He advised that although separated from her he had not secured a divorce.

GALLAND stated that he had first come to Arizona for his health and that he had worked for a considerable period of time for the Covered Wagon Auto Trailer Company, his superior being VIC BYRNES, who it is recalled is the original informant who furnished the information that LETHA JONES was supposedly the wife of Subject ROE.

He advised that while working for BYRNES he had been employed as a salesman for the Covered Wagon Trailers. He stated that during the latter part of August of this year he had met LETHA JONES in the Seventh Avenue Restaurant in Phoenix and that following this meeting he had started going with her and shortly afterwards had begun to live with her as man and wife in his trailer which had been parked at 801 West Madison Street. He stated that LETHA received small sums of money from her parents from time to time and that inasmuch as he had been out of work they had had practically nothing to live on. He advised that when he first met LETHA JONES, Vic Byrnes had told him that her husband was doing a long sentence in Alcatraz, but he states that Byrnes did not mention the name of her husband at that time. He advised that upon receiving this information from Byrnes he had asked LETHA about this statement of Byrnes, making inquiry of her as to who her husband was and where he was located, and that Letha had replied that her husband was named WILLIAM JONES; that she had been separated from him for several years, and that she did not know where he was then located, but that as far as she knew they had never been divorced.

He advised that following this he had made no further inquiries of her concerning her husband and that she had never at any time intimated to him that her husband was incarcerated in Alcatraz or any other penitentiary, nor that she had ever lived with anyone who had been or was so incarcerated.

GALLAND recalled that after reading in the newspaper about the escape from Alcatraz of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE that Byrnes had been present at their trailer, when LETHA JONES may have made the statement, when drinking, that she had a girl friend in Oklahoma who was Roe's sweetheart. Galland stated positively that to his best recollection Letha had never made the statement that she was Roe's wife, nor had she indicated this in any way either to him or to Byrnes as far as he knew.

GALLAND stated that he recalled that VIC BYRNES had visited LETHA JONES and himself at their trailer on Sunday, December 19, 1937, at which time some mention had been made by Byrnes of Ralph Roe's having escaped from Alcatraz, but he stated that at the time Letha Jones and he were interested in opening a package which had just been received from Letha Jones' parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Wharton of Depew, Oklahoma, and he did not pay any attention to the remark at the time and does not recall any reply made by Letha.

GALLAND likewise stated that he recalled that during the last summer on one occasion LETHA had received a letter from a friend from Oklahoma or Texas, advising her of the death of a little girl, but he stated that he did not believe that this girl was Letha's daughter and that Letha had never shown him the letter nor commented on it other than to say that a little girl friend of hers in Oklahoma had died. He stated that she had never made the statement that she, herself, had any children, by Roe or by any other individual, and that he believed her in this regard.

He advised that he had questioned her before he had started to live with her regarding other men she had gone with, and he found that she had gone with one E. L. PATRICK, who is now incarcerated in the Arizona State Penitentiary at Florence, but other than Patrick he had been unable to secure any other information in this regard.

GALLAND maintained throughout detailed questioning that the above occasions were the only incidents of any kind or nature whatever where the Alcatraz escape of Subject Roe had ever been mentioned and affirmed it as his conviction that LETHA JONES had no relation whatever to RALPH ROE.

GALLAND was advised of the Federal harboring statute and he promised that in the event he should secure any information regarding Roe or any information indicating that Letha Jones knew Roe, that he would immediately communicate with the Phoenix Office.

Following the above interview with Galland, Agent interviewed LETHA JONES at the trailer in which she and LYLE GALLAND are presently living at 22 South 9th Avenue. Letha advised that she was born February 22, 1915, at Ketchen, Oklahoma, her father's name being Olin Campbell and mother, Georgia Campbell. She stated that her mother had married Dr. J. L. Wharton of Depew, Oklahoma, subsequent to the death of her father, Olin Campbell. She advised that she had [redacted] presently residing in Oklahoma, and a half brother, WILLIAM Wharton, who is now dead. She advised that she had married one WILLIAM HOLLY JONES at Bristow, Oklahoma, in 1934. She stated that they had never been able to get along and that they had been separated at Bristow about a month after they were married. She stated that she had never been divorced from Jones as far as she knew, and that she has not seen or heard from him since about a month or two after her marriage to him in 1934.

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LETHA JONES stated that when she had been residing in Ketchen, Oklahoma, with her parents prior to her marriage, she had become acquainted with one AIMEE PAYNE, who was an operator in the Rowland Beauty Shop in Bristow, Oklahoma. She estimated that it was in approximately 1931 that she first met Aimee Payne as a result of going to the beauty shop for treatments in Bristow. She advised that shortly after WILBUR UNDERHILL had been killed by Federal Agents at Shawnee, Oklahoma, that Aimee Payne had come to her residence and advised that she, Aimee, was going to Seminole, Oklahoma. She stated that Aimee at this time advised her that she was engaged to an Oklahoma boy named RALPH ROE; that Ralph

ROE had been associated with Wilbur Underhill and that she did not desire to have two pictures of Roe in her possession in the event that she should be questioned. She stated that Aimee, therefore, turned over to her two pictures of Ralph Roe both of which pictures showed him in a regular business suit and with a hat on. She advised that a few days after Aimee had left these pictures with her that Aimee had returned to her residence in a car in the evening and had returned a dress which she, Letha, had loaned to her. She advised that at this time Aimee had told her that "my sweetheart, Ralph, is out in the car." Letha stated that she got a glimpse of this individual in the car, but that as it was dark she would be unable to furnish a description of him, but understood that this individual was Ralph Roe.

She stated that Aimee then left and advised that she was going to Oklahoma City and that about a week after this she received information from one "Clack" Dickens that Aimee Payne had died in Oklahoma City. She stated that she had gone to Aimee Payne's funeral in St.roud, Oklahoma.

LETHA JONES stated that she had kept the pictures of Ralph Roe in her purse or handbag and that they had been in her purse or handbag when she had gone to McPherson, Kansas, to work in a barbecue stand known as "Andy's Pig Stand", which was operated by Andy Pavlo and was located on South Main Street in McPherson, Kansas. She stated that while at this place her purse had been stolen containing the pictures and about \$5.00 in money, and that she had never recovered either the purse or the money.

LETHA JONES advised that prior to the time that she came to Depew, Oklahoma, she had taken care of a small child named Norma Jean Hobbs, inasmuch as Norma Jean lived with Maud and Ed Hobbs directly across the street from her grandmother, Mrs. Doode Davis, in Ketchen, Oklahoma. She stated that she had become so attached to the little girl that other persons had often referred to Norma Jean Hobbs as her, Letha Jones', little girl, but that as a matter of fact she was no relation to the girl. She stated that she had seen Norma Jean Hobbs in 1931 at Ketchen, Oklahoma, when Norma Jean had been only four or five years old and that during the past summer she had received a letter from Gladys Ullom from Ketchen, Oklahoma, wherein she had advised her that Norma Jean Hobbs had died. She admitted that she may have made the statement at that time that, "My little girl has died", but that as stated above, the girl was not actually her child. She also stated that she recalled that during the summer of 1937, while she had been drinking in Phoenix with Vic Byrnes and Lyle Galland, she made the statement that she knew a girl in Oklahoma who was a sweetheart of Ralph Roe. She admitted that it was possible that while drunk she might have said that she, Letha Jones, was acquainted with Ralph Roe, but she advised she did not believe she had made such a statement, as the only information she had with regard to Ralph Roe was as a result of Aimee Payne's having advised her that she, Aimee Payne, was the sweetheart of Ralph Roe. She stated that if she made such a statement, she believed that it was that she had told Byrnes that she knew a girl who had a boyfriend in Alcatraz for 99 years. She advised that she had read in the papers that Ralph Roe had been incarcerated in Alcatraz and it had been her belief that the sentence was for 99 years.

She identified a photograph of Roe from a group of pictures shown to her and stated that the photograph of Roe was similar to the photographs which Aimee Payne had given to her to keep, telling her that it was her sweetheart, Ralph Roe, but she stated that this was the only way she would be able to identify the photograph of Roe, inasmuch as she had never seen him other than at a distance and in the dark.

LETHA JONES recalled that on Sunday, December 19, 1937, VIC BYRNES had called at the trailer where she and Lyle Galland were living in connection with collecting a payment due on Galland's car, and that at the time she and Galland were interested in opening a package which had been received from her parents at Depew, Oklahoma. She recalled that Byrnes had made some reference to the fact of Roe's escape from Alcatraz, and she stated that she might have made some reply such as it didn't make any difference to her, but that she did not recall the detail of any such conversation or statement made at that time.

LETHA JONES stated that the only other information she had ever received with regard to Ralph Roe when in Oklahoma was that she remembers reading at one time of Ralph Roe's apprehension following the robbery of a bank at Muskogee, Oklahoma, or that the paper had stated that Ralph Roe had been apprehended in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She stated that she understood that he had been taken to the county jail in Oklahoma City because at that time, which she believed was sometime in 1934 or 1935, she had gone to Seminole, Oklahoma, on a short visit and had stayed at the Sun Rooms. She advised that while at the Sun Rooms she had been drinking and had met a man known as "Tangle Eyes" Hall, who apparently was nicknamed "Tangle Eyes" because of the fact his eyes were crossed. She stated that this individual had made some remark while they had been drinking together at the Sun Rooms about going to Oklahoma City to take some clothes to Ralph Roe, who was supposedly incarcerated in the county jail at Oklahoma City. She stated that she had only stayed at the Sun Rooms for a couple of days and that she had never again seen "Tangle Eyes" Hall. She described "Tangle Eyes" as follows:

Age	About 35
Height	5' 7" or 8"
Weight	160 to 175
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Light and crossed
Hair	Dark
Marks	Scar on his face

She did not recall whether this scar was on the left or right side of the face.

She described AIMEE PAYNE as follows:

Age	30 or 35
Height	5' 3"
Weight	126
Eyes	Grey
Hair	Light brown
Build	Medium

LETHA JONES readily admitted that she had gone with E. L. PATRICK in Phoenix on several occasions prior to meeting Lyle Galland and that Patrick is now incarcerated in the Arizona State Penitentiary at Florence.

LETHA JONES was advised of the fugitive status of both Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and of the provisions of the Federal harboring statute. She continuously maintained that she had no information with reference to the escape of Ralph Roe nor with regard to his associates other than as related hereinabove. She continuously stated that she had never been married to him and that the only statements she had ever made at any time regarding Ralph Roe that she recalled were that she knew a girl (meaning Aimee Payne) who had been Ralph Roe's sweetheart. It should be stated that Letha Jones also admitted that she had been living with Lyle Galland since August, 1937, in Phoenix in his trailer and she confirmed the manner of their meeting as related above by Galland. It should also be stated that she voluntarily mentioned the name of VIC BYRNES and that this name was not suggested to her, indicating that Byrnes had furnished any information to this office. Letha Jones promised her cooperation and that in the event she should receive any information concerning Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole, she would advise the Phoenix Division Office immediately.

It should also be stated in connection with the above interviews that no opportunity was afforded Lyle Galland and Letha Jones to compare their statements at the time of these interviews.

It should be stated that Lyle Galland and Letha Jones are apparently health seekers and are living in what appears to be the utmost poverty in the trailer in the vacant lot in the rear and adjacent to 22 South 9th Avenue. Although it does not appear from the above or from the information developed in Oklahoma City, as noted in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy dated at Oklahoma City, December 23, 1937, that Letha Jones ever actually knew or associated with Ralph Roe, the mail cover previously placed with regard to her will be continued for the period originally requested and any information which may be received as a result thereof will be immediately transmitted to the interested offices.

For the information of the file LETHA JONES is described as follows:

Age	23
Height	5' 5"
Weight	120
Eyes	Grey-blue
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Sallow, emaciated looking



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION At Seminole, Oklahoma, will consider the information furnished by LETHA JONES with regard to alleged association of RALPH ROE with "TANGLE EYES" HALL and conduct appropriate investigation regarding this individual with the view to determining if he might be an associate whom ROE might contact and interview him.

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

December 31, 1937.

Time: 1:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Cole and Roe from Alcatraz

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With reference to the possible identification of Cole and Roe at Los Angeles, it being advised that one of these men is working at a restaurant there, I asked Mr. Hanson at Los Angeles if this lead is being covered. He advised that although this matter is being checked, he does not believe it to be of value. He asked if it is necessary to continue the maintenance of the surveillances on the home of Cole's parents and on the home of Cole's sister, which requires the use of six agents, and I told him if he can arrange to be notified promptly should these men enter either home, he may discontinue the surveillances.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
December 29, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

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Dear Sir:            Re:    RALPH ROE, with aliases -  
                              FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472.  
                              THEODORE COLE, with aliases -  
                              FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.  
                              Escaped Federal Prisoners.

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter received by this office from Mr. ROBERT V. ISH, 1830 - 21st Avenue, Kingsburg, California, wherein Mr. ISH states that he observed an unusual happening on Telegraph Hill on Thanksgiving evening, and which he believes to have some bearing on the subsequent escape of the Subjects of this case from Alcatraz Prison.

It is requested that you direct a Special Agent of your office to properly interview Mr. ISH.

Very truly yours,

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c.c. Bureau (Enc.1)  
c.c. Oklahoma City (Enc.1)

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

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Robert V. Ish  
1830 21st. Ave.  
Kingsburg, Calif.

Mat. J. L. Pieper  
Agent federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir,

A possible clue to the outside contacts of the missing prisoners from Alcatraz might be contained in the following.

11/27/37, Thanksgiving Evening

Time 8:30 Pm.

\* Place Croix tower San Francisco, Calif.

(\* Probably meant to be Coit Tower)

A man was standing on the Roof of the building out of which rises the tower. He was directing a powerful flashlight in a perfect line with the penal Isle. He was using the Morse international code and by depressing the button very rapidly was sending a message to some one in that direction. I could pick up single letters only a\_s I am not highly skilled

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in the code. At the time there was no vessel or other visible means of reception except from the Isle in line with his beam. As I approached and talked with my companion he put out the light and disappeared. Later, 15", he reappeared and continued to send his message, in the exact same direction and slightly faster. We checked the Direction withe the building, thru a whole in a group of leaves on the gum tree and with t outer rim of the drive circle, and again with the Isle. They were as perfect as could be determined from that point. We both thought of reporting the incident at the time and drove for quite a time in search of a Motorcycle or prowler car. Finally we decided to let the nater drop. This is quite accurate discription and should it be of any service as to future communication, Might well be investigated.

I would appreciate having my name kept strictly confidential.

Respectfully

(Signed) ROBERT V. ISE

Director of Instrumental Music  
Kingsburg Crammer School District

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:MC

December 31, 1937.

Time:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Cole and Roe from  
Alcatraz

While talking to Mr. Hanson at Los Angeles, he advised the tentative identification of Roe at a restaurant in Los Angeles has been definitely eliminated. He stated the Mexican who made the identification has been determined to be considered by the police as very irresponsible.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. REFER REPORT OF SAC SPEARS DATED PORTLAND

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO. PORTLAND OFFICE DETERMINED CAR WITH CURRENT NEVADA

LICENSE T <sup>T4621</sup> EIGHT SIX TWO ONE WITH TWO PASSENGERS PASSED THROUGH CALIFORNIA

OREGON BORDER DECEMBER FIFTEEN AND REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT

INVESTIGATION OUTLINED ABOVE REPORT CONCERNING PASSENGERS SUCH CAR.

ABOVE NEVADA PLATES REGISTERED TO ~~HOLLAND AND PRIDA~~, WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA

FOR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN ~~CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK~~, MOTOR K <sup>K1023451</sup> TEN TWO THREE

FOUR FIVE ONE. LAWRENCE ~~HOLLAND~~ AND GILL ~~PRIDA~~ REPUTABLE SHEEP DEALERS.

HOLLAND INTERVIEWED RENO, ADVISES INSTANT TRUCK DRIVEN BY GILL ~~PRIDA~~

AND SON JOHN TO ZUKERMAN RANCH TEN MILES SOUTH KLAMATH FALLS OREGON IN

OCTOBER AND DRIVEN TO RED BLUFF CALIFORNIA BY GILL PRIDA ABOUT DECEMBER

SIXTEEN WHEN HE MOVED SHEEP TO RANCH FIFTEEN MILES WEST OF RED BLUFF.

HOLLAND BELIEVES PRIDAS COMPANION PROBABLY SHEEP HERDER. PRIDA AND TRUCK

NOW LOCATED CARE ~~TURNERS GROCETERIA~~ RED BLUFF CALIFORNIA, TURNER BEING

PRIDAS SON IN LAW. INTERVIEW PRIDA IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE REFERENCE

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cc - Bureau  
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Los Angeles, California  
December 30, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: <sup>0</sup> RALPH ROE, with aliases,  
Fugitive, et al  
Escaped Federal Prisoner

In connection with the above-entitled case in which the step-father and mother of Subject Cole reside in Woodlake, California, it has been learned that they received through the mails, addressed to them as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Woodlake, California, a letter postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, Box No. 7, December 27, 1937.

The above is being forwarded to you for your information. Possibly this return address is that of the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANGELES 12-30-37 10-25 PM PST MO

DIRECTOR AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ET AL EFP. NIGHT DECEMBER TWENTY NINE

TWO MEN DROPPED OFF FREIGHT TRAIN IN LOS BANOS CALIFORNIA.

ONE LATER ENTERED RESTAURANT AND ASKED FOR AND OBTAINED WORK

SCRUBBING FLOORS. NIGHT MAN AT RESTAURANT MANUEL X LENA A MEXICAN

IDENTIFIES THIS MAN AS ROE. A CUSTOMER AT THE RESTAURANT ALSO

SAID THE MAN RESEMBLED ROE. RELIABILITY OF MEXICAN INFORMANT

QUESTIONABLE. SUSPECT ALSO SEEN BY TWO NIGHT OFFICERSJ LOS

BANOS WHO SAY HE HAD A BUILD RESEMBLING COLE MORE THAN ROE BUT

DID NOT SEE HIS FACE WELL. SUSPECT ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED

FOR NIGHTS LODGING IN JAIL AT LOS BANOS. SUSPECT CLAIMED LIVING

IN JUNGLES THERE WITH HIS COMPANION AND TO RETURN TO RESTAURANT

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT FOR MORE WORK. AGENT AT LOS BANOS PRESENTLY

CHECKING IDENTITY THESE MEN.

HANSON

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P. O. Box 1881  
Seattle, Washington

December 31, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the information received by the Portland Office from the United States Lighthouse Service at Portland, Oregon concerning the individual who called on a day believed definitely to have been Wednesday, December 15, 1937, making inquiry concerning tides in the San Francisco Bay, the Portland Office conducted an investigation at the checking stations in California and obtained the license numbers of several cars bearing Washington State license plates.

It was requested that immediate investigation 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 booklets in Portland, Oregon pertaining to Alcatraz Island. It was further requested that the owners of the instant cars should be located, and even though their reliability and standing was established, they should be interrogated as to whether they purchased the two tide and current booklets.

It has been determined that Dr. W. Reginald Fishleigh, Bohawk Building, Spokane, Washington, was noted to have passed through the checking station from Oregon to California, driving into automobile bearing 1937 Washington State license C-6291. Investigation at Spokane, Washington disclosed that Dr. Fishleigh is an osteopathic doctor, who was married at Spokane, Washington December 14, 1937 and immediately left Spokane with his bride

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for Mexico. It was further learned that on January 1, 1938 Dr. Fishleigh will visit D. J. Daniels, who is a student at the Los Angeles Osteopathic College, Los Angeles, California. It is requested that the appropriate interview be had with Dr. Fishleigh to determine whether he purchased the tide and current booklets.

An additional automobile, bearing 1938 Washington license A-10136, which passed through the checking station has been determined to be a 1938 LaSalle sedan registered to Mr. Wally Gwinn. Inquiry made of Mr. Ernest Gwinn, son of Wally Gwinn, has revealed the latter departed from Seattle, Washington on December 15, 1937 and is presently located at 5983 Herman Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he will continue to reside until on or about January 10, 1938. It is requested that the appropriate interview be conducted with Mr. Gwinn.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN  
Special Agent in Charge

RCB:GM

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cc Bureau

Oklahoma City  
San Francisco  
Portland

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

EAT:MC

December 27, 1937.

Time: 4:15 P.M.

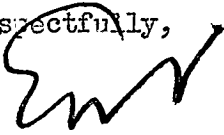
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Theodore Cole and  
Ralph Roe from Alcatraz

Mr. Hanson called from Los Angeles and asked if it is necessary to continue the two surveillances being maintained by his office on Cole's parents at Woodlake, California, and on Cole's sister at Bell, California.

He was advised these surveillances should be continued for a few more days inasmuch as the bodies of the men should be washed in to shore within nine days from their escape, according to information received by the Bureau.

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:MC

December 28, 1937.

Time: 11:12 A.M.

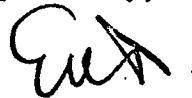
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: Escape of Theodore<sup>O</sup> Cole and  
Ralph<sup>O</sup> Roe from Alcatraz

With reference to the letter from the San Francisco Office forwarding blue prints relative to the escape from Alcatraz, I inquired of Mr. Pieper at San Francisco if he does not believe the five gallon cans could keep the fugitives afloat. He was advised the laboratory has been requested to check the buoyancy of such a can.

Mr. Pieper indicated even if the fugitives could have bound several cans together, they would not have been able to control them in the heavy seas. He indicated that all the cans are punctured and quite battered before being discarded. It was suggested that the subjects might have soldered the cans in the blacksmith's shop and Mr. Pieper said this is not likely as the guard's attention would have been called to such an unusual operation.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.



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RECORDED 76-2686-152 January 5, 1938.

Mr. Harry B. Baker,  
Editor,  
International News Photos,  
235 East 45th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Baker:

I have at hand your letter of January 3, 1938, in which you advise me that on the night of the escape of two inmates from Alcatraz Island, Mr. Vanfine, the Manager of your Washington Bureau, communicated with my office requesting the photographs, and was informed that they were not available. It is further noted that the pictures were secured by your service on the Pacific Coast, after some delay, and then transmitted to points about the country by your Soundphoto system.

I am very glad that you wrote me about this matter because no representative of this Bureau was in a position to make available these photographs when requested. The reason for this is that the two men referred to were inmates of Alcatraz Island, which is a Federal Penal institution, under the direct supervision of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and I am precluded from releasing the photographs of any inmates of Federal penitentiaries. Such photographs can only be released by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In all instances in which this Bureau has direct jurisdiction we endeavor to make available the photographs of the subjects just as soon as possible because I agree with you that the more widely such photographs are circulated, the greater possibility there is of the persons whose photographs they are, being promptly discovered and thereby apprehended.

With expressions of my very best regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Vanfine  
Manager, International News Photos,  
1317 H Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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NEW YORK CITY

January 3, 1938

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

The night we were advised of the escape of two inmates from Alcatraz Island, Mr. Vantine, the manager of our Washington bureau, contacted your office requesting pictures. He was told the pictures were not available.

We secured the pictures of the escaped convicts on the Pacific coast after some delay and transmitted them to points around the country by our Soundphoto system.

It would have been much more economical if we could have secured the pictures through your office in Washington and, I believe, in the interest of justice that these pictures should be widely circulated. I am calling the matter to your attention as I realize you may not be personally aware of the situation.

With kindest personal regards and very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Baker*

Harry B. Baker  
Editor.

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cc Mr Vantine  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: SALT LAKE CITY

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SAC SALT LAKE CITY

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RALPH ROE WAS, FUGITIVE, ET AL, REP. PORTLAND ADVISES CHEVROLET COUPE CONTAINING TWO PASSENGERS AND BEARING MONTANA LICENSE FOURTEEN DASH TWO FOUR TWO TWO PASSED THROUGH CHECKING STATION, CALIFORNIA BORDER DECEMBER FIFTEENTH OR SIXTEENTH AND DESIRES CAR AND OCCUPANTS INVESTIGATED. MENTIONED LICENSE ISSUED TO WILLIAM MCRAE, TWO FOUR NORTH COTTAGE, MILES CITY, MONTANA, FOR CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR TWO FOUR EIGHT TWO NAUGHT TWO. INVESTIGATION, MILES CITY, INDICATES MCRAE RELIABLE, AS EMPLOYED FOR YEARS AS JANITOR IN GRADE SCHOOL. MCRAE LEFT MILES CITY ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, NOVEMBER EIGHTEENTH, LAST, FOR VACATION TRIP INTO CANADA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND PRESENTLY REPORTED VISITING AT SIX SIX EIGHT TWENTY FOURTH STREET, OGDEN, UTAH. DETERMINE WHETHER MCRAE IN PORTLAND DECEMBER FIFTEENTH AND ALSO WHETHER HE 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 IN PURCHASING SAME, AS POSSIBILITY PURCHASER OF BOOKLETS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THIS CASE. MAN WHO MADE PURCHASE DESCRIBED AGE FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FEET, SIX OR SEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY TO SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR DARK, POSSIBLY GRAYING SOMEWHAT, WELL GROOMED AND GAVE APPEARANCE OF HAVING RECENTLY VISITED BARBER SHOP, FULL FACE AND RUDDY

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

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PRESENTED INTELLIGENT APPEARANCE.

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San Francisco  
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OFF BUS CHG GOVT RATE  
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 7:30 P.M.

cc - San Francisco, Bureau

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC PORTLAND

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RALPH ROE WITH ALIASES, FUGITIVE, ET AL. EFP. REFERENCE YOUR CONFERENCE  
TELETYPE TWENTY FOURTH INSTANT. NEBRASKA LICENSE SIX FOUR DASH EIGHT FIVE  
ISSUED TO D W LONGACRE FOR NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE BLACK PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR  
PJ TWO THREE THREE EIGHT TWO FOUR. OMAHA ADVISES LONGACRE REPORTED AT WEISER,  
IDAHO BUT INQUIRY THERE DEVELOPS HE LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS AS BROOKINGS,  
OREGON.

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CC Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
San Francisco  
Omaha

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

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

January 4, 1933.

70-2686 <sup>153</sup>

RECORDED Mr. N. J. L. Pieper,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
C/o Eileen Cutler, Room 1729,  
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau December 20, 1932.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

cc-Oklahoma City  
Denver  
Dallas

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 4, 1938.

Laboratory Report

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-115  
76-2686-116

(See attached sheet)

Specimens:

San Francisco

Examination requested by: December 30, 1937

Date received: Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Miller

Result of examination: The questioned note, listed as specimen Q1, is written in script with a soft pencil on a piece of unruled plain white paper which contains no watermark, and is irregularly torn along two edges so that it now measures approximately 2 2/3 by 5 1/2 inches. The envelope listed as specimen Q2, is made of plain white paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately 3 2/3 by 6 1/2 inches.

Examination by:

The questioned letter listed as specimen Q3 is handprinted with a soft pencil in a mixture of upper and lower case letters on a sheet of ruled white tablet paper which contains no watermark and measures approximately 5.0 by 7.9 inches. The paper is ruled with nineteen blue-green lines on the front spaced at an average distance of 0.548 inches apart, the first appearing approximately 1 1/3 inches from the top of the page, and the reverse side contains twenty-two such lines. Specimens Q4 and Q5 are similar to specimen Q3 with respect to the paper. The envelope listed as specimen Q6 is made of plain white paper containing no watermark and measuring approximately 3.2 by 3.5 inches.

In confirmation of the telephonic report made by Mr. Quinn Tamm of the Technical Laboratory to Special Agent in Charge H. J. L. Pieper of the San Francisco Field Division on December 31, 1937, it was noted subsequent to the silver nitrate treatment for fingerprints that an address was developed on the reverse side of the envelope listed as specimen Q3. This address reads "Mr. and Mrs. Vieser Glas and Family, 230 1/2 Duncan St., San Francisco, Calif.". The characters which are underlined were not sufficiently clear to definitely establish their identity. This address could not be seen before treatment with silver nitrate.

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It is possible that this address was placed on specimen Q2 because it was placed next to an envelope containing this address written in ink, either in the possession of the person who wrote specimen Q2, or the address on specimen Q2 was transferred thereon from another envelope during the course of its handling in the mails. Such a transference of the address from one envelope to the other does not include all of the elements present in the ink but only such constituents as for instance hydrochloric acid which reacts chemically with silver nitrate to form a dark coloration.

The script writing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the signatures appearing on fingerprint cards of Theodore Cole, I. C. #1471, and Ralph Roe, I. C. #1472, but no conclusion was reached because of the limited amount of known handwriting available for comparison. The handwriting appearing on specimens Q3, Q4, Q5 and Q6, could of course not be compared with the script writing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 or with the signatures appearing on the fingerprint cards of these two individuals. In this connection the file was searched for additional known handwriting of these two individuals but none was found.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 to Q6 inclusive, will be added to the Laboratory's file of anonymous letters and if an identification is made your office will be advised.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 to Q6 inclusive will be transmitted to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

1-Bureau  
2-San Francisco  
1-Oklahoma City  
1-Denver  
1-Dallas  
1-Laboratory

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- Specimens: 76-2626-118
- Q1 One note, handwritten, beginning "Tat-tat, good-bye, give\*\*\*\*".
  - " Q2 Accompanying envelope addressed to "Warden Johnson," and postmarked "Denver, Colorado, December 23, 1937, 8 A. M."
  - " 116 Q3 First page of a three-page handprinted letter beginning "You are a good\*\*\*\*".
  - " Q4 Second page of a three-page handprinted letter beginning "Will go to\*\*\*\*".
  - " Q5 Third page of a three-page handprinted letter beginning "we are afraid\*\*\*\*".
  - " Q6 Accompanying envelope postmarked "Fort Worth, Texas, December 23, 1937, 3 P. M."

The fingerprints of Warden Johnston and Special Agent A. K. Farland are submitted for elimination purposes.



EAT:CDW

January 17, 1938.

RECORDED 76-2886 -154

Mr. C. W. Stein,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 4, 1938, suggesting that arrangements be made whereby Chief of Police Sims of Seminole, Oklahoma, would proceed to Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of attempting to arrange with Ray "Tang" Hall for Hall to serve in the capacity of an informant in connection with the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, in the event Hall can be transferred to Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, you are advised that the Bureau does not consider this course of action necessary at this time.

The Bureau feels that if any information concerning the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary is in the possession of prisoners now incarcerated in that penitentiary, these prisoners will attempt to strengthen their own positions with the prison authorities by furnishing that information to the prison officials.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
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CC - San Francisco

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 4, 1938

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AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Oklahoma City December 22, 1937, wherein on page ten an interview with Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, is related. It will be noted that Chief of Police Sims stated that Ray "Tang" Hall, an informant of his, who is now confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, while residing at Seminole prior to his conviction, kept him, Sims, informed of the activities of various criminals for the reason that every known criminal who came to Seminole got in touch with Hall; that if Hall was "on the ground," and Ralph Roe succeeded in escaping from Alcatraz alive, Roe would contact Hall at some time or other, and Hall would inform him, Sims.

It will also be noted from the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, dated at Phoenix December 29, 1937, that Hall was very close to Roe, as indicated by interview with Letha Jones, who stated that while she was in Seminole in 1934 or 1935 she made the acquaintance of a man by the name of "Tangle Eyes" Hall, and during a drinking party with Hall he informed her he was going to Oklahoma City to take some clothes to Ralph Roe, who was then confined in the County Jail at Oklahoma City.

Chief of Police Sims has indicated that he is willing to proceed to Leavenworth, Kansas for the purpose of interviewing Hall at the United States Penitentiary to secure any information Hall might be able to furnish

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concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and their escape from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz.

The identification records of the Oklahoma City Police Department reflect that Raymond Henry Hall, FBI-366642, was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on November 20, 1934, inmate #6347, to serve a sentence of five years for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act. The criminal record and description of Raymond Henry Hall indicates that he is the same person referred to by Chief of Police Sims as his informant, Ray "Tang" Hall.

In view of the fact that Raymond Henry Hall, alias Ray "Tang" Hall, has served the greater part of his five year sentence, the Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of having Raymond Henry Hall transferred from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, if agreeable to Hall, for the purpose of having Hall secure information from inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary concerning the escape of Subjects Roe and Cole. The only thing that can possibly be offered Hall for such services would be the promise of an early parole or conditional release and a suitable monetary reward.

It is not known at this time whether Hall would agree to such a transfer and to act as an informant for the Government; however, it is believed, from information furnished by Chief of Police Sims, that if anyone could get Hall to agree to such a proposition; which would likely be of value to this Bureau and the Bureau of Prisons, Sims could get Hall to cooperate. In view of the fact that Special Agent Frank S. Smith has the confidence of Chief of Police Sims, Seminole, Oklahoma, it is requested that the Bureau authorize the Oklahoma City Division to have Agent Smith drive Chief of Police Sims from Seminole to Leavenworth for the purpose of Sims interviewing his informant, Raymond Henry Hall and ascertaining whether he will entertain the proposition of a transfer from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz for the purpose of acting as an informant. Sims has the utmost confidence in his Informant Hall, and states Hall will furnish him any information he can secure concerning Roe and Cole,

but he does not believe that Hall would furnish an Agent of this Bureau information that he, Sims, can obtain from him.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. W. Stein".

C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc San Francisco

903 Pacific Commerce Building,  
437 South Hill Street,  
Los Angeles, California  
December 31, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ralph Roe with aliases et al  
Escaped Federal Prisoner  
L A File No 76-362

There are enclosed with this letter one copy of each of the following reports in the case entitled Hugh Butcher, with aliases, Unknown Subjects; Alleged Plot of Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape:

Report of Special Agent L E Kingman, Oklahoma City, 11/7/36  
Report of Special Agent H W Costello, Louisville, 11/13/36  
Report of Special Agent J E Lawler, Los Angeles, 11/17/36

It will be noted that these reports contain information as to the possible connection of one Floyd Hill with subject Cole in a contemplated escape from Alcatraz Prison.

During the investigation of the instant case subject Cole's mother and stepfather, Mr and Mrs Fred W Cole, have been contacted on numerous occasions by agents of this office in connection with a surveillance being maintained on their home. When first questioned concerning their knowledge of Floyd Hill and Hugh Butcher, these individuals stated that they were not acquainted with Hill and did not remember ever having heard of Butcher, although Mrs Cole stated that she recalled that Floyd Hill had been in the Oklahoma State Prison with her son Ted. Cole

On December 31, 1937, Fred Cole stated that he had that day received a card from Floyd Hill which card was sent from Leavenworth Prison. Fred Cole showed this card to agents and it was noted that the card was an ordinary Christmas card and bore the following handwritten notation: "Please don't worry, Mother, I think he is safe." This card was signed by Floyd Hill. After receiving this information agents again questioned Mrs Cole concerning her knowledge of Floyd Hill and were informed by her that Hill had been a very close friend of Theodore Cole while they were confined together in the prison at McAllister and that the two boys had made a pen set and sent it to her for a Christmas present several years ago. She denied, however, that she had communicated with Floyd Hill, although it was pointed out to her that the card bore her correct address in Woodlake, California, which address she did not have at the time that her son was incarcerated with Floyd Hill. Neither Mr nor Mrs Cole could offer any explanation as to how Hill obtained this address.

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Both Mr and Mrs Cole also stated that they had never been contacted by Hughatcher or any other prisoner from Alcatraz, and that they had no prior indication of any plans that their son had with reference to an escape.

In view of the above, it is believed that your office should thoroughly interview Floyd Hill at Leavenworth Penitentiary, where he is presently confined as LS 49762, with reference to any knowledge that he may have relative to the instant case. His visitors and correspondents should also be checked with particular reference to Hughatcher.

Very truly yours,

J H Lanson,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
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Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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December 27, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

I learned from Warden Johnston that in the course of the investigation of the missing prisoners, Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, it has seemed desirable to follow up certain information regarding the activities of some of our employees.

Please construe this memorandum as requesting that every lead connected with the loss of these prisoners be carefully investigated regardless of the personnel it may involve and specifically requesting an investigation of the activities of the following employees:

Henry T. Davis, e.o.d. April 1, 1937  
2603 Hyde Street, San Francisco  
Telephone - Gr. 1711

Walter F. Petersen, e.o.d. Sept. 3, 1935  
2605 Hyde Street, San Francisco  
Telephone - Gr. 1370

Claude E. Billingsley, e.o.d. Sept. 16, 1935  
1229 Chestnut Street, San Francisco

James V. Halstead, e.o.d. Sept. 9, 1935  
295 Dorland, San Francisco

I shall appreciate your cooperation.

JAMES V. BENNETT  
Director

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729,  
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated December 28, 1937, relative to the proposed investigation of certain of the personnel of the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, in connection with the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum dated December 27, 1937, from Mr. James V. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, in which he specifically requests an investigation of the activities of four of the employees at the above penitentiary, and also requests that every lead connected with the escape of Roe and Cole be carefully investigated, regardless of the personnel concerned.

You are, therefore, authorized to conduct a vigorous and thorough investigation relative to the possible connection of the members of the personnel named in the memorandum from Mr. Bennett with the fugitives in this case.

You are further authorized to conduct such investigation as may be indicated of any other employees stationed at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California. The Bureau should, however, be telegraphically advised of the names of any other employees investigated, of circumstances which indicate the advisability of such investigations, and of all developments in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure

cc - Oklahoma City (with copy of instant memorandum)

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
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San Francisco, California

December 28, 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:

Please be advised that in a conference with Warden Johnston in which he freely discussed the subject of the possible guards or employees that might be suspected of being implicated in the escape of COLE and ROE, the following information was furnished by the Warden to me:

He stated that he had given serious consideration to the integrity and reliability of the men and that the following were the only ones regarding whom he could even think of anything which would indicate they might be involved. They are as follows:

Junior Officer HARRY T. DAVIS, entered on duty April 1, 1937, resides at 2603 Hyde Street, San Francisco. Basis for suggesting DAVIS was that he was a new man and had to be cautioned about familiarity with prisoners.

Junior Officer WALTER E. PETERSON, entered on duty September 3, 1935, address 2605 Hyde St., San Francisco. Basis for questioning PETERSON was that he had heard that PETERSON might be a contact who would unknowingly get some information out to TOM BANKS, purported proprietor of the Hollyhock Night Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated further that PETERSON was in bad financial straits and that also was a matter which in his mind could not be overlooked at a time such as this.

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Then there are two laundry employees, CLAUDE E. BILLINGSLEY, who entered on duty September 16, 1935 and resides at 1229 Chestnut Street, San Francisco; and JAMES V. HALSTEAD, who entered on duty September 9, 1935 and resides at 255 Dorland, San Francisco, California. These men are considered doubtful employees because of the need to caution them for familiarity with prisoners.

I realize that the information I am setting out in this letter is fragmentary. I made no immediate effort to go into detail with the Warden when he proffered this information because I felt that the matter should be called to your attention before I made intensive inquiry, since it involved the possible investigation of employees of another Bureau of the Department.

Warden Johnston told me that because of the seriousness of this escape from Alcatraz, he thought we should know of any doubts in his mind and that he invited us to vigorously question these men and even stated that we could pick them up if we wanted to specifically for questioning.


I have made no effort to interrogate these men or to evidence in any way that an investigation would be conducted of the personnel of the Island, because I felt that if we begin questioning any men, we certainly will have to question a number of individuals and check on their backgrounds, who may have in any way been connected with these prisoners or near the vicinity where the escape was perpetrated.

I shall take no action following this up until specifically advised by you as to what course you desire me to take regarding the interrogation of any questioned employees or investigation concerning them.

I would like to point out to you that the publicity concerning the escape has died down and the papers are looking for some matter with which to again play the story of the escape, and in the beginning there was possible intimation

that investigation might be conducted as to the reliability and integrity of the guards which has not been mentioned since, and although I am confident that no publicity will emanate from any source under our control, yet possibly an employee who is questioned who may feel himself unjustifiably suspected, may make some statement which will cause the press to immediately make a story out of the fact that the "G-Men" are now investigating the Island personnel. I believe that this should be considered before a decision is made.

Very truly yours,

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

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-29-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Daniel Currie, Jr.</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471 RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Neighbors state Nicholas LaVoy at home 14th and 16th of December. Visitors to LaVoy's home not identified as resembling Richard Galatas. Passengers to Portland and San Francisco via plane from Seattle, December 18th through 19th, identified except J. W. Brown, W. G. DuPuy, Obe Wiser, J. C. Myers, L. A. Elsener, C. W. Orquhart and J. C. Combs.

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- REFERENCES:**
- Report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, 12-22-37.
  - Letter of Portland Field Office to San Francisco Office, dated 12-18-37.
  - Letter of Seattle Office to Portland Office, dated December 22, 1937.

**DETAILS:** At Evergreen, Washington

Mr. Earl Jones, a grocery store operator at this point, was contacted in order to ascertain his knowledge as to the recent movements of Nicholas LaVoy, whose home is next door to the store. Mr. Jones advised that he was quite positive LaVoy had been around town from December 1, 1937 to the date of the interview on December 19th. Upon being questioned specifically as to his knowledge of LaVoy's movements on the 14th and 15th of December, he stated originally that while he

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could not be positive, he felt sure that he had seen LaVoy around the house.

Mrs. Nancy Jones, wife of Earl Jones, confirmed the information given by her husband and stated at the time that it was her recollection she was in the city of Seattle on the 15th of the month and that she obtained a ride home with Mr. and Mrs. LaVoy.

These parties were again contacted the next day, at which time Mrs. Jones stated that she definitely recalled that on the morning of December 13th she had talked to LaVoy and that on the 14th Mrs. LaVoy had requested the person delivering eggs in that neighborhood to take her to town. Upon leaving, Mr. LaVoy came over to the store and said "Goodbye" to his wife and remained at the store for a few moments discussing the general questions of the neighborhood. Mrs. Jones further advised that as she recalled, LaVoy assisted her husband in unloading the produce which she had obtained from Seattle markets on the afternoon of December 16, 1937. She could not, however, definitely place LaVoy at home on the 15th of the month although it was her opinion that he was. With respect to her statement the preceding day that she had obtained a ride home with Mr. and Mrs. LaVoy from Seattle, Washington, she advised this trip had occurred the preceding Wednesday, December 8, 1937.

Mr. Jones, upon his return to the store, stated that his wife had mentioned to him the evening before the trip of Mrs. LaVoy to Seattle on the 14th and the fact that LaVoy had come over to the store to say "Goodbye" to her, which incident he definitely recalled. Mr. Jones also confirmed the information given as to the assistance rendered by LaVoy in unloading the produce brought from Seattle on the 16th of December.

Mr. J. Grant, who runs a service station at this point, advised that while he believed LaVoy was around his home during the week of the 15th of December, he was not in a position to advise specifically as to the dates on which he noticed him.

Mrs. R. Ellington, who obtains her milk from the LaVoys, and customarily goes to their place to get same, stated that quite often she would obtain her milk each day for a period of over a week without seeing Mr. or Mrs. LaVoy, as the milk was placed in a shed from which she took same. She was not in a position to specifically state whether Mr. LaVoy was around his home on the 14th, 15th or 16th of the month.

Mr. Andrew Swanston advised that he was positive LaVoy was at home around noon of the 16th of December as he recalled that he came down to his place from the garage about 11:00 A. M. to obtain some eggs. In this connection, Mr. Swanston produced a memorandum book which reflected the sale of eggs to Mr. LaVoy on that date. With reference to the preceding days, Mr. Swanston stated that he had no definite recollection of

observing Mr. LaVoy around his home.

Mrs. L. Bush informed that Mr. LaVoy had dropped in at their home a couple of times during the week of December 12th but that she could not undertake to advise specifically as to the dates of the visits. It was her recollection that Mr. LaVoy was around home during the week, but upon inquiry she could not advise definitely as to the dates on which she observed him working in his yard.

Pictures of Richard Galatas submitted by the Portland Field Office were shown to each of the above parties but they could not identify any of the visitors to LaVoy's home as resembling this party.

Mr. William Cupitt, a retired Seattle fireman who presently resides at Des Moines, Washington, advised that during the past several months he had been laid up with neuritis and had not been able to get around the neighborhood. For that reason Mr. Cupitt was not familiar with recent happenings and could not be of assistance.

#### At Seattle, Washington

On the evening of December 18, 1937 Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland Field Office, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge R. C. Suran that on December 15, 1937 an unknown individual appeared at the United States Lightship Service, Portland, Oregon and requested information concerning a tide book, with particular interest in the tides in San Francisco Bay. Inquiry was made concerning the two currents said to run in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island. He was furnished with certain information and also advised as to where he could purchase a tide book. Mr. Spears further stated that they had been unable to determine whether this individual had purchased a tide book, but the officials at the United States Tide Service had tentatively identified the individual as Dick Galatas who had made the inquiries. Mr. Spears called attention to the fact that Galatas was recently released from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Mr. Spears further advised that the Director had instructed that the airport at Seattle, Washington be checked for two or three trips prior to December 15, 1937 to determine the identity of the passenger who may have made a trip to Portland, Oregon or San Francisco, California. Special Agent F. S. Ferguson ascertained from the officials of the United Airlines at Boeing Field, King County, Washington, that the following persons were passengers to the aforementioned cities on December 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1937.



NAME	ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER	DESTINATION
<u>December 12, 1937</u>		
Dr. V. G. Dupuy	New Washington Hotel	San Francisco
J. A. Blanchard	Standard Oil Company	San Francisco
E. Welch	New Washington Hotel	San Francisco
Dr. R. E. Mullarky	Prospect 5383	Portland
Ben Fish (via train)	Gowman Hotel	Portland
<u>December 13, 1937</u>		
E. W. Bass	El. 2132, c/o American Can Company., J. F. McCharles	San Francisco
Robert Gordon	The Camelon Hotel	Portland
A. J. McCabe	The Camelon Hotel	Portland
J. W. Brown	Roma Wine Company	Portland
R. Morris	Main 5900, br 371	Portland
B. A. Niser	Vancouver, B. C.	Portland
J. C. Myers	Central Bus Station	Portland
Mr. Wilson	El. 0160	Portland
<u>December 14, 1937</u>		
D. F. McCormack	c/o Sherman Clay & Co.	San Francisco
W. H. Whiteomb	Frey Hotel, El. 3615	Portland
H. A. White	Olympic Hotel	Portland
E. B. Weber	Seneca 2034	Portland
M. Jacoby	c/o Universal Pictures, Main 3245	Portland
R. E. Seeley	El. 1020, Olympic Hotel	Portland
F. J. McKenzie	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
Lee Cox	Main 0182 or East 7774	Portland
<u>December 15, 1937</u>		
L. A. Elsenner		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. Urquhart	Vancouver, B. C. to Chicago via Portland	

NAME	ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER	DESTINATION
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December 15th cont.

J. R. Combs	Vancouver, B. C. to Pitts- burgh via	Portland
E. S. McGrath	Washington Athletic Club	Portland
N. F. Nelson	El. 2424, br31 or El. 3645	Portland
Jack Gilpotrick	Richmond Beach 601	Portland
H. R. Kleinschmidt	Olympic Hotel	Portland
J. C. Huntington	Olympic Hotel	Portland

At the New Washington Hotel, Mr. Earl Redlin and Mr. Robert Bernard, clerks, were interviewed concerning the identity of Dr. V. G. Du Fuy. It will be noted in this connection that the last name of this party, as set forth in the communication of December 22 of the Seattle Field Office to the Portland Office, is spelled Du Fry. This spelling was stated to be correct by informants at the United Airlines; however, Mr. Redlin produced the records which reflected that the correct spelling is as first given.

According to the hotel records, Dr. Du Fuy stayed at the New Washington Hotel from December 10 to December 12 with one L. L. Kraft. At the time the Doctor had requested that a draft in the amount of \$200.00 on a bank which was unknown to Mr. Redlin and Mr. Bernard, be cashed. In lieu of accepting a draft in that amount Mr. Redlin advised that the doctor was permitted to leave the hotel with the understanding that he would remit for the amount of his bill.

Through the telephone calls made by these parties it was ascertained that they communicated with one Dan Kraft, 1518 King Street. Upon being interviewed Mr. Kraft stated that he had heard of Dr. Du Fuy through his brother, L. L. Kraft, but that he was not familiar with him nor his past activities. It was his understanding that the Doctor had been working in Alaska.

In the latter connection it is desired to point out that upon registering at the New Washington Hotel, Dr. Du Fuy stated that he was from Aniak, Alaska and gave his address as Inglewood, California.

Subsequently, Mr. B. Thatcher, Assistant Manager, New Washington Hotel, contacted the reporting agent by telephone and advised that he had further information concerning this party. At the hotel, Mr. Thatcher produced a communication from Dr. V. G. Du Fuy dated December 20, 1937 with a return address 608 East Redondo, Inglewood, California, in which the Doctor enclosed a remittance covering his account and requested that certain articles left at the hotel be forwarded promptly as he was leaving for South America on January 1, 1938. Information as to the address of the Doctor was submitted to the Los Angeles Field Office by teletype

on December 23, 1937 with the request that they conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity of this party.

Mr. J. L. Spaeth, Standard Oil Company, 9th Floor, Exchange Building, informed that J. A. Blanchard was District Sales Manager for that company and worked out of their office in San Francisco, California. Mr. Spaeth stated that Blanchard had been with the company, to his knowledge, for a period of fifteen to twenty years.

Mr. Earl Redlin, clerk at the New Washington Hotel, was likewise contacted as to the identity of Eric Welch, who stayed at the hotel from December 8 to December 12. The registration card signed by Welch reflected that his home was in Bergen, Norway. No further information concerning this party was available at the hotel. Mr. Redlin stated that Welch did not appear to have any definite business connections although a few people had come to see him. He described Welch as being 160 pounds in weight, 5' 8" in height, ruddy complexioned, and as having a definite Swedish accent, blond hair and blue eyes. From the telephone calls made by this party it was ascertained that he communicated with one H. B. Friele, 457 22nd Avenue North. Mrs Friele, upon being interviewed, stated that Welch was known to her through her husband and that she had met him while he was here on a trip, during which time he stayed about four days. She stated that she knew that his home was in Bergen, Norway and that it was her understanding that he was connected with the International Print Company.

Dr. R. W. Mullarky, 420 Stimson Building, was contacted and he informed that he had taken the trip to San Francisco on December 12th, 1937. Dr. Mullarky, upon being shown the pictures of Galatas, was unable to identify him as one of his fellow passengers. Furthermore, the Doctor stated that he had had no occasion to contact the United States Lightship Service at Portland.

Mr. C. J. Holahan, clerk, Cowman Hotel, advised that Ben Fish had stopped at the hotel from December 2 to December 12 and that on the registration card he gave his home as Leverly Hills, California. Mr. Holahan stated that Fish customarily stopped at the hotel a couple of times a year; that it was his understanding that he had some "tie-up" with the moving picture industry. Mr. Holahan described Fish as being 40 years to 50 years of age, 5' 10" in height, weight approximately 190 pounds, dark complexion, dressed neatly and appeared to be Jewish.

Mr. P. W. Bass was interviewed at the American Can Company, Vine and Elliott Streets, where it was ascertained that he was employed as district lithograph mechanic. Mr. Bass stated that he had made the trip to San Francisco due to sickness in the family and that as a result of same he had paid very little attention to his fellow passengers. For that reason he would not undertake to advise whether any of his fellow passengers resembled Galatas.

Mr. L. Fritzing, Clerk, Camlin Hotel, advised that Robert Gordon and A. J. McCabe had stayed there from December 2 to December 13 and that upon leaving, McCabe had given a forwarding address of the Yellow Cab Company, Los Angeles, California. Mr. Fritzing informed that he was not familiar with the business connections of these two parties but they appeared to be associated in a mutual enterprise. He further informed that the two men had stayed at the hotel about three years ago at the time they were indicted in Los Angeles for a violation which he thought concerned the sale of stock and they were subsequently removed to that point. The description of Mr. McCabe as obtained from Mr. Fritzing, and also of Robert Gordon, as obtained from same source, follows:

Name	A. J. McCabe
Age	35 years
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	160
Complexion	Very dark
Wears mustache	
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Well dressed; no glasses	

Name	Robert Gordon
Age	35 years
Height	5' 6"
Weight	130 to 135
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark
Neatly dressed	

H. E. True, Deputy Auditor, King County, advised that Robert A. Morris was the Chief Deputy County Auditor for King County and that he had served in that capacity for approximately six weeks; prior to that time Mr. True stated that Morris had been associated with Spaulding and Company. With reference to the airplane trip, True stated that Morris was out of the city last week and that he understood he went by plane for the purpose of refereeing some sort of basketball or football game. In this latter connection he stated that Morris spent a great deal of his time acting in the capacity of a referee.

Miss Helen Dean, Secretary, The Imperial Candy Company, 800 Western Avenue, stated that Robert Wilson was in the city of Seattle during the week of December 12th; that he had left by plane for Portland, where he is the owner and operator of Sweetarts, Incorporated, 328 N. E. Failing Street, Portland. Miss Dean stated that Mr. Wilson was back and forth between Portland and Seattle quite often and that he customarily used the plane for his trips.

At the Sherman Clay Company, 1624 4th Avenue, it was ascertained that D. G. McCormack is the General Manager of the company, which has

stores in Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Sacramento and other points on the Pacific Coast. A picture of Mr. McCormack was shown to agent, from which it was noted that he had no resemblance whatsoever to Galatas. Furthermore, it was stated at the time that Mr. McCormack had been with the company for approximately four years and that due to the localities of their stores he frequently had occasion to make trips to various parts of the West.

Mr. W. H. Whitcomb, according to information given by Miss H. Olund, the secretary who at the time was located in Room 809 of the Securities Building, stated that he was the assistant manager of the mortgage loan department of the New York Life Insurance Company and that to her knowledge had been affiliated with the company for a number of years. Miss Olund advised that at the time of the interview Mr. Whitcomb was in Tacoma, Washington on company business and that in that connection he quite frequently had occasion to travel.

Mr. Carl Holbrook, clerk, Olympic Hotel, advised that Henry A. White had stayed at that hotel from December 5 to December 7, from December 9 to December 14 and also from November 30 to December 2. Mr. Holbrook, however, was not familiar with Mr. White's business affiliations. Miss L. Paddock, cashier at the Olympic Hotel, checked her records, from which she ascertained that Mr. White's home was either 5127 or 3127 North East 19th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Miss Paddock further advised that White had been coming to the hotel since 1932 although she could not advise as to his business affiliations. Neither Miss Paddock nor Mr. Holbrook felt that they could undertake to describe White with any degree of accurateness.

Miss C. Simon, secretary to Mr. E. B. Weber, 4134 Arcade Building, stated that Mr. Weber was the national secretary of the International Woodworkers' Union of America. She further advised that Mr. Weber had had occasion to travel to Portland, Oregon either on December 13th or December 14th.

Miss H. Navoly, secretary, New Universal Pictures, 2401 Second Avenue, stated that C. H. Jacoby was the traveling auditor for the company and that he had served in that capacity for over seven years. She further advised that, as suggested by his title, he had occasion to make frequent trips and that to her knowledge he quite often used the plane. In this connection she advised that Mr. Jacoby had left for Portland about the middle of last week, or the week of December 12th, 1937.

Miss E. Gray, secretary to Mr. Robert D. Seeley, who, she stated, was president of the Puget Sound Associated Mills Company, stated that he had been affiliated with that organization for over ten years. This interview was consummated at the offices of the Puget Sound Associated Mills Company, Room 1010, 1411 Fourth Avenue Building. Miss Gray could not advise as to the reason for Mr. Seeley's trip to Portland but she

stated that it was her understanding that it was a business trip.

Mr. T. J. McKenzie has offices at the Sears Roebuck Company, Seattle, Washington and upon being interviewed stated that he was a buyer for the company and served in that capacity for several years. In addition he advised that he had been with the company over a period of fifteen years. Mr. McKenzie informed that his trip to Portland was of a business nature and that he did not have occasion to make any visit to the United States Lightship Service. Upon being shown the picture of Galatas he was unable to identify this party as a fellow passenger.

Mr. H. M. Gould, Jr., who is with the firm of Gould & Gould, Inc., Insurance Brokers, 925 Dexter Horton Building, likewise informed that his trip to Portland during the week of December 14th was in furtherance of his business and that on that occasion he had not contacted the United States Lightship Service. Mr. Gould was unable to identify any of his fellow passengers as resembling Galatas.

Mr. James M. McConchey of the firm of Barrow, Wade and Buthric, Accountants and Auditors, Room 527 Henry Building, stated that Mr. Glen W. Collins was in the city during the week of December 13th, at which time he had stayed at the Washington Athletic Club as his, Mr. McConchey's guest. Mr. McConchey stated further that Collins' trip to Seattle was occasioned by virtue of his activities as president of the American Institute of Accountants. In addition to serving as president of that institution, Mr. McConchey further informed that Collins was also a member of the faculty of the University of Denver. Mr. McConchey advised that Collins had left by plane for Boise, Idaho on the 14th or 15th of December.

Mr. McGill, Pierce County Airport, Tacoma, Washington, was contacted and he advised that on a trip to Portland on December 14th, an N. E. Olson had boarded the plane at Tacoma. He stated that Mr. Olson's phone number was Broadway 1155. At the telephone company it was ascertained that this number served the Coast Sash and Door Company, 1002 East F Street, Tacoma, Washington. At that company Mr. W. Olson stated that he had left Tacoma last week for San Francisco but that the plane had been stopped at an emergency field in Portland and that he had been required to take the train the remainder of the journey. Mr. Olson stated that he thought that the agent for the airlines company at Tacoma had misunderstood him in taking his name as "N. E. Olson". Mr. Olson stated that he had had no occasion to stop in Portland other than to get the train on to Seattle. He further informed that he could not identify any of his fellow passengers as resembling Galatas, and on the contrary he felt quite positive that they were not identical with him.

Miss Dorothy Green was interviewed at the office of the vice-president and treasurer of the General Insurance Company of America in the General Insurance Building, 45th and Brooklyn, and she stated at the time that Ralph H. Baldwin served in the aforementioned capacity

and that he had been connected with the company for approximately ten years. She stated that Mr. Baldwin's recent trip to San Francisco had been in connection with company business.

Lee O. Cox, 702 Lloyd Building, Seattle, Washington, upon interview, presented a card which reflected that he was District Manager of the Norge Division of the Borg Warner Corporation and that he had so served for a period of five years. He advised that his trip by plane to Portland on December 14th had been in connection with his business and that at the time he had not had any occasion to contact the officers of the U. S. Lightship Service. Mr. Cox likewise was unable to identify Galatas as being a fellow passenger on the plane.

Mr. L. R. Enee, Assistant Manager, Coon Chicken Inn, stated that H. L. Graham was the owner of the inn and had been operating the business over a period of seven years. He stated that Mr. Graham had made a trip to Portland during the last week but that he was not aware as to its purpose. In this connection it is desired to point out that Mr. Graham was also a passenger from Seattle to Portland on December 15th.

At the Washington Athletic Club, Miss Schostek advised that F. L. Musgrove is a match-maker for wrestling bouts in Seattle and that Vincent Lopez was a wrestler. Miss Schostek stated that it was her recollection that Musgrove and Lopez had gone to Portland on the preceding Wednesday.

Mr. D. Medlin, Clerk, Olympic Hotel and Miss Faddock, Cashier, were unable to furnish information concerning W. E. Moore other than to state that upon registering he had given his home as Elgin, Oregon.

Mr. R. J. Berkefield, 404 National Bank of Commerce Building, advised that L. S. McGrath had stayed at the Washington Athletic Club as his guest. He further informed that Mr. McGrath was District Manager for Sudden and Christianson and that he had been with the company since about 1925. Mr. Berkefield stated that Mr. McGrath's business offices were located in Portland.

F. M. Monruan, a member of Local 435, Sign Painters' Union, Labor Temple, advised that K. P. Nelson is Business Agent for the Sign Painters' Local Union 433, with offices in 408 Labor Temple, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Monruan stated that Nelson had served in that capacity for several years and further, with reference to the trip on December 15th by plane, he informed that he had taken Nelson to the airport.

Mr. E. H. Kendall, President, Arrow Transportation Company, Richmond Highlands, advised that Jack Gilpatrick was their shop superintendent at their plant, 8826 North East Killingsworth, Portland, Oregon. Mr. Kendall stated that Gilpatrick had been to Seattle on company business and that his return by plane was similarly caused.

Mr. E. A. Azeltine, Clerk, Olympic Hotel, stated that R. R. Kleinschmidt was a Lentheric Perfume salesman working for J. R. Squibb and Company, Hotel Druggists. Mr. Azeltine stated that Kleinschmidt

gave his home address as the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, and that on each occasion when he left the city he furnished an itinerary of his trip. Mr. Azeltine further stated that he had known Kleinschmidt for several years.

At the Olympic Hotel, through Miss L. Faddock, Cashier, it was ascertained that J. C. Huntington was affiliated with an organization known as "More Game Birds of America, Incorporated". Miss Faddock could not provide any additional information concerning this party.

Mr. C. Mitchell, Washington State Game Department, 1300 Smith Tower building, advised that while he was familiar with the organization More Game Birds of America, Inc., which he understood was backed by various wealthy persons in the East who were nationally prominent, he could not give any specific information concerning J. C. Huntington, and suggested in that connection that Mr. R. Stewart be contacted. Mr. Stewart, 815 East Pike Street, showed certain literature issued by that organization which reflected that its main office is 500 5th Avenue, New York City. He advised, however, that he was not acquainted with Mr. Huntington and suggested that if anyone in the city knew him that person would be Cliff Morrison, Sports Editor of the Star, a Seattle newspaper. Mr. Morrison advised that J. C. Huntington had contacted him during his recent stay in the city with reference to the organization of a state unit of the aforementioned corporation, which matter had been placed under way a couple of years before. Mr. Morrison stated that in discussing the plan, Huntington was thoroughly conversant with the organization and work which had already been done and with the correspondence which he had had with the organization during the year.

It is desired to point out that each person interviewed was shown the pictures of Richard Galatas in order to identify either the passenger or fellow passengers on the plane trips. This showing, however, failed to produce affirmative results.

Mr. Roy C. Matterson, U. S. Immigration Service, furnished the master list of the U. S. Department of Labor, covering passengers carried from Vancouver, B. C. on December 13th and 15th, 1937. The first mentioned list reflects that Mr. Oba Wiser, age 70, male, an American citizen, whose destination was Downey, California, was a passenger. The second list reflects that John A. Combs, age 45, male, U. S. Citizen, whose destination is New York, and Clifford Urquhart, age 45, male, Canadian citizen, whose destination was Chicago, Illinois for a period of two weeks, were passengers. Both of these lists were signed by Alfred P. Smith, who was subsequently contacted, at which time he advised that he could not provide any additional information. With respect to the age of Oba Wiser, he stated that this was obtained prior to the time that the plane arrived at Seattle and it was his thought that while it might be absolutely correct, it would probably reflect the age of the passenger as indicated by his appearance.



As no information was available concerning J. C. Myers and L. A. Elsener, the Chicago Field Office was requested to obtain their addresses from the airline tickets held by the main office of the United Airlines at Chicago. This information was communicated promptly to the Seattle Field Office and reflected that J. C. Myers gave an address at the Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon, and L. A. Elsener as the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, 526 Rialto Building, San Francisco, California. This information was communicated to the Portland and San Francisco Field Offices in order that the appropriate investigation could be conducted.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE**, at Inglewood, California, will conduct investigation requested in teletype from the Seattle Field Office 12-23-37 re Dr. D. G. Du Fuy.

The Los Angeles Field Office, at Los Angeles, will contact the Yellow Cab Company with a view to ascertaining the identity of M. J. McCabe, who resided at the Camlin Hotel, Seattle, Washington, from December 2 to December 13, 1937 and gave that company as a forwarding address. Upon contacting Mr. McCabe, the whereabouts of Robert Gordon should be ascertained. With respect to each party it is desired that specific attention be given to whether they might have been the persons contacting the United States Lightship Service at Portland, Oregon on December 15, as set forth in the report of S. A. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, 12-22-37, a copy of which is furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

The Los Angeles Field Office, at Downey, California, will conduct investigation to determine the identity of Oba Wiser and ascertain information similar to that above requested.

**THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE**, at San Francisco, California, will conduct the investigation requested in the telegram of the Seattle Field Office, dated 12-24-37 re L. A. Elsener.

**THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE**, at Portland, Oregon, will conduct the investigation requested in the telegram of the Seattle Field Office dated 12-24-37 re J. C. Myers.

At Portland, Oregon, will ascertain the identity of Henry A. White, 5127 or 5127 N. E. 19th Avenue, attention being given to whether he might have had occasion to make inquiries at the U. S. Lightship Service at Portland, Oregon.

At the office of the United Airlines, will ascertain if C. U. Urquhart and J. R. Combs continued their journeys to Chicago and Pittsburgh, respectively, immediately. In that event, it is suggested that these parties may be eliminated.

At Portland, Oregon, will ascertain if there is a company known as the Roma Line Company, which was given by J. W. Brown, a passenger to Portland on 12-13-37. In the event this company is not located at Portland, it is thought that it is possibly a California concern and appropriate leads should accordingly be set out.

At Elgin, Oregon, will conduct investigation to ascertain the identity of W. M. Moore and whether he had occasion to request information from the United States Lightship Service.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ

Mr. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, called and asked for the latest information with reference to the escape of Cole and Roe from Alcatraz. He was advised that so far all the leads have been washed up relative to identifications of these men on the west coast. I told him the latest information I have is his memorandum requesting that the four employees at Alcatraz be interviewed, which the San Francisco Office has been requested to do. I told him the San Francisco Office would be telephonically contacted tomorrow to ascertain the latest progress in this search.

Mr. Bennett stated he believes Cole and Roe committed suicide. He indicated Cole is a moron and is incapable of thinking out a plan to escape and while Roe is more than average in intelligence, there is nothing to indicate that he had outside help.

I assured Mr. Bennett that the Bureau is checking every possible lead and has assigned a large force of men to this case.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
January 4th, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, December 28th, 1937, which report sets out on page 14 that Amin Pierce, #312-A2 was released from Alcatraz on June 24th, 1937 on a conditional release and transportation was furnished to Goodwater, Oklahoma, and under Section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1932 he was treated as if on parole until the expiration of his maximum term, August 4th, 1937; that during that period he was required to make three reports to U.S. Probation Officer Pat M. Swain, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Please immediately conduct investigation at Fort Smith, interviewing U. S. Probation Officer Pat M. Swain and ascertain whether Amin Pierce is presently residing in Fort Smith, and if so interview him thoroughly for any information he may be able to furnish relative to the escape of the above subjects, which may assist in locating and causing their apprehension. If Amin Pierce is not in Fort Smith, Arkansas secure his present address or his last known address from U. S. Probation Officer Swain and immediately notify the office covering the district where Amin Pierce is located.

Very truly yours,

cc ✓ Bureau ✓  
San Francisco

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Post Office Box #1469  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
January 5, 1938

Miss Mary C. Porter RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
Postmaster I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with  
Alpena Pass, Arkansas aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Madam:

This will serve to confirm the placing of a thirty day mail cover on the home of Mrs. Marie Cole, Alpena Pass; this cover was requested by Special Agent D. R. Morley of this office on December 28, 1937. Please forward to this office any tracings obtained from either incoming or outgoing mail from the occupants of the home in which Mrs. Marie Cole resides.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this connection, I remain,

Very truly yours,

CHAPMON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

A review of the Bureau file entitled JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; MISCELLANEOUS (Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape), reflects the report of Special Agent H. W. Connelis, dated November 13, 1936, at Louisville, Kentucky, copies of which were not forwarded to the San Francisco office and which contains information which it is believed should be available to the San Francisco office in conducting the investigation into the escape of Roe and Cole.

Butcher, when interviewed at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, on October 29, 1936, related the following facts:

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Butcher advised that since his return from Alcatraz he has been living with his mother and sister-in-law at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, and has been doing whatever work he could find; that he is not living with his wife as she has divorced him. Butcher further advised in response to questioning that about a week before his conditional release from Alcatraz, a prisoner, named Ted Cole, gave him a note upon which was printed the address of Ted Cole's mother, and the name of "Floyd"; that Ted Cole's mother's address was supposed to be in Lakewood, California; that at the time he received this note from Ted Cole, Cole asked him to write to Cole's mother and ask her to contact Floyd and ask Floyd to get Cole some help, and to also tell his mother to write to Cole and mention something about meeting his sister at a certain time and on a certain date, which

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would be a signal to Cole as to the time and date he could expect Floyd to help him. Butcher advised that he had no further conversation with Ted Cole relative to this matter, and the help that Cole wanted Floyd to render was in his opinion to get a boat into Alcatraz Island; that Cole did not say what kind of help he wanted Floyd to give him and that Cole did not say anything about guns and ammunition. Butcher stated that he did not know who Cole referred to when he mentioned Floyd, and also that he destroyed the note in question a short time after receiving it.

Butcher further stated that a short time after the above conversation with Cole, a prisoner by the name of Roy Johnson approached him and asked him to contact some friends of the prisoners, who were supposed to live in Miami, Oklahoma; that Johnson did not tell him the names of the prisoners or their friends in Miami, Oklahoma; that Johnson asked him to go to Miami, Oklahoma, and contact some persons there who would tell him where some stolen bonds were and that he should take these bonds and sell them for the purpose of getting some money to buy a boat to bring into Alcatraz Island, so that he could make his escape; that at that time Johnson stuck a note in his pocket and told him to read it and memorize the contents of it, and that he would see him the next day and explain further this proposition; that he did not have a chance to read this note in view of the fact that he was locked up in five minutes by one of the guards and the note found in his clothes and taken from him.

Butcher stated that last January there was a general strike at Alcatraz in which he did not participate and as a result he incurred the enmity of several of the prisoners who took part in the strike; that because of this enmity he listened to the propositions of Ted Cole and Roy Johnson, and led them to believe that he would do as they had asked him to do, feeling that by so doing he would not get into any trouble with them and that when he was released he would forget all about what they had asked him to do; that he never had any intention of carrying out the requests of Cole and Johnson, and that in his opinion after Johnson had put the note in his



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pocket, Johnson went immediately to the officials and told them that he, Butcher, was intending to aid some of the prisoners to escape and that if they would search him they would find a note in his pocket and in this way try to win the favor of the officials and some good time.

It would appear from this information that Cole probably expected his mother to assist him, and it is also evident that every effort should be made to establish the identity of "Floyd," who, it has been indicated, is possibly Floyd Hill, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, No. 49762. It has, however, never been definitely established that Floyd Hill is the individual known as "Floyd."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

January 6, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: <sup>0</sup>HALPH ROE, with aliases--FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with  
aliases--FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea dated at San Francisco December 28, 1937, and captioned as above.

On Page 18 of this report it will be noted that Frank Williams #308-AE was released from Alcatraz on April 23, 1937 as a "conditional release" and transportation was furnished to his legal residence, Cleveland, Ohio. During a period of eighty-four days prior to the expiration of his maximum term he was required to make monthly reports to U. S. Probation Officer Thomas B. Williams, 29 Federal Building, Columbus, Ohio.

With a view to locating Frank Williams, it is requested that your field division interview Thomas B. Williams, U. S. Probation Officer at Columbus, Ohio and ascertain the last known address of Frank Williams who gave his legal residence as Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

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T. N. STAPLETON  
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/4/38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/27-28-29/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. C. COULTER</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**John and Ruth Barker** located Childress, Texas. Investigation reflects Roe and Cole have not been to Barker's residence. Appropriate contacts made in neighborhood and with law enforcement and postal officials. Surveillance maintained during period of investigation entirely without results.

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**DETAILS:**

Based upon a telephone call from the Oklahoma City Office, December 24, 1937, that Theodore Cole's brother-in-law at Stroud, Oklahoma, had informed that he had relatives by the name of Barker at Childress, Texas, Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, called Sheriff J. D. Moore of Childress, Texas, by telephone on the morning of December 27, 1937, and was advised by Sheriff Moore that he was acquainted with John and Ruth Barker, who reside in Childress. Agent immediately proceeded to Childress, Texas, and, with the assistance of Sheriff Moore, made an inspection in the vicinity of the Barker residence and determined that it was located at 710 Avenue B, N.W., Childress, Texas, which is approximately three blocks from the Fort Worth & Denver City Railroad roundhouse. It was further determined that the Barkers live with Charlie Peterson, a retired Fort Worth & Denver City Railroad employee, who is approximately 75 years of age and who enjoys a good reputation in Childress; also that Barker is employed as a janitor at the Wood's Pool Hall, 129 Commerce St., Childress, Texas.

The house where the Barkers reside is on the corner of Avenue B and 8th Street, and is undoubtedly the house referred to in the communication from

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Blake</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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		<b>JAN - 7 A.M.</b> <b>FUG. SUP.</b> <b>STAT. SECT.</b>	

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Oklahoma City Office, inasmuch as the Barkers have resided with Peterson for a considerable period of time. Discreet observation made about these premises at intervals of approximately thirty minutes from early morning until late night from December 27 until December 29 resulted in no information of value to this investigation other than that Barker was observed returning to his home the morning of December 28, at which time he appeared to have been drinking, and at other times Peterson was observed in one room of the house.

Inasmuch as this particular location is in a relatively poor section of Childress, considerable difficulty was encountered in securing a reliable informant in the immediate vicinity. Postmaster J. A. Hilborn, Childress, Texas, was very cooperative and queried Letter Carrier Lee, who serves that district. He secured the names of people residing in the immediate vicinity, and in a conference with Sheriff Moore, it was concluded that Jack Taylor, who is the roundhouse foreman for the Fort Worth & Denver City Railroad at Childress, Texas, and who resides at 802 Avenue B, N.W., was the only possible person in the immediate vicinity who might be trusted. Sheriff Moore stated that Taylor had no criminal record, but that the majority of the other people in the vicinity had been arrested, convicted, or were persons of questionable character, or entirely unknown to him.

Postmaster Hilborn further advised that he had on his own volition ordered a cover placed on the mail of the Barkers, and in the event any matter came in which should be given attention, he would immediately report same.

In Company with Sheriff Moore, agent contacted Mr. Taylor at his place of employment, and on viewing the pictures of Roe and Cole, he stated that the photograph of Cole was very familiar and that he had at some time in the past undoubtedly seen that individual; further than that he could not give any information. He stated that he is well acquainted with John and Ruth Barker and that he has known Charlie Peterson for approximately fifty years and is a very good friend of his. Taylor stated that he frequently visits the Peterson residence and only recently saw the doctor enter the Peterson home, and believing that Charlie was ill, he called and talked with Charlie and learned that Mrs. Barker was ill. Taylor stated that he went through the house and into the Barker's room and talked with Mrs. Barker and knows that she was ill. He advised that he saw no other individuals about the house at that time and has not seen any strangers about the house in the past month.

Mr. Taylor stated that Peterson is a law-abiding citizen, but that he is quite friendly with the Barkers, and Taylor doubts if it would be advisable to contact him, as he doubted that Peterson would be of assistance in the case; further, that he is an extremely old man, and the Barkers could bring individuals into the house without Peterson's ever knowing it.

Mr. Taylor stated that he did not desire his name to be mentioned in connection with the case; but that in the event he could secure any information, he would immediately call Sheriff Moore in order that appropriate action might be taken. He further advised that he would talk to his wife, and without disclosing the exact purpose, have her advise him in the event any individuals were seen at the Peterson home who do not belong there.

Through a check of the telephone directory and a call to Information, it was determined that the Barkers and Peterson have no telephone; and by personal observation and inquiry, it was likewise determined that they do not have an automobile. It is the opinion of Sheriff Moore that Barker makes very little money in his present employment; that he drinks comparatively heavily; and that Peterson, possibly related distantly to them by marriage, is furnishing them their home, in order to have the premises kept up, and he is probably also feeding them.

Sheriff Moore advised that he had no recollection whatever of ever having seen Subject Cole or Subject Roe about the City of Childress, and that he is in a position to pass the Barker residence as often as he sees fit, as it is well known that some bootleggers live in the vicinity and he is frequently going to those places. He stated that at every possible opportunity he would make observations about the Barker residence to determine if any strangers were there. In connection with this matter, it might be stated that Sheriff Moore is known to the Dallas Office as an efficient and honest officer, and his complete cooperation may be assured.

Highway Patrolman George C. Pearce, who has worked at Childress for a number of months, resides at 107 Sixth Street, N.W., which is approximately two blocks from the Barker residence. He was shown photographs of Roe and Cole and stated they were unknown to him. He stated that he probably passed the Barker residence as many as ten times a day, and that in the future he would make observations to determine if any strangers came to the house. In this connection both he and Sheriff Moore were cautioned as to the characters of these individuals and advised to notify the Dallas Field Division immediately in the event any persons of their descriptions showed up at the Barker residence. Both promised to comply with this request.

With reference to establishing a plant on the residence of the Barkers, as previously indicated, this house is located in a bad section of Childress, and it would be practically impossible to maintain a successful plant where the house could be observed, inasmuch as the usual residents are known to each other in that vicinity. Owing to the lack of appropriate contacts during the period of this investigation, the observations about the premises were made from a moving automobile.

The facts above stated with reference to the contact with Jack Taylor were telephonically communicated to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau on December 29, 1937, who authorized the arrangement at Childress.

In connection with the other leads set out for Childress, they had not been received at the time the investigation was conducted.

PENDING.

1612 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 5, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37, which sets forth a list of released and transferred prisoners from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary with the names and addresses of their relatives, requesting that such persons be located and interviewed.

Your attention is invited to page 19 of this report, which sets forth the names and addresses of several relatives of Henry Hawk, #333-AZ, who are located within the Kansas City district.

Inasmuch as this report indicates that Hawk was immediately taken into custody upon his release at Alcatraz, to be returned to the Nebraska State Penitentiary to serve a life sentence, it is assumed that you will encounter no difficulty in locating Hawk and, therefore, his relatives at St. Joseph, Missouri, and Savannah, Missouri, will not be contacted unless specifically requested by the San Francisco Office.

It is further noted that the list of prisoners transferred from Alcatraz Island to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, includes the name of Richard T. Galatas, #331-AZ. The attention of the Little Rock Office is invited to the fact that Galatas was released conditionally from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on November 1, 1937, and presently resides at 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WLL/wk

cc - Bureau  
Oklahoma City - (2)  
San Francisco - (2)  
Little Rock - (2)

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January 6, 1938.

72-2686 - 4

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 22, 1937,  
transmitting a water glass obtained from the home of J. S. Berschler  
in Muir Woods National Monument Grounds for examination in connection  
with the above-entitled case.

Please be advised that the glass has been examined by the  
technical experts of the Bureau and one of the latent impressions which  
had been developed thereon was found to be of value for comparison  
purposes. This impression was compared with the fingerprints of the  
two subjects in this case without effecting any identification.

Under separate cover the glass is being returned to your  
office at this time, photographs of the latent impression having been  
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

PROCESSED

76-2-163

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

AIR MAIL.

CC-Oklahoma City (AIR MAIL).

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
JAN - 6 1938  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 7387

Date Recorded: ~~12~~ 1-3-38 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

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

Number: 72-2686-67

Specimens:

One drinking glass to be examined for latent prints.  
Requested that any prints developed be compared with the  
fingerprints of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

Examination requested by: San Francisco air

Date received: chp Dec. 27, 1937.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Murphy

cc -Oklahoma City air.

2Xtra copies

one latent on glass

Compared with subjects:

glass sent to photog 1/3/8 marked extra special

Compared with 2 subjects in case - no ident

Ans  
1-6-38  
J.M. at

ENCLOSURE



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CASE NO.

76-116

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76-2686-67

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January 14, 1938.

AP:CEK

76-2686-164 ✓

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: RALPH BOB, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; Escaped Federal  
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

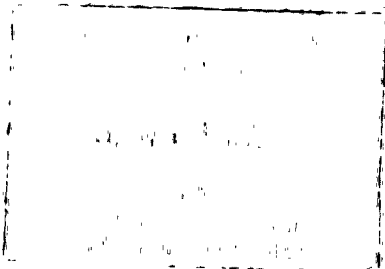
Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1938, transmittting one Christmas card and accompanying envelope addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester, 902 West Day Street, Denison, Texas, upon which appears an uncanceled postage stamp for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #76-259.

Please be advised that the material submitted has been examined but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Oklahoma City.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(Recorded 1-10-38 4:30 P.M.)

Laboratory Report

Case: ~~WILLIAM, SA \* UNKNOWN;~~  
~~Escaped Federal Detainee.~~

Number: 70-2000-104

Specimens:

70-2000-104 Q 9 One envelope addressed to Miss Bette Winchester, 600 W. Day  
St., Berkeley, Cal. with an cancelled postage stamp.  
\* Q 10 One Christmas Card signed Ralph.

Examination requested by: Dallas

Date received: ~~(District 1-10-38) (Dec. 1-10-38 10:00 AM) (chp Jan. 10, 1938.)~~

Examination requested: ~~Document - Fingerprint~~ ✓

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

~~San Francisco City~~

*Latents of no value*

*[Faint handwritten scribble]*

*Case  
1-14-38  
At V. C. K.*



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1206 Tower Petroleum Building

Dallas, Texas.

January 4, 1938.

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

Re: RALPH ROE, wa - FUGITIVE;  
Escaped Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is envelope containing Christmas card, signed "Ralph" and addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day St., Denison, Texas, bearing an uncanceled postage stamp, 1-1/2 cent issue.

It could not be determined how many persons handled instant communication at Denison, Texas.

The Bureau is requested to compare the handwriting thereon with that of RALPH ROE and advise the Oklahoma City Field Division as well as the Dallas office of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

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

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*7/1/38*

*Emery*

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
January 6, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

RE: RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 11,720  
THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 11,712  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. K. O'Brien, San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937, which listed certain prisoners who had been transferred from the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island and requested that they be located and interviewed, particularly for any knowledge they may have pertaining to plans which were formulated on the island relative to the break of Roe and Cole.

You are advised that it has been determined at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, that E. J. Edwards, #19-AZ, who was transferred to Leavenworth on July 9, 1937, was retransferred to the U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1937. It has also been determined that Leo McIntosh, #74-AZ, who was transferred to Leavenworth on March 18, 1937, was retransferred to the U. S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 19, 1937.

It is suggested that the Philadelphia and Atlanta Field Divisions interview the foregoing prisoners in accordance with the reference report.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WLL:B

cc - Bureau (2)  
Atlanta (2)  
Oklahoma City (2)  
San Francisco (2)

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P. O. Box 1881  
Seattle, Washington  
Jan. 1, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1472.  
THEODORE OGLE, w.a. - FUGITIVE,  
I. C. #1471.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to the letter of the Portland Field Office dated December 23, 1937 relative to checking the identity of cars entering California the 15th and 16th of December, 1937.

An Oldsmobile sedan carrying 1938 Washington license plates #A 40-687 was registered as entering Dunsmuir, California, station #7 on December 16, 1937. At the auto license bureau, King County Court House, Seattle, Washington it was ascertained that the aforementioned plates were issued to John R. Walsh, 526 Mission Street, c/o Holeproof Hosiery Company, San Francisco, California.

A Packard sedan carrying 1938 Washington license plates #A 40-165 was registered as entering Dunsmuir, California, station #7 on December 15, 1937. In the list submitted with the letter of reference, the plates were designated as being issued during 1937. It was determined that 1937 plates by that number were issued against an Oldsmobile sedan to Nathan H. Dassel, 1519-12th Avenue. Subsequently at the above designated office in the King County Court House, it was determined that the 1938 plates, number A 40-165 were issued for a Packard sedan to G. B. Cederholm, Colman Building, Seattle, Washington. At the Colman Building, Mr. A. W. Wittig, Secretary and General Manager, Sheppard Point Packing Company, Room 627 advised that Mr. Cederholm was superintendent of both of their plants in Alaska. That about the 14th of December he left for his annual trip to California stopping first at San Francisco. It was stated that several of his bachelor friends maintain a home at 736 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, and that they would have knowledge of the hotel at which he was stopping. Mr. Wittig suggested that Cederholm would proceed to San Diego but could give no information as to where he might stay.

SAC, San Francisco

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It is requested that investigation be conducted to determine the identity of John R. Walsh; and that inquiry be made of both Walsh and Cederholm whether either purchased the tide and current booklets mentioned in the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN  
Special Agent in Charge

DC:JE  
cc Bureau ✓  
cc Oklahoma City  
cc Portland  
AIRMAIL

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

December 31, 1937.

QT:MTG

76-2686-115

*Handwritten signature: Harry Connelley*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

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

With reference to the above-entitled case, the Laboratory received an envelope addressed to Warden Johnston of Alcatraz Island, postmarked "Denver Colo., Dec. 23, 1937, 8 A. M."

On development for latent fingerprints an additional address was developed on the back of the envelope which is as follows, the under-scored letters being those that are not very legible:

"Mr. and Mrs. Vieser Clas  
and Family  
230<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Duncan St.  
San Francisco  
Calif."

There are two ways that this information may have got on the envelope. It may have got there either from contact with an ink written address at the time that particular letter was written or the address may have no significance and be caused by contact with other envelopes in the handling and shipment of mail.

On instructions from the Investigative Unit this information was telephoned to Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. Pieper, San Francisco.

Respectfully,

*Handwritten signature: Quinn Tamm*  
Quinn Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JANUARY 8, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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RALPH ROE WAS PUG ET AL EFP RE TELETYPE ~~TODAY~~ AUTHORIZATION GRANTED  
TO CONDUCT EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION GUARDS ALLEN AND ROBERTSON AND  
SUPERINTENDENT LAUNDRIES SINGLETOM INTERVIEW MEMBERS WORK CREW  
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CC-Oklahoma City

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TELETYPE

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
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Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Naughten .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Pennington .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
R. C. ORWELL

FBI SAN FRANCISCO

1-7-38

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DIRECTOR

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RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ET AL. INTERVIEWS OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN MEMORANDUM OF DIRECTOR OF PRISONS COMPLETED. CREDIT BUREAU DATA OBTAINED ALSO SUBSTANCE OF INVESTIGATIVE FILES OF CIVIL SERVICE HERE. JUNIOR OFFICER HENRY T DAVE HAS APPLIED FOR VERY LITTLE CREDIT BUT ADMITS NUMEROUS OBLIGATIONS. HAS RECORD NUMEROUS MINOR ARRESTS MANY YEARS AGO MORE RECENT RECORD GOOD. HE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY FORMER EMPLOYERS, ASSOCIATES AND CIVIC OFFICIALS. JUNIOR OFFICER WALTER F PETERSEN HAS APPLIED FOR CREDIT NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. ~~JUNIOR~~ ADMITS THAT OWED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ON ARRIVAL SAN FRANCISCO OVER TWO YEARS AGO BUT HAS REDUCED OBLIGATIONS TO FIVE HUNDRED, PAYING NINETY DOLLARS PER MONTH THEREON. AND IS ASSISTED BY SON WHO EARNS ABOUT TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS PER MONTH BY WORKING AFTER SCHOOL. FIRST WIFE DIED AND HE IS DIVORCED FROM SECOND. IS FORMER PRISON GUARD AT WISCONSIN STATE PRISON. WENT THROUGH BANKRUPTCY SEVERAL YEARS AGO, BUT STATES WARDEN AT WISCONSIN PRISON RECOMMENDED IT. WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY FORMER EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS.

TAMM  
FUG. SIX

Teletype San Fran  
cc aasha ceter  
A.C.

Copy to Mr. Tamm

# TELETYPE

PAGE TWO

CLAUDE E/BILLINGSLEY, LAUNDRY EMPLOYEE, HAS SATISFACTORY CREDIT STANDING AND GOOD WORK RECORD BEFORE EMPLOYMENT AT ALCATRAZ. HIS WIFE IS ALSO EMPLOYED AND COMBINED EARNINGS PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING. JAMES V HALSTEAD, LAUNDRY EMPLOYEE, HAS BRIEF BUT GOOD CREDIT RECORD. CAME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. BOTH ~~LAUNDRY~~ LAUNDRY EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN CENSURED FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS OF RULES AT ALCATRAZ, BUT EXPLANATIONS REVEAL THEM AS MINOR MATTERS, DUE LARGELY TO INEXPERIENCE DURING EARLY MONTHS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. BOTH JUNIOR OFFICERS WERE OFF DUTY ON DAY OF ESCAPE AND IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE LAUNDRY EMPLOYEES WERE IN THEIR BUILDING AT TIME OF ESCAPE, BUT IT IS FAR REMOVED FROM PLACE OF ESCAPE. ALL FOUR INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AT ~~LENGTH~~ AND ~~LENGTH~~ LENGTH AND APPEAR HONEST AND RELIABLE, ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS IN STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER WITHOUT HESITATION. THEY COULD NOT OFFER ANYTHING OF VALUE ~~TO~~ TO THIS CASE, EXCEPT THAT NUMEROUS OF THE INMATES IN SUBJECTS WORK CREW MUST HAVE KNOWN OF AND SEEN THE ACTUAL ESCAPE. INVESTIGATION FAILS INDICATE COMPLICITY IN ESCAPE. GENERAL OPINION IS THAT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BECOME MORE FRIENDLY WITH INMATES THAN THE GUARDS.



# TELETYPE

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THERE IS NO SILENCE REQUIREMENT WHILE INMATES ARE AT WORK AND THE INMATES CONVERSE AT WILL. HOWEVER, THE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED CLAIM THEY NEVER OVERHEARD ANYTHING OF VALUE REGARDING ESCAPE. IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED TO INTERVIEW ADDITIONAL ~~EXX~~ PERSONNEL AT ALCATRAZ, SUGGEST GUARD JAMES ALLEN, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY WITH SUBJECTS. ALSO GUARD DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, REPORTED TO BE HEAVILY IN DEBT AND AS NEGLIGENT IN THE ESCAPE OF A PRISONER WHERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED. ALSO SUPERINTENDENT OF LAUNDRIES SINGLETON, REPORTED BY A MORE OR LESS UNRELIABLE SOURCE AS CARRYING MESSAGES FOR THE PRISONERS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 20632  
7433

(Recorded 1-4-38 4:00 P.M.)

Laboratory Report

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-138

Specimens: 76-2686-138 Q7 Note beginning "Things Went as..."  
" K1 Known handwriting of Ralph Roe consisting of the following:  
6 sheets of paper, two of which are drawings, one of a man and the other of a girl.  
" K2 Known handwriting of Theodore Cole consisting of the following:  
two brown manila envelopes with figures on the outside

Examination requested by:

San Francisco

Date received: 1-3-38 at 8 pm (chp Jan. 3, 193 .)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller#1  
Dingle#2  
Potter

one sheet of blue lined paper containing figures and writing.  
Q7 to be treated for fingerprints.  
Alcatraz Prison Form dated October 27, 1935.  
Compare latents developed with Alcatraz Questionnaire dated Oct 26, 1935.  
fingerprints of fugitives, now two Alcatraz Prison forms dated Aug 4- and  
in file. 15, with no month.

cc-Oklahoma City

*Report rec'd 1/6 - not in file so it  
will be*

Return original handwriting specimens.

*No latents developed*

*[Handwritten signature]*

*1-7-38  
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76-2686-167



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 20673  
7464

Laboratory Report

(Recorded 1-5-38 2:00 P.M.)

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases-Fugitive  
Theodore Cole, with aliases-Fugitive  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-52

Specimens: 76-2686-82 Q8 One blue ticket of the Eagle Loan Office, San Francisco, California, #4789 dated Dec 22, 1937.

Compare above handwriting with known handwriting of subjects in instant case.

San Francisco

Examination requested by:

Date received: Bk 12-28-37 Rec 1-4-38 ft 8 pm (chp Dec. 23, 1937)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

cc-Oklahoma City

Report rec'd 1/6 - notation file 1040

Examination by: Miller#1  
Dingle#2  
Rott #

*1 fragmentary print of value compared  
with RR IO 1472 & TC IO 1471 - no ident.  
To Photo 1/6*

*[Handwritten signature/initials]*  
1/6/38

*[Handwritten notes]*  
1-7-38  
A.P. [unclear]

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 1/6 1938

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number:

*76-2686-82*

No latent fingerprints developed                   

Iodine prints developed on           *no*                  

Silver nitrate prints on           *yes*                  

*no* Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E. P. Coffey

By:           *[Signature]*          

Examiner.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

L. R. FILE NO. **76-86**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-4-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-23, 28, 29-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. R. MORLEY</b> IN
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Marie Cole has not seen her divorced husband, Ted Cole, since late 1929. Last heard from him while he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Mrs. Cole and family promise cooperation. Local officers have informants who will advise if Cole appears at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. Mail cover placed on correspondence of Mrs. Cole and family. Mrs. Paul Patton, Hot Springs, Arkansas, presently visiting mother at Mansville, Oklahoma.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent in Charge Chapmon Fletcher, Little Rock, dated December 21, 1937; report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 22, 1937; Teletype to the Bureau from Detroit Office, dated December 25, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ROGERS, ARKANSAS**

Prior to the receipt of other information relative to Cole's acquaintances at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, Chief of Police Pat Reddick and Officer Frank Jacobs of the Rogers Police Department advised Agent that the wife of Theodore Cole is a prostitute known as "Alpena Marie". These officers stated that Marie Cole had been arrested for drunkenness on one occasion, but was not

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fingerprinted. They also advised that she spends much of her time in Joplin and Springfield, Missouri, as well as at Alpena Pass, Arkansas.

AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sheriff Ernest Rogers and Arkansas State Police Officer Owen Fudge related that immediately after press reports appeared of the escape of Theodore Cole from Alcatraz Penitentiary, they had begun to conduct intermittent surveillance at the home of Mrs. Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, Arkansas, and had established as a source of information one Ed White, a neighbor of Mrs. Marie Cole. According to Sheriff Rogers, White is himself a petty criminal and as he is looking to Sheriff Rogers for favors, it is believed advisable to contact White only through Rogers. Rogers also advised that a former Deputy Sheriff, Jim Centers, resides in Alpena Pass and is on the lookout for the appearance of Theodore Cole. These officers verified previous information to the effect that Mrs. Cole follows the profession of prostitution at intervals; that she is known as "Alpena Marie", and that she spends considerable time in Springfield and Joplin, Missouri, and in Pittsburg, Kansas; these officers will immediately communicate with the Little Rock Field Division in the event they receive any information or rumors concerning Theodore Cole. Neither Sheriff Rogers or Officer Fudge has ever heard of a place known as Trails Inn or Trails End, Arkansas.

In company with Deputy Sheriff Hugh A. Young of Harrison, Arkansas, the following investigation was made at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. Postmaster Mary C. Porter advised that Mrs. Marie Cole, also known as Marie Wynne, resides with her son, Billie Cole, and her widowed mother, Mrs. J. D. Wynne, in Alpena Pass, Arkansas; they have no street or box address, and all mail is received through General Delivery. The postmaster stated that Mrs. Cole spent considerable time in Joplin, Missouri, Harrison, Arkansas, and Pittsburg, Kansas. A mail cover was placed on all mail received at the residence of Marie Cole on December 28, 1937. A letter is being directed to Mary C. Porter confirming the placing of the above cover. Miss Porter was furnished the telephone number of the Little Rock Field Division and agreed to telephonically

communicate any information which appeared to be of importance in connection with this case. Miss Porter further advised that apparently Mrs. J. D. Wynne and her deceased husband, J. D. Wynne, parents of Marie Wynne Cole, were people of average means and were fairly well regarded in the community and their general reputation was good.

It was observed that the house occupied by Mrs. Marie Cole and her mother is approximately two-tenths of a mile West of the Alpena Pass post office on the South side of Highway # 62. The house is a one story structure of bright yellow stucco. The writer and Deputy Sheriff Young observed the house for sometime and inasmuch as there appeared to be no activity the occupants were contacted.

Mrs. Marie Cole advised that she first met Theodore Cole in February 1929 at which time Cole's parents were operating a small cafe at Alpena Pass. At this time Theodore Cole was seventeen years of age, and Marie Wynne Cole was sixteen. After a courtship of only three weeks Marie married Theodore Cole over the objections of her parents; this marriage took place at Harrison, Arkansas, on March 16, 1929. Immediately thereafter the couple took a wedding trip to Stroud, Oklahoma, where they visited Theodore Cole's grandmother who is now deceased. Thereafter they returned to Alpena Pass, Arkansas, and in August, 1929, Marie Cole left her husband and returned to her parent's home. Shortly thereafter Theodore Cole went to Oklahoma, stole an automobile and came back in it to Alpena Pass where he called on his estranged wife; shortly thereafter Cole was apprehended in possession of this stolen automobile and was given a term in the Arkansas State Penitentiary. While incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary, late in the year 1929 Mrs. Cole saw Theodore Cole for the last time to date. She stated that officers while passing through Alpena Pass allowed Theodore Cole to visit her for a few minutes.

Mrs. Marie Cole further advised she corresponded regularly with Theodore Cole during his incarceration in the Arkansas State Penitentiary, and while he was in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

Relative to the death sentence given to Cole in connection with the Oklahoma case, Marie Cole related that it is her understanding the reason for this death sentence was that Theodore Cole stabbed a cell mate to death while awaiting



trial on charges of robbery. In [redacted] was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cole. This child, who has never been seen by Theodore Cole, is named [redacted] is presently and has at all times resided with [redacted] since his birth. Mrs. Cole advised that she had not heard directly from Theodore Cole since he was removed from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester; that approximately three years ago she had a letter from the warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, requesting certain personal data. This, according to Mrs. Cole, was the last indirect information concerning her husband she had received until she read of his escape from the Alcatraz Penitentiary. Mrs. Cole stated that she divorced Theodore Cole several years ago, and she stated she had incurred the animosity of her ex-husband when she refused to circulate a petition to have him freed from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Mrs. Esther Cole, mother of the fugitive, came to Mrs. Marie Cole and requested her to circulate a petition for Cole's release from the McAlester Penitentiary, and also to go with her [redacted] to the Governor of Oklahoma in an effort to secure Cole's release. When Marie Cole declined to do this, Mrs. Esther Cole became highly infuriated, and thereafter Mrs. Marie Cole had no further correspondence with Ted Cole. Concerning contacts which might be made by subject Cole, Mrs. Cole related that she and her immediate family are the only persons outside of Cole's relatives whom he might contact that are known to her. She related that Theodore's mother, Mrs. Esther Cole, presently residing in Los Angeles, California, or vicinity, is the most likely contact of the escape. She also related that Mrs. Violet Dawson, a sister of Theodore Cole, who resides in Huntington Park, California, is a possible contact, and that Cole is reported to have a sister residing in Stroud, Oklahoma, her name being unknown to Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Cole advised that due to the fact that she associated directly with her ex-husband for only approximately six months, and the fact that she had not taken any particular interest in his family, she knew little concerning his relatives or his connections.

Concerning her own family Mrs. Cole related that she resides with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Wynne, her niece, Lavon Jenkins, [redacted] and that they are the only occupants of this house at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. She stated that at the present time her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Bes) Vail of Saint Louis, Missouri, were visiting in her home. She stated she also has a sister,

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Mrs. John (Norine) Schultz, who resides at 204 East 7th Street, Pittsburg, Kansas. Agent jointly interviewed Mrs. Marie Cole, Lavon Jenkins, Mrs. J. D. Wynne and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vail; none of the other persons could add anything of value to the information furnished by Mrs. Cole. Each of them was advised of the provisions and penalties of the harboring statute; each of them stated they understood thoroughly the meaning thereof, and each agreed to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its efforts to effect the apprehension of Theodore Cole. All of these persons, including Mrs. Marie Cole, expressed a very definite fear of Cole, and it is believed that fear would be the only cause for their not cooperating in the apprehension of Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vail are both employed by the Walk Easy Shoe Company of Saint Louis, Missouri, and they spend their entire time traveling for this agency, having no more permanent address than the Walk Easy Shoe Company, Saint Louis, Missouri, and are presently enroute to Florida, and they will cover that state for their concern during this winter. It was noted that Vail is driving a 1938 Plymouth Tudor Sedan, black in color, with Kansas 1937 license plates # 4-481.

Mrs. Cole was furnished the address and telephone number of the Little Rock Field Division with the request that she communicate immediately any information or rumors concerning her former husband; this, she and each member of her family agreed to do.

On Highway # 62 in the vicinity of Alpena Pass, Arkansas, Agent several times noted an old model Pontiac or Oldsmobile Sedan, occupied by three men bearing California 1937 license plates # 8 L 5239. Due to a heavy fog and the fact that Agent was alone in the car only a very limited opportunity of observing these three individuals presented itself. This was the only automobile with foreign licenses other than that of Vail which was observed in the vicinity of Alpena Pass, Arkansas.

AT EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Chief of Police Dan Martin, Eureka Springs Police Department, advised that he is well acquainted with Theodore

Cole, having assisted in this individuals apprehension near Eureka Springs in 1929, subsequent to which Cole was sentenced to the Arkansas State Penitentiary. Chief Martin advised that he would immediately communicate with the Little Rock Field Division in the event he receives any information. Martin is also well acquainted with Mrs. Marie Cole as "Alpena Marie" and stated that he would observe any activities of hers in the vicinity of Eureka Springs.

A check of the postal guide, atlas, all available maps, and with Paul Baker, Arkansas State Highway Department, Harrison, Arkansas, and Cline Watson, Federal Land Bank, both of the latter two gentlemen being engaged in traveling through fifteen counties between Faulkner County and Boone County, Arkansas, disclosed no information concerning a Trails Inn or Trails End, either as a post office, road house, or in any other connection.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. P. Barber at Hot Springs, Arkansas:

It was ascertained from Mr. S. A. Kemp, Postmaster, that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patton live in the first house on the right hand side of the highway, South of the Oaklawn Race Track in Hot Springs. Mr. Kemp was unable to furnish any definite information concerning Mr. Patton or his wife, other than informing that Paul Patton had resided at Hot Springs, Arkansas, most of his life, and was employed by his cousin, a contractor, part of the time. He stated that as far as he knew Mr. Patton bore a good reputation but that he was in financial difficulties, and felt that there was some possibility he might offer shelter to criminals for money.

Mr. Kemp advised that Fred Wix, the operator of an Esso Gasoline Service Station, located directly across the highway from the Patton home bore a very good reputation and might be contacted for the purpose of soliciting his cooperation in maintaining a surveillance of the Patton home.

Mr. Wix, upon interview, advised that Patton's wife was presently spending the Christmas vacation with her relatives at Ardmore and Mansville, Oklahoma, having driven there with a wealthy woman by the name of Mrs. Jones, who

owns a summer home on Lake Hamilton, which is located near Hot Springs, Arkansas. He further informed that Mr. Patton was employed by his cousin, Ernest Patton, a contractor, from time to time. He stated that he did not believe Patton had any steady source of income, and that he was in financial difficulties at the present time. He also informed that Patton was presently keeping several race track followers at his home. Upon viewing the pictures of subjects as contained on their identification orders, he was unable to recognize them as being anyone whom he might have seen about the Patton home during the past several weeks. Mr. Wix was furnished with a copy of the identification order of each of these subjects, and his cooperation was secured to immediately communicate with the Little Rock Office in the event he observed any one at the Patton home who might answer the description of these subjects.

It was ascertained through an interview with Paul Patton at his home that he was not aware of the fact that his wife was acquainted with subject Ralph Roe; stating that his wife, if she was acquainted with this individual, had never confided that fact to him. He informed that his wife is presently spending the Christmas vacation with her parents at Mansville, Oklahoma. He informed that she had accompanied Mrs. Avery Jones to Ada, Oklahoma, in her, Mrs. Jones, automobile, and that she would return to her home shortly after January 1, 1938. Mr. Patton was furnished with copies of identification orders of both of these subjects and assured Agent that he would immediately communicate with the Little Rock Office in the event either of these individuals appeared at his home. He was also advised of the harboring statute relative to the harboring of fugitives.

Mr. Patton also advised that he would immediately communicate with the Little Rock Office by telephone upon the return of his wife from Mansville, Oklahoma, in order that she might be interviewed upon her arrival to obtain any information she might possess regarding subject Ralph Roe. Immediate steps will be made to interview Mrs. Patton upon her return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and a lead is not being set forth for the Oklahoma City Office to locate and interview her at Mansville, Oklahoma, in view of the information to the effect that her return is expected to Hot Springs in the immediate future.

It was ascertained from the Automobile License Division, Department of Revenue, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, that 1937 Arkansas license plate # 58480 was issued to Mrs. E. B. Galatus, 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a 1935 Plymouth automobile.

It is noted that apparently the name Galatus is misspelled, and as a matter of fact it should be Galatas, as 18 Dell Street is the address of Richard Galatas.

The Galatas home has been under almost constant surveillance up through December 30, 1937, and it was noted that neither Mr. or Mrs. Galatas have returned to their home to date, nor could any information be developed through discreet inquiry in the neighborhood as to their exact whereabouts. Steps will be made to establish a confidential informant in the vicinity of the Galatas home in order that this office may be advised as to the activities of these individuals, and to also be immediately notified if any strangers appeared at the Galatas home who might resemble the subjects of this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will check California 1937 license plates # 8 L 5239, in an endeavor to ascertain if these plates may have been used by the subjects of this case.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE will report the result of a mail cover on the home of Mrs. Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, Arkansas.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, will immediately interview Mrs. Paul Patton upon receiving word that she has returned from Mansville, Oklahoma, in accordance with the lead set forth in the report of reference of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 22, 1937.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, will maintain a discreet surveillance of the Galatas home, 18 Dell Street, and will also endeavor to obtain the cooperation of one informant in that vicinity to maintain a surveillance of that home and immediately notify the Little Rock Office of developments there in accordance with information set forth in this report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-259-**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-4-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-31-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. T. Arterberry</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Escaped Federal Prisoner.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Haskell Rannals, nee Bessie Winchester, Denison, Texas, states that she has not seen nor heard of RALPH ROE since before his removal from Leavenworth to Alcatraz; that she has destroyed all letters and photographs of Roe. Christmas card signed "Ralph" addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day Street, Denison, Texas, bearing uncanceled 1-1/2¢ postage stamp, received by her mother but not delivered to Mrs. Haskell Rannals, but given to Chief of Police Denison, Texas, who turned same over to Agent and same is being forwarded to Bureau for comparison.

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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-22-37.

**Details:**

The writer, accompanied by Assistant Chief of Police Paul Borum, Denison, Texas Police Department, conducted investigation at the home of Mrs. Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day Street, Denison, Texas.

Mrs. Winchester advised that her daughter Bessie is now married to Mr. Haskell Rannals, an orchestra leader at Sherman, Texas, having married September 16, 1937. Mrs. Winchester advised that RALPH ROE, during year 1933 and, as she recalled, a part of 1934 frequently called upon her daughter at her home; that RALPH ROE was madly in love with her daughter Bessie and was very desirous of marrying her but that they did not marry.

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because RALPH ROE was sent to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas in the meantime.

Mrs. Winchester further advised that RALPH ROE gave two large autographed photographs of himself to her daughter Bessie, which she kept on the dresser in her room until about the first of September 1937, when she destroyed them, upon her, Mrs. Winchester's, advice, along with approximately 200 letters which she had received at various times from ROE, including the period of his confinement in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. Mrs. Winchester advised that she had assisted her daughter in going through her trunks and locating all letters, cards and photographs of RALPH ROE in order that they might be destroyed before her marriage to Haskell Rannals, which occurred at Sherman, Texas, September 16, 1937.

Mrs. Winchester advised that on the morning of December 28, 1937, the mail carrier, P. C. May, handed her the morning mail, which included approximately one dozen letters and Christmas cards; that on examination, she found one of the cards addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day St., Denison, Texas, bearing a 1-1/2 cent postage stamp, which had not been cancelled and the letter had not been postmarked; that the envelope was not sealed and that she observed that it contained a small Christmas card with the signature of "Ralph" appearing thereon. Mrs. Winchester stated that she had noted the handwriting of RALPH ROE on his photographs which he had given to her daughter and that the signature of "Ralph" appearing on this Christmas card gave her a thrill because she noted a striking similarity.

It might be mentioned here that Mrs. Dixie Winchester's daughter, Bessie, now Mrs. Haskell Rannals, is also known as Dixie Winchester.

Mrs. Winchester turned this communication over to Assistant Chief of Police Paul Boran, who is a close friend of the Winchester family, with the express request that he never let Bessie Rannals see the envelope showing that same had been addressed to her but that the Christmas card, which is signed "Ralph" might be shown to her, provided she be advised that the card was secured elsewhere.

Mrs. Haskell Rannals was interviewed at the home of her mother laster in the day and was shown the above mentioned Christmas card bearing the signature of "Ralph" and she advised that the signature in her judgment was that of RALPH ROE. Mrs. Rannals verified the information as given by her mother, Mrs. Winchester, advising that RALPH ROE paid her court covering several months during year 1933 and 1934; that she received many letters from him, particularly after he was sent to the Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Rannals advised that while RALPH ROE was keeping company with her that he often spoke of Bertie Pruitt, who resides near Ardmore, Oklahoma; that Bertie Pruitt had visited RALPH ROE at her home in Denison, Texas, one evening; that ROE had often told her that Bertie Pruitt was a good friend and that her home was a good place to "cool off in". Mrs. Rannals further advised that ROE often requested that should she ever want to get in touch with him immediately at any time or place and did not know his whereabouts for her to communicate with the closest friend he ever had and legal advisor in all of his troubles, W. F. Smalley, an attorney and some kind of a Senator who resided in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Rannals further stated that, in her opinion, after hearing ROE brag on Mr. Smalley, that should he ever come to the State of Oklahoma, that this friend W. F. Smalley would be the first man that he would contact.

Mrs. Rannals made further search of her personal belongings, at the suggestion of her husband, in an effort to locate some photograph, card or letter which she might have received from him but she was unable to find anything.

Accompanied by Assistant Chief of Police Paul Borum, Mr. P. C. May, mail carrier serving 902 W. Day Street, was interviewed and he advised that he had been a mail carrier in Denison, Texas for the past 35 years; that he is at a loss to understand how the letter addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester was delivered on the morning of December 28, 1937, without having been postmarked or stamped canceled, unless said letter, when passing through the stamping machine, failed to be postmarked. Mr. May advised that no one handed him this letter in person while he was on his route, nor at any other time; that had they done so, he would have carried the same to the Post Office for cancellation; that not to have done so would have been a violation of the postal laws and regulations.

Mr. Paul Borum advised that he was of the opinion that some rival underworld character in Denison had mailed instant letter to Dixie Winchester as a prank or spite work; that Mrs. Rannals' husband Haskell Rannals is an orchestra leader in Denison, Texas, serving radio stations and night clubs in the vicinity of Sherman and Denison, Texas, as well as Durant, Oklahoma. Mr. Borum advised that he had had Mrs. Rannals in the city jail at Denison a time or two for insanity hearings; that there is no doubt in his mind but that at times she is insane; that Mrs. Rannals has lived a very wild life in former years and that this form of insanity may have been caused from drinking and other dissipation. Mr. Borum stated that Mrs. Winchester had advised him a number of times recently that she desired his assistance in helping her daughter to go straight and lead a quiet life; that she appeared to be happily married at the present time and that she wanted no underworld characters to contact her daughter ever again and that she would assist him in every way possible to apprehend anyone who might make an effort to contact her daughter.



Mr. Borst advised that he had every reason to believe that Mrs. Winchester was sincere in this statement; that he was personally acquainted with RALPH ROE and in former years had seen him associating with Mrs. Hannals and that a constant surveillance would be maintained of the premises of Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Hannals, in an effort to apprehend RALPH ROE should he put in his appearance there.

The Christ as card signed "Ralph" and addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester was obtained and is being forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the known handwriting of RALPH ROE, with the request that Oklahoma City as well as Dallas Field office be advised of the results thereof.

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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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.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **70-166**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-6-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-29-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. JOHNSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DIR</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1937 Nebraska license number 64-85 issued to D. W. Longacre for 1935 model Plymouth, motor #EJ233-874. Longacre presently at Weiser, Idaho.

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**REFERENCE:** Conference teletype from Portland Office to Bureau and Butte, Aberdeen, Omaha and Denver Offices, dated 12-24-37.

**DETAILS:** At Bridgeport, Nebraska -

County Treasurer G. G. Putnam of Morrill County, Bridgeport, Nebraska, advised that on January 11, 1937, Nebraska 1937 license plates No. 64-85 were issued to D. W. Longacre for a 1935 model Plymouth automobile, motor No. EJ233-874, color black, six cylinders, 8-passenger. Mr. Putnam stated that he had known D. W. Longacre for about fifteen years; that he was considered a reputable citizen; that Longacre was a farmer who resides about ten miles north of Bridgeport; that he has heard that Longacre is presently in Idaho; that he does not know his present address and does not know how long Longacre intends to stay in Idaho. He was of the opinion that Longacre owns a farm near Bridgeport on which he has been living. He described Longacre as follows:

Age:	-	50 to 52
Height:	-	5 ft. 9 in.
Weight:	-	175 to 180
Build:	-	Chunky
Hair:	-	Dark brown - beginning to gray
Face:	-	Round
Dress:	-	Usually unkempt looking, dressed roughly as a farmer.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*R. L. Johnson*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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W. M. Kilby, Deputy Sheriff, Bridgeport, Nebraska advised that he was not well acquainted with Longacre but knew him casually; that Longacre so far as he knew bore a good reputation and had never been in any trouble. He stated that he had known Longacre for several years and described him as follows:

Age:	-	50
Height:	-	5 ft. 9 in.
Weight:	-	155
Build:	-	Slender
Hair:	-	Dark, tinged with grey
Dress:	-	Very common looking, dressed like a farmer.

Mrs. J. T. Gavin, wife of County Clerk J. T. Gavin of Bridgeport, Nebraska searched the records and found that D. W. Longacre owns 793 acres of land for taxes in Morrill County, Nebraska.

At the United States Post Office, Bridgeport, Nebraska, B. Mitchell, Clerk, advised that Mrs. D. W. Longacre had recently addressed a card to the Post Office at Bridgeport, directing that the mail of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Longacre be forwarded to Weiser, Idaho, Route #3, in care of Ralph Skeen.

A summary of the above information was furnished to the Butte Field Division by teletype dated December 29, 1937, and it was requested that an investigation be conducted.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUTTE FIELD DIVISION, at Weiser, Idaho at the home of Ralph Skeen, Route #3, will conduct the investigation requested in reference teletype, of which it is noted the Butte Office has a copy.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
January 7, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

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

The Des Moines Office advised this office by teletype on December 24, 1937 that one J. MARSH LANG, Lucas, Iowa, is registered owner of a Geo 1937 truck, motor 650-487, which entered California through a checking station on December 15, 1937.

The teletype further advised that Lang left Lucas in March, 1937, to visit a sister in Oregon and then to visit another sister in California, thought to reside in Monterey, or possibly in Monterey Park.

Special Agent Louis D. Wine has made inquiry at the Post Office at Monterey, through Kenneth Brown, Assistant Postmaster, and ascertained there is no record of or forwarding address for J. MARSH LANG. Other sources of information were exhausted at Monterey with negative results and it is, therefore, requested that the Los Angeles Office make appropriate inquiry at Monterey Park, California.

Inquiry should be made at the Board of Education at Monterey Park inasmuch as Lang's wife is a school teacher and may be presently employed in such capacity.

Very truly yours,

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

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903 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California,  
January 6, 1938

Mr. Lee Boren,  
Postmaster,  
Bell, California.

THEODORE COLE, et al.  
E. F. Prisoners

Dear Sir:-

Re: L. A. File 76-362.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by this office to locate THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE, who escaped from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary on December 16, 1937, with reference to which investigation you have already been contacted, there are forwarded herewith two photographs, one of each of the above mentioned individuals.

It is suggested that these photographs be used by you for the purpose of identifying these fugitives, and that you also exhibit the photographs to any other employees at your office who are in contact with the relatives of fugitive Cole.

Your cooperation in thus assisting in the location of these fugitives will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building  
497 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
January 6, 1938

Mr. Lee Loren,  
Postmaster,  
Bell, California.

EDWARD COLE, et al.  
Fugitives

Dear Sir:-

Re: L. A. File 76-362.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by this office to locate EDWARD COLE and WALTER COLE, who escaped from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary on December 16, 1937, with reference to which investigation you have already been contacted, there are forwarded herewith two photographs, one of each of the above mentioned individuals.

It is suggested that these photographs be used by you for the purpose of identifying these fugitives, and that you also exhibit the photographs to any other employees at your office who are in contact with the relatives of fugitive Cole.

Your cooperation in thus assisting in the location of these fugitives will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-262

REPORT MADE AT <b>El Paso, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-5-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-5-33</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. L. Dutton</b> <span style="float: right;">ndb</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Mack B. Harrell, Roswell, N. M.,  
sister of Floyd Brown, Alcatraz inmate,  
advises learned of escape through news-  
papers but had no further information.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent M. E. Garena, San Francisco, Cal. 12-28-37

Details: At Roswell, New Mexico.

Mrs. Mack B. (Dorothy) Harrell, 422 East 5th Street, sister of Floyd Brown, #302 AZ, Alcatraz, is employed by the Old Mission Beauty Parlor. Her husband is a barber in the City Barber Shop. Upon interview Mrs. Harrell stated she learned of the escape of Subjects through newspaper publicity, had not been contacted by the fugitives and knew nothing of any planned break or anything concerning the Subjects through correspondence with her brother. She stated that just prior to Christmas she received a letter from Floyd but he did not mention the escape or the Subjects.

Mrs. Harrell was not acquainted with the Subjects either personally or through corresponding with her brother.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-64.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Aberdeen, South Dakota.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/4/38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24-27-28/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH P. PETTIJOHN.</b> <span style="float: right;">HW.</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472. FUGITIVE. THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471. FUGITIVE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Escaped Federal Prisoners.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Names and addresses of owners of North and South Dakota licensed vehicles passing into California from Oregon on December 15 and 16, 1937 obtained and listed.

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**REFERENCES:**

Teletype message from the Portland Division to the Director and the Butte, Aberdeen and Omaha Field Divisions, dated December 24, 1937, and teletype message from the Buffalo Field Division, dated December 25, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

The reference teletype from the Portland Division, dated December 24, 1937, set forth a list of 1937 North and South Dakota license plates appearing on automobiles passing from the State of Oregon into the State of California on December 15 and 16, 1937, as follows:

State and license No.	Make of Car.	No. of passengers carried in vehicle.
N. Dak. #138648	Unknown	2
N. Dak. #93243	Unknown	8
N. Dak. #135356	Unknown	4
S. Dak. #27-3107	Oldsmobile	4
S. Dak. #19-3354	Unknown	8

The Aberdeen Field Division was requested to determine to whom these license numbers were issued and to check these persons to determine if any of them were identical to the unknown person who, on either December 15, or 16th, last, purchased at Portland, Oregon Department of Commerce booklet

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entitled "Current Tables Pacific Coast 1938" and U. S. Hydrographic Service booklet "Tidal Current Chart of San Francisco Bay".

Regarding the first of the above mentioned license numbers, it has been determined through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Bismarck, North Dakota that 1937 North Dakota license plates #138648 were issued to Louis A. Johnson of Luverne, North Dakota.

Miss Louise A. Hanson, Postmistress of Luverne, has advised by letter that Mr. Johnson is presently receiving his mail at 116 South 7th Street, Santa Paula, California. It was further determined that the above license number was issued to Mr. Johnson for a 1938 Pontiac coach, motor #6-415736.

Regarding the second of the above listed license numbers, North Dakota #93243, it has been learned through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Bismarck, North Dakota that this license was issued to Mr. Charles C. Hamblem of Steele, North Dakota for a 1935 Ford Tudor Coach, motor #1412806.

The Postmaster at Steele, North Dakota has advised that Mr. Hamblem presently receives mail at 5568 East Gage Street, Bell, California, in care of Mr. George Conebest.

The third of the above-mentioned license numbers, North Dakota #135356, was, through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Bismarck, North Dakota, determined to have been issued to Mr. Myron J. Fuller of Hope, North Dakota for 1934 Studebaker Coupe. Mr. Fuller was contacted telephonically by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hammi and stated that he was the owner of the above mentioned automobile which bore 1937 license #135356; that this car, bearing the above plates, was presently in Hope and had never been out of the State of North Dakota. Mr. Fuller advised that he was in the real estate business at Hope, North Dakota and had been so occupied for some time. By teletype message of December 29, 1937, the Portland office was requested to recheck this license number.

As to South Dakota license #27-3107, it has been determined through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Pierre, South Dakota that this license was issued to Mr. E. C. McFadden, formerly of Gregory, South Dakota. Telephonic inquiry at the Sheriff's office for Gregory County, South Dakota determined the fact that the above license number was issued to Mr. McFadden for an Oldsmobile Tudor Coach; that Mr. McFadden and his family left South Dakota about a month prior to the inquiry with the intention of spending the winter in the State of California; that Mr. McFadden is a property owner in Gregory, South Dakota and enjoys an excellent reputation.

Postmaster Wm. J. Gassen of Gregory, South Dakota advised that the present address of Mr. McFadden is 10410 Tellfair Street, Pacoima, California.

As to South Dakota license #19-3354, it was determined through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Pierre, South Dakota that this license was issued to Mr. Tosten H. Folkestad of Bristol, South Dakota.

The writer, at Webster, South Dakota, interviewed Sheriff H. O. Johnson who advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. Folkestad; that recently Folkestad had married a widow from the vicinity of Holmquist, South Dakota and that the two of them had gone to California to spend the winter. Mr. Johnson advised that Folkestad is a retired farmer, bearing a very excellent reputation, and is a man of considerable financial means; that his wife also had considerable money; that Mr. Folkestad had several children by a previous marriage but that they are all now living on the West Coast; that Mr. Folkestad's wife has a son by a previous marriage living north of Holmquist, South Dakota; that this son's name is also Holmquist; that either Mr. Holmquist or the postmaster at Bristol could furnish the present address of Folkestad.

Mr. Percy Holmquist was interviewed at his farm home, one and one-half miles north of Holmquist, South Dakota, and advised that he was a step-son of Tosten H. Folkestad; that his mother and step-father had left South Dakota on November 18th, 1937, intending to drive leisurely west to the State of California where they intended to remain for the winter; that they were now residing in California at 723 Orrizaba Avenue, Long Beach, California. Mr. Holmquist could furnish no further information regarding the trip made by his mother and step-father, other than that they intended to stop several days in different towns enroute and that he thought they had probably stopped at Portland, Oregon for about three or four days. Mr. Holmquist was unable to furnish the dates upon which his mother and step-father had stopped at Portland.

Reference teletype message from the Buffalo Division to the Aberdeen Division dated December 25, 1937 also relates to the investigation to determine if any of the persons passing into the State of California from Oregon on December 15th or 16th had purchased in Portland on either of those dates the Department of Commerce booklet "Current Tables Pacific Coast, 1938" and the U. S. Hydrographic Service booklet "Tidal Current Chart of San Francisco Bay". Among the automobiles listed as passing into California from Oregon on the above dates was one bearing 1937 New York license number 9C8512, carrying five passengers. Investigation by the Buffalo Field Division indicated that the above license was issued to Andrew Sampson who has, during the past few summers, lived at Brewerton, New York where he has been engaged in working on lake tugs in New York State; that Sampson was formerly from Webster, South Dakota and was probably traveling with Edwin Holden and Selma Holden, both of whom were from the vicinity of Webster, South Dakota, and that they were probably visiting Florence Carlson, 21st and Hoffman Streets, Eugene, Oregon. Reference teletype further indicated that the above license number was issued for a 1938 Chevrolet sedan, motor number 1215489, but that this car had been turned back to the dealer for a 1937 model sedan which Sampson had previously traded to the dealer; that it was quite possible that Sampson had traded for still another car at Webster, South Dakota.

Sheriff H. G. Johnson of Webster, South Dakota advised upon interview that he did not know Andrew Sampson and did not believe that Sampson had ever lived in or near Webster but that Sampson had evidently at one time received mail through the Webster postoffice. The Sheriff produced several letters from one Martin Johnson, Station C, Box 10, Brooklyn, New York, in which Martin Johnson requested Sheriff Johnson to attempt to collect some money from Andrew Sampson which Sampson supposedly owed Martin Johnson. Martin Johnson stated in his letters that he had advanced Andrew Sampson about \$250.00 as a payment on a Chevrolet automobile. Sheriff Johnson advised that he had done nothing as yet to collect this money, inasmuch as he had never been able to locate Andrew Sampson; that he thought if Sampson lived anywhere in the vicinity of Webster he probably received mail through the Pierpont, South Dakota postoffice. Sheriff Johnson was questioned as to any knowledge he might have as to Selma and Edwin Holden who are reported to be traveling with Andrew Sampson. He advised that although he had heard of these two persons he did not know them personally but that from the information he had received, they were both of good reputation. He advised that it was his understanding that they were the children of Mels Holden who lives on a farm about fourteen miles northwest of Holmquist, South Dakota.

At the Webster, South Dakota postoffice agent interviewed Mr. T. J. Delaney, postmaster, who advised that he did not know Andrew Sampson but was of the belief that Sampson and his family both received mail through the Pierpont postoffice. He stated that the Holden family had formerly received mail through the Webster postoffice but did not do so at present and that he does not know where they now receive their mail; that he does, however, have a notation in his records, which notation was made October 5, 1937, to the effect that in the future any mail for Selma Holden was to be forwarded to 1308 South Browne Street, Spokane, Washington.

At Pierpont, South Dakota, Miss Olga Otis, postmistress, was interviewed and advised that she did not know either the Sampson or the Holden families and that her records did not disclose that either family received mail through the Pierpont postoffice.

Mr. Walter Thorp, owner of the Thorp Chevrolet agency at Britton, South Dakota, advised upon interview that he had, during the last three years, sold Andrew Sampson three different Chevrolet automobiles and that he was presently carrying an account of Sampson's; that he had heard that Sampson was presently in the West but that he did not know where he could be reached; that he did not expect to hear from him, inasmuch as the account of Sampson was on a six month and year basis and that the first payment would not be due for several months yet. After reviewing the record of Sampson's account, Mr. Thorp advised that the last automobile purchased by Sampson was a 1936 Chevrolet Deluxe Town Sedan, motor #1220310, serial #21M101452; that this car was purchased November 9, 1937; that at the time of the purchase Sampson gave as his address care L. Phillips, Brewerton, New York. Mr. Thorp further advised that he knew very little of Sampson or his family but had heard that Sampson was a good friend of Hawkins Holland of near Pierpont, South Dakota; that Sampson's father was dead

and that his mother made her home with Edwin Holland.

At Pierpont, South Dakota it was determined that Edwin Holland resided in the country about twelve miles northeast of Pierpont. On reaching this farm, Agent found no one at home and it was impossible to reach the farm later because of snow-blocked roads.

At the farm of Mr. Nels Holden, located between Pierpont and Holmquist, South Dakota, Mr. Holden advised that he knew all the parties previously mentioned, namely, Andrew Sampson, Selma and Edmund Holden (not Edwin Holden); that Selma and Edmund were his niece and nephew; that they had left for the West in Sampson's car about Thanksgiving time, together with Clifford Treanowin and Melvin Holden, son of Nels Holden; that the party had first gone to the State of California where Melvin had remained with his aunt, Anna Gunderson, 1286 North Serramoneta, Pasadena, California; that the remaining four had gone to Oregon to visit but that it was his understanding that the entire group were now back in California and were now living at the above address of Anna Gunderson, or could be located through inquiry at that address.

By teletype of December 29, 1937, the Los Angeles Division was furnished the names and addresses of Andrew Sampson and Tosten H. Folkestad and requested to make an appropriate check of these individuals to determine if either of them purchased the booklets mentioned previously in this report.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA will interview Mr. Louis Johnson at 116 South 7th Street to determine whether he or any of the party who entered the State of California with him on either December 16 or 17, 1937 had on either of those dates purchased booklets in Portland, Oregon relative to Tides and Currents along the Pacific Coast and in the San Francisco Bay.

At Bell, California will interview Charles C. Hamblen at 5568 East Gage Street, who may be reached at that address through Mr. George Conobest, and make inquiry similar to that noted above.

Will at Pacoima, California interview Mr. E. C. McPadden at 10410 Tellfair Street for similar purpose.

At Long Beach, California will interview Mr. Tosten H. Folkestad, 723 Orrizaba Avenue to determine whether he or any of his party purchased any of the booklets mentioned above.

At Pasadena, California will, at 1286 North Serramoneta Street, locate and interview Andrew Sampson to determine whether he or any of the party with him purchased any of the above described booklets at Portland, Oregon on either December 15 or 16, 1937.

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION will recheck 1937 North Dakota license number 135356, which license was supposed to have been carried on a car passing into the State of California from Oregon on either December 15 or 16, 1937. This license was issued to Mr. Byron J. Miller of Hope, North Dakota for a 1934 Studebaker Coupe. Mr. Miller states that neither he, the car, nor the license have been out of the State of North Dakota.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

January 8,  
1938.

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a., FUGITIVE -  
I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE,  
w.a., FUGITIVE - I. O. #1471.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There is quoted below a letter received at this Office January 6, 1938, from one H. W. Beckler, Box 921, Lynch, Kentucky, advising that he feels sure he knows THEODORE COLE and that he at one time went to school with him. This Office has very little information concerning the background of COLE, and accordingly, the information contained in this letter is being set out in full:

Lynch, Ky.  
Jan. 4, 1938.

Federal Bureau of Investigation:-

Gentlemen:-

I saw in the paper an account and pictures of the two convicts that escaped from Alcatraz prison in California.

I'm sure I know Theodore Cole. What I tell you may help - may not. He is a native of Folk County, Tennessee, my home also. He has two brothers. The older one dead and hear the other lives in Fontana, North Carolina. That place is a copper mine not far from Murphy, N. C. It's possible he may come back around there or get in touch with his brother. His name is Whuphorá Cole. He is a cripple. One leg off at the hip but has an artificial leg.

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They have an uncle that lives there also Ros Cole. They also have people that live around Dusk'town, Tennessee. I used to go to school with the boys. I would like to do anything that might be of any help to your fine bunch of men. I feel it the duty of any citizen to be of any help possible. The boy I know father's name was Tal. They left Dusk'town and went to Ocolahoma then came back then the two older boys went back several years ago. I have'nt heard of them since. I'm sure he is the boy I used to know and go to school with. If I can give you any more facts you wish to know, don't hesitate to call on me. I realize it possible he may try to come back in this country to hide. We don't need such as he around. Should I see him, I'll have him caught for you, or notify the proper authorities.

Wishing your department every success,

Sincerely,  
H. H. Beckler, Lynch, Kentucky,  
Box 921.  
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Will the Oklahoma City Office please advise if the information set out by Mr. Beckler is of any value and whether further investigation should be made?

Very truly yours,

O. C. DENEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
San Francisco  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-139.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/5/38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/30, 31/37 1/2/38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. R. Ramsey</b> <span style="float: right;">rjd</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. **LETHA JONES** states Mrs. **CORA BAYNE**, mother of **ALMED BAYNE**, residing Hickory Grove teacherage and receiving mail at Milley, Oklahoma, and was keeping house for her daughter, **ALMA**, at Hickory Grove School when Letha Jones last heard. Letha Jones now states she is sure that **ALMED BAYNE** gave her photographs of **RALPH ROE** prior to the death of **WILEUR UNDERHILL**.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **W. R. Ramsey**, Phoenix, Arizona, 12/29/37; report of Special Agent **J. V. Murphy**, Oklahoma City, 12/29/37; letter from San Francisco office 12/30/37.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.**

Based on the information subsequently furnished the Oklahoma City office by Dr. **J. L. Wharton**, stepfather of Mrs. **LETHA JONES**, of Phoenix, Arizona, as noted in the reference report of Special Agent **Murphy**, further contact was had with Mrs. **Letha Jones**, and on January 2, 1938, she called at the Phoenix Bureau office, where she was again interviewed in connection with this case.

Mrs. **LETHA JONES** advised, with reference to the **BAYNE** family,

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that she had first met AIMEE PAYNE, as previously stated, when Aimee Payne was connected with the Rowland Beauty Parlor at Bristow, Oklahoma; that she, Letha Jones, had then been living at Depew, Oklahoma, which is only a short distance from Bristow; that as a result of her acquaintance with Aimee, she had later become acquainted with Aimee's parents, BRUCE PAYNE, and Mrs. CORA PAYNE. She stated, in addition, that Aimee Payne had a brother, DEAN PAYNE, and wife, who had at one time resided with the parents but whose present whereabouts she did not know. She advised that when she had last heard, Mrs. Cora Payne was keeping house for her daughter, ALMA, and Alma's husband, whose name she did not recall. She stated that ALMA PAYNE or her husband was a teacher at the Hickory Grove School about eight miles south of Depew, Oklahoma, and that Mrs. Payne, her daughter, and son-in-law resides in the teacherage at the Hickory Grove School. She stated that she believes that the Post Office through which they received their mail was the Milfay, Oklahoma, Post Office. She advised that she understood that Bruce Payne had separated from Mrs. Payne, and she did not know Bruce Payne's present whereabouts.

Mrs. LETHA JONES advised that in addition to contacts she had had with AIMEE PAYNE at the beauty parlor, that one NANCY PERRY, who was a very close friend of hers, when she had gone to school in Oklahoma, had later married SANFORD HENRY, who was a cousin of Aimee Payne and that following their marriage, they had resided with Aimee Payne's grandmother, Mrs. Henry (first name unknown) at Milfay, Oklahoma, and that as a result, she had become more friendly with the Paynes through this association.

LETHA JONES admitted that because she had not gotten along with her stepfather, Dr. J. L. Wharton, in Depew, Oklahoma, she had on one occasion resided with the Payne family several years ago when they had resided at Depew, Oklahoma. She stated that this was only for a period of about one month, however, and that she had then returned to her stepfather's home.

At the time of this interview LETHA JONES stated that she had been confused as to the exact time when AIMEE PAYNE had given her the photographs of RALPH ROE when previously interviewed, but that she now recalled further detail with reference to the incident, as well as the time when the incident occurred. She stated that it was now her best recollection that Aimee Payne had contacted her in Depew, Oklahoma, sometime in November of 1933 and had advised her that she needed money and had requested her, Letha Jones, to contact one ORIE TURNBULL, who was a land owner at Depew, and Gypsy Corner, Oklahoma. Letha stated that Aimee Payne had been "playing around" with Orie Turnbull and that as a result she was able to secure \$50

from Oris Turnbull for Aimee Payne. She stated that at the time she turned this money over to Aimee Payne, she understood that, as previously related, Aimee was going to Seminole, Oklahoma, and that at this time Aimee turned over to her, Letha, the two photographs previously mentioned of Ralph Roe. She states that she now recalls definitely that this occurred prior to the death of Wilbur Underhill and that Aimee Payne made no explanation to her when turning over the photographs, other than that she did not desire to have them on her person, as she was afraid she might be questioned by officers.

She stated that she now recalls definitely that it was between Christmas and New Years of 1933 when Aimee Payne again returned and contacted her at Depew, Oklahoma, at which time she had returned a dress which she, Letha Jones, had loaned her; that it was on this occasion that Aimee Payne had made the statement that "My sweetheart, Ralph, is out in the car," and that it was on this occasion that she had dimly seen a man out in the car whom she had supposed was Ralph Roe.

It will be recalled that Letha Jones has previously stated that the pictures of Ralph Roe turned over to her by Aimee Payne were stolen from her, Letha Jones, while she was employed at a pig stand at Metherton, Kansas. With regard to the time that this incident occurred, Letha stated that she now recalls that this must have been sometime in the spring of 1934, as she went to Metherton sometime in the latter part of February or March, 1934, and was employed at the pig stand for about five or six months, when she returned to Depew, Oklahoma, and remained until about June of 1935, at which time she married William Jones, as previously noted.

LETHA JONES was positive in her statements that she had never talked with, nor did she personally know Ralph Roe or Ted Cole, and she continued to promise that in the event she received any information concerning either of these persons, she would immediately advise this office.

LYN GALLAND, who it will be recalled is living with Letha Jones at this time, was also interviewed at the Phoenix Bureau office and advised that he had been very much worried since contacted by Agents of this Bureau and that he was desirous of furnishing all information in his possession, as well as seeing that Letha Jones furnished any information she might have. He stated that he had questioned her in detail for his own personal satisfaction regarding any association she might have had with Ralph Roe and that he was convinced from her statements to him that she did not actually know either Ralph Roe or Ted Cole.

The only tracing received as a result of the mail cover on LETHA JONES has been a typewritten communication received at Phoenix, January 3, 1933, postmarked Depew, Oklahoma, December 29, 1932, with return address of Dr. J. L. Wharton, Depew, Oklahoma, and addressed to Mrs. Letha C. Jones

22 South 9th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Milfay, Oklahoma and the Hickory Grove School, south of Depew, Oklahoma, will locate and interview Mrs. CORA PAYNE, as well as her daughter, ALMA, married name unknown, who are reported to reside at the teacherage at Hickory Grove School and to receive mail at Milfay, Oklahoma, for any information they may be able to furnish with reference to Ralph Roe and his contacts, inasmuch as it is reported that Aimee Payne formerly was Ralph Roe's sweetheart.

At Depew or Gypsy Corner, Oklahoma, will locate and interview ORID TURNBULL, reported an associate of Aimee Payne, for any information he may be able to furnish regarding Ralph Roe or Ted Cole, it being noted that Aimee Payne associated with Turnbull at approximately the same time that she was allegedly associating with Roe.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
January 6, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Richard Roe, et al,  
Escaped Federal  
Prisoners.

Time: 11:20 P. M.

SAC Pieper, while calling on another matter, stated that in this case they are running out the automobiles and today completed the investigation of the individuals mentioned by the warden. The Agents working on the case state that there are other employees who might have a more logical connection with the case than these. Mr. Pieper stated that it appears that if we start on any of the others it will evolve into an investigation of the entire personnel of the island. He asked that you and I discuss the matter and advise him. I told him to confine the investigation to the men mentioned by the warden at present, and we would advise him regarding investigating the others within a day or two.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM.

76-2686-174

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
January 5, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:           Re: THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1471.  
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1472.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Ford Coupe, bearing California license number  
5E-717, which crossed the California - Oregon State line on  
December 16, 1937, is registered to Mrs. GERTRUDE WALKEN,  
726 - 7th Avenue, San Francisco, and was driven by her son,  
ARNOLD WALKEN, who is attending the Oregon State University  
at Corvallis, Oregon.

ARNOLD WALKEN was accompanied by a school  
chum, name not known, and drove to San Francisco, spending  
the holidays with his mother, and returned to school last  
Monday. His mother does not believe WALKEN has ever been in  
Portland.

Mrs. WALKEN is a widow, employed as a nurse,  
and is assisting her son in obtaining an education. She is  
apparently of good reputation.

It is requested ARNOLD WALKEN be interviewed,  
for the purpose of ascertaining if either he or his companion  
were in Portland, Oregon on December 15th, and made inquiries  
or purchased any bulletins on the tides or currents in San  
Francisco Bay.

Very truly yours,

AIR MAIL

c.c. Bureau  
c.c. Oklahoma.

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H. J. L. PIERCE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. N. J. L. Pioper,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
One Mlven Utber Building,  
Room 1720,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: Ralph Ross, with aliases - Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases - Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau December 22, 1937 and January 3, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

REGISTERED MAIL

cc - Oklahoma City

20632  
# 20673

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report  
January 8, 1938.

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases - Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases - Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-138  
76-2686-82

Specimens: See attached sheet

Examination requested by: San Francisco  
Date received: 1/3/38 - 12/28/37  
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint  
Result of examination: Examination by: Miller

The conclusion was reached that the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q7 was not written by Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole, whose handwriting specimens are listed as K1 and K2. It was also concluded that the writing "Paul Stulges, Chicago, Ill." appearing on specimen Q8 was not written by Ralph Roe, whose handwriting specimens are listed as K1, but no conclusion was reached with regard to the handwriting of Theodore Cole, K2, because of the limited amount of known handwriting available for comparison. No conclusion was reached with reference to the handprinting appearing on specimens Q3, Q4, Q5 and Q6, in view of the fact that there is no known handprinting available for comparison with the questioned.

As requested the known handwriting specimens listed as K1 and K2 are being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

The original questioned specimens are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

A separate report will be submitted on the fingerprint examination.

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- 1 - Oklahoma City
- 1 - Laboratory

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Specimens:

- 76-2686-138 Q7. Note beginning "Things Went as\*\*\*".
- K1. Known handwriting of Ralph Roe consisting of the following:  
6 sheets of paper, two of which are drawings, one of a man and the other of a girl.
- K2. Known handwriting of Theodore Cole consisting of the following:  
2 brown Manila envelopes with figures on the outside  
1 sheet of blue lined paper containing figures and writing  
Alcatraz Prison Form dated October 27, 1935  
Alcatraz Questionnaire dated October 26, 1935  
2 Alcatraz Prison Forms dated August 4 --- and 15, with no month.
- 82 Q8. One blue ticket of the Eagle Loan Office, San Francisco, California, #4789, dated December 22, 1937.

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter  
San Francisco, California  
January 7, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

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

Dear Sir:

Investigation made by the Seattle Division relative to the letter of the Portland Field Division dated December 23, 1937 in regard to checking the identity of the owners of cars entering California the fifteenth and sixteenth of December, 1937, has established that a Packard sedan carrying 1938 Washington license plates #A 40-165 entered Dunsmuir California on December 15, 1937. These license plates are issued to G. B. CEDERHOLM, Colman Building, Seattle, Washington, where inquiries were made.

MR. A. W. WITTIG, Secretary and General Manager of the Sheppard Point Packing Company, Room 627, Colman Building, advised that MR. CEDERHOLM was superintendent of both of their plants in Alaska and left Seattle about the fourteenth of December for his annual trip to California, stopping first at San Francisco with several of his bachelor friends who maintain a home at 736 Ashbury Street.

Investigation conducted at San Francisco reflects that MR. CEDERHOLM was at 736 Ashbury Street but has proceeded to Long Beach, California and will be stopping at the Venetian Square Apartments, Long Beach, for a period of about two weeks, after which he will return to Seattle.

It is requested that MR. CEDERHOLM be interviewed for the purpose of determining if he made inquiries or purchased booklets pertaining to the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, such purchase having been made at Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

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J H HANSON  
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
903 PACIFIC COMMERCE BLDG  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL FUGITIVES EPP. FOLLOWING WIRE RECEIVED FROM PITTSBURGH  
OFFICE QUOTE INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED LESLIE MOON MARS PENNSYLVANIA  
PAUL FELICK AND BOB JOHNSON HAVE GIVEN ADDRESS OF CALIPATRIA CALIFORNIA  
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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 unrepeat 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 cipher 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

#### CLASSES OF SERVICE

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(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.

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**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.

**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.

909 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
January 6, 1938

Miss Edith Day,  
Postmaster,  
Woodlake, Calif.

THOMAS COLE, et al.  
cc. Fed. Prisoners.

Dear Madam:-

Re: L. A. File 70-362.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by this office to locate THOMAS COLE and RALPH COLE, who escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island on December 16, 1937, with reference to which investigation you have already been contacted, there is being forwarded to you herewith a photograph of each of these fugitives.

It is suggested that these photographs be used by you for the purpose of identifying these fugitives, and that you also exhibit the photographs to any other employees at your office who are in contact with the relatives of Cole.

Your cooperation in thus assisting in the location of these fugitives will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/18-23/37	REPORT MADE BY C. H. Olson--IST
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TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
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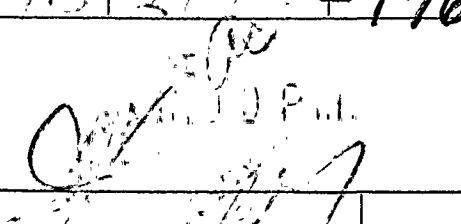
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Identity of persons occupying Section 4, and upper 5 of Sunset Limited, leaving San Francisco, California, 12/21/37, established. Two bodies recovered from San Francisco Bay, one identified as JAMES LESLER, the other unidentified, and is listed as JOHN DOE #76 at Coroner's Office, San Francisco. Both eliminated as being Subjects. Letter received by Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz, postmarked December 23, 1937, Denver, Colorado, signed "T. COLE", forwarded to Bureau. Other investigation made as result of information furnished pertaining to a recovered raft, suspicious persons, and clothing recovered, produced negative results.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from Los Angeles Division, dated 12/26/37.  
Report of Special Agent R. F. BATCHEL, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated 12/25/37.  
Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated 12/23/37.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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DETAILS:

The following interview was conducted by Special Agent (A) H. E. MYERSON, in the office of the Probation Officer, in the Federal Building, San Francisco, on December 22, 1937:

Mr. J. T. WATT of Martin's Beach, seven miles south of Half Moon Bay, called at the Probation Office, and gave Agent MYERSON the following information:

On December 21, 1937 as Mr. WATT was returning to Martin's Beach from a point south thereof, he noticed two men at a distance beside the road, but gave the incident little thought. Later, however, these men came to Mr. WATT'S place, which is called Martin's Beach, and bought sandwiches and a bottle of wine. Mr. WATT brought the empty bottle with him, and delivered same to Agent MYERSON for possible fingerprint analysis.

Agent MYERSON borrowed three photographs from the Probation Office files, and placed with them the photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE, and handed all five pictures to Mr. WATT, with the request that he examine them and state whether or not any of them resembled the men who stopped at his place. Mr. WATT stated that one of the men bore a slight resemblance to Subject ROE, but stated he would stand about 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "", as he, WATT, is 5'8", and both men were shorter than he.

He was unable to identify the photograph of COLE as resembling either of the men.

Mr. WATT was also asked by Agent MYERSON if he had noticed any scars on his visitors, but he stated he had not. He stated they were dressed rather roughly; that only one did any talking, but spoke pleasantly. He stated after making inquiry of him as to how to leave Martin's Beach, they proceeded in a south-  
only direction on foot.

The wine bottle which Mr. WATT delivered to Agent MYERSON was processed for fingerprints, there being found a great number of smudges and a few particles of fingerprints from which no classification can be made.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. D. WENE and Special Agent (A) M. B. MYERSON:

At San Rafael, California

On December 24, 1937 while interviewing Sheriff WALTER B. SELMER, of Marin County, Mr. SELMER advised Agents that one J. L. ROBINSON, 14 Spring Grove Avenue, San Rafael, telephone 2141, had reported to him that he, ROBINSON, had overheard a fisherman and his wife talking, and that the wife had stated that in her opinion the escape of the Subjects in this case was pre-arranged as to time and place, and also heard the woman state that, in her opinion, probably \$250,000.00 in cash was hidden someplace in Marin County, but the escapes believed the spot to be watched, and would not approach it for the time being.

At Agents' request Sheriff SELMER telephoned to Mr. ROBINSON, and asked him to call at the Sheriff's Office, which he did. At this time Agents interviewed Mr. ROBINSON, and after some hesitation he stated that the fisherman and his wife were Mr. and Mrs. "S. EDE" WESTGAARD, the wife's first name being THERESA. He stated he has known THERESA WESTGAARD for approximately five years, and that she is a girl who "has been knocked around a little". He informed Agents that Mrs. WESTGAARD was now married for at least the second time, and indicated that she was a girl of extremely loose morals.

ROBINSON further stated that he believed Mrs. WESTGAARD'S statements were the result of speculation, theory, and conjecture, and did not believe that they were founded on fact.

He advised Agents that, in his opinion, no one except a person with whom she was acquainted, or one roughly dressed as a fisherman, could gather any information from Mrs. WESTGAARD, and even her friends would be unsuccessful along this line, unless they "broke a bottle of beer or a bottle of whisky with her".

At Agent's suggestion Mr. ROBINSON promised to call upon the WESTGAARDS from time to time, and endeavor to ascertain what, if any further facts or information Mrs. WESTGAARD has relative to the instant escape, and advise Sheriff SELLMER of the results.

In the event this occurs, Sheriff SELLMER will, of course, advise the San Francisco Office immediately.

Pursuant to telegram received from the Los Angeles Office, dated December 26, 1937, Special Agent W. F. WOOD and Special Agent (A) M. B. MYERSON proceeded to the Southern Pacific Depot, and there interviewed Special Agent R. J. GUILFOYLE, a Special Agent for the Southern Pacific.

Mr. GUILFOYLE communicated with the Pullman reservation room of the Railroad Company, and from them ascertained that Pullman tickets Nos. 2505 and 9489 were issued for the upper and lower tourists' berths, respectively, on tourists' sleeper No. 4146, which was part of the Sunset Limited, first section, leaving San Francisco the night of December 21, 1937, at 8 p.m.

He also ascertained that one HERMAN KEIFEL, a clerk in the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, in the Southern Pacific Railroad Company passenger ticket office, at 95 Market Street, had written the tickets. As to upper berth No. 5, in the same car, the only information available in the Southern Pacific reservation room was that one W. J. FLEENOR, a Passenger Agent for the Southern Pacific had sold this space to one GOLDBECK, and that Mr. GOLDBECK was en route from San Francisco, California, to San Antonio, Texas.

On December 27, 1937 Agent MYERSON interviewed Mr. FLEENOR, who stated that it is his duty to meet incoming boats, and board them by launch before they reach the dock, and solicit tickets on the Southern Pacific to the passengers. In this manner he stated he boarded the Dollar Steamship Line boat "President Taft", which had just returned from Manila, P.I., Honolulu, etc., and that immediately after the boat docked he encountered Mr. E. O. GOLDBECK, a passenger on the boat, whose name was found by Agent MYERSON on the passenger list.

Mr. FLEENOR advised Agent MYERSON that he desired a lower tourist berth from San Francisco to San Antonio, on the Sunset Limited, leaving San Francisco December 21, 1937 at 8 p.m., but was immediately advised that no lowers were available, but he could be furnished with an upper. Mr. GOLDBECK'S name was placed on the chart along with Mr. FLEENOR'S name, and a search of the records at the Southern Pacific offices disclosed that the berth was actually purchased by Mr. GOLDBECK later on that day, and that the sum of \$6.00 was paid by him for the use of the same from San Francisco to San Antonio.

Mr. FLEENOR advised that he had a very distinct recollection of the appearance of Mr. GOLDBECK, and that he was a man about fifty years old, 5'8" tall, would weigh about 150 to 160 pounds, medium build, with hair graying at the temples.

It will be noted from the reference telegram that the occupant of upper 5 in the car mentioned, resembled Subject ROE. It will further be noted that Mr. GOLDBECK had just arrived on December 21st from a point at least five days distant, indicating Honolulu, T.H., or possibly a more distant point. It will also be noted that Mr. GOLDBECK originally indicated to Mr. FLEENOR that he desired passage to San Antonio, and that such transportation was actually purchased by him, eliminating any possibility that GOLDBECK did not call for his ticket, and someone else purchased the space.

As to Section No. 4 in the same car, it will be noted that reference telegram indicates this entire section was occupied by one person, who resembled Subject COLE. Mr. FLEENOR advised Agent that two persons apparently occupied this space, and that pullman ticket No. 9489 was sold on December 13, 1937 for lower 4 in the tourists' car, and that pullman ticket No. 2505 was sold on December 20, 1937 for the upper berth.

Mr. FLEENOR, from the records available, was able to advise Agent that the lower berth was sold to a man named STUART, located at 625 Market Street, San Francisco, and that the upper berth was sold to a person named BOISSALIER, through the "Ask Mr. Foster Travel Service", Stewart Hotel, San Francisco.

At 625 Market Street Agent determined that one CHARLES R. STUART is head of the advertising agency bearing his name, and that he has been located in San Francisco, and in Los Angeles, in that business, for over fifteen years.

Miss SOEHLE JACOBSEN, employed in Mr. STUART's office, advised that on December 13, 1937 she had made the reservation for Mr. STUART to leave on December 21st, via the Sunset Limited, and obtained for him a lower berth in a tourists' car. She showed Agent where payment had been made for a round trip ticket to Los Angeles and return on that date. She further advised that Mr. STUART was still in Los Angeles, and would very likely not return until after the first of the year.

Miss JACOBSEN exhibited to Agent a periodical called "The Banker-American", in which an article appears by CHARLES R. STUART, entitled "Liars". At the top of this article is shown a photograph of Mr. STUART, which shows him to be a man well past middle age, with gray or white hair. Miss JACOBSEN explained to Agent that Mr. STUART was about fifty-one or fifty-two years old, had gray hair, and from her description of him it was seen that he bore no resemblance to either of the Subjects in this case.

Reference teletype indicates that the occupant of lower 4 left the train at Glendale, and this was explained by Miss JACOBSEN when she advised that Mr. STUART had owned a home in Glendale, California for a great many years, and spent considerable time there.

At the "Ask Mr. Foster Travel Service", Stewart Hotel, San Francisco, it was found that upper 4 in the car mentioned was reserved by a person by the name of BOISSALLIER, on December 20, 1937, to be used on December 21st, and that this person had occupied Room 729 at the Stewart Hotel.

From Mr. KENNETH STEWART, Assistant Manager of the hotel, it was learned that Miss WILMA BOISSALLIER occupied room 729 from December 18, 1937 until December 21st.

It will be noted from the foregoing that the identities of the occupants of upper and lower berths 4,

and upper 5 have been definitely ascertained, and that they are doubtless not the Subjects in this case.

At 4:15 p.m., on December 26, 1937, the San Francisco Division was advised telephonically by KENNETH FOSTER, Officer in Charge, United States Coast Guard, Golden Gate Station, that a body had been located at Land's End, which point is where the San Francisco Bay empties into the Pacific Ocean, FOSTER informing that he had already notified Warden JOHNSTON of the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Telephonical efforts were made to contact Special Agent in Charge PIEPER and Special Agent GURNEA, who were at Alcatraz at the time the information was originally received. Agent JOHNSON ascertained that the information was already in possession of Special Agent in Charge PIEPER, and Special Agent GURNEA, and that these two individuals were proceeding to the point where the body had been found.

Agents MYERSON, WILSON, and OLSON proceeded from the San Francisco Division, equipped with a fingerprint set and flood lights, and upon their arrival they found that Special Agent in Charge PIEPER, and Special Agents GURNEA and WOOD were there. The body was that of a deceased man, and had been recovered from the Bay by the United States Coast Guard men, and was lying at the side of a road.

An examination of the body was made by Special Agent GURNEA, and it was determined the deceased person did not fit the description of either ROE or COLE.

Agents MYERSON and OLSON were instructed to accompany the body to the Coroner's Office, and obtain fingerprints, and a copy of the Coroner's report. A copy of the Coroner's report was obtained, and is maintained in the San Francisco Division file.

A copy of the fingerprints of this deceased person was obtained, and is being forwarded to the Bureau by separate letter.

From the above records, the following information and description were obtained:

Name	JOHN DOE (Deceased).
Age	About 40 years.
Height	5'10".
Weight	127 lbs.
Build	Slender.
Eyes	Brown.
Hair	Iron gray.
Scars	Vaccination scar, left upper arm.
Teeth	Uppers none. Lovers gold-crowned, and bridge work. 5 crowns and 7 on bridge.
Race	White.
Nationality	Apparently American.
Coroner's office record	Received 12/26/37, No. 76, Coroner's Office, San Francisco, California.
Cause of death	Submersion.

BERNARD HOSMER, United States Coast Guard, informed that at approximately 3:30 p.m., A. DIEHLER, 956 Sacramento Street, and V. FRAPS, 230 Scott Street, both of San Francisco, California, had advised the United States Coast Guard Sub-Station, located on Land's End, that there was a body wedged under some rocks near the shoreline, and as a result of this information, accompanied by WILLIAM COE and GEORGE FLETCHER of the Coast Guard, they had proceeded to the place where the body was, and had recovered it; that upon recovering the body, they had immediately notified the Warden at the Alcatraz Penitentiary, and then had telephonically advised the San Francisco Division; that no one was allowed to touch the body until after Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation had made necessary investigation.

On December 25, 1937 at 5:05 p.m., Mr. LANG, of the "San Francisco Examiner", advised the San Francisco Division that a body had been seen floating between Piers 36 and 38, by two boys. As a result of this information, Agents H. R. JOHNSON and V. I. BARRY were instructed to immediately proceed to Piers 36 and 38, with a fingerprint kit, rubber gloves, and other necessary equipment. They were later joined by other Agents, and Special Agent in Charge FLAHERTY was notified of the developments in instant case, as well as Special Agent GURRILLI.

Arrangements were also made to immediately notify the Bureau in the event the body turned out to be that of either COLE or ROL.

The following is taken from a memorandum of Special Agent H. K. JOHNSON:

"The writer and Special Agent V. I. PARRY immediately proceeded in Bureau Hudson to Pier 36, and at the wharf southeast of the Pier met JOHN HILL, about twelve years of age, 839 Kingston Avenue, Oakland, California, and his friend, JEAN MILAN, about eleven years of age, 805 Shasta, Yuba City, California. HILL stated that about one and a half hours before he saw a body floating about twenty feet from the wharf between Piers 34 and 36. HILL corrected this by saying between Piers 32 and 34, with which statement MILAN agreed. HILL and MILAN then notified the watchman at Pier 28. HILL and MILAN noted a hat and cane on the edge of the wharf about thirty feet to the left of the spot where they first saw the body. The hat and cane were dry, were taken by the watchman who was subsequently ascertained to have turned over the hat and cane to Police.

"W. A. WALTERS, Special Police Officer, American Hawaiian Steamship Company, Pier 28, confirmed the statements of HILL and MILAN, stating however that he had not seen the body.

"At this time Southern District #1 Cruising Police car arrived with officers LESTER BROCKS and JOSEPH TATNO, who, with Agents, began observing nearby waters for the body. Agents telephonically requested flood lights from the office. Agent PARRY boarded San Francisco Bay Police Boat 'D.A. White', and the boat began a search. Agent W. H. WOOD arrived from the office with a flood light, and with this light the writer located the body under Pier 36. The body was drawn out of the water by San Francisco Police, and with the assistance of Agents who had arrived from the office. Shortly after the departure of reporters and spectators, the Alcatraz Island launch 'McDowell', commanded by L. G. CLINTON, Junior Officer, arrived at the scene, following telephonic advice to



the San Francisco Office, and in turn Warden J. A. JOHNSTON of Alcatraz, of developments.

"With the body, Agents FARRY and JOHNSON accompanied STEWARD I. ROSENBERG in an ambulance to the Harbor Emergency Hospital.

"With the consent of ROSENBERG was conducted examination in Agents' presence, the following information was developed:

Name	JAMES LESTER
Age	About 60.
Height	About 5'8 1/2".
Weight	About 160 lbs.
Eyes	Blue.
Build	Medium.
Complexion	Fair - slightly ruddy.
Hair	Sandy, turning grey - thin.
Teeth	False (plates).
Fingerprints	Being forwarded Bureau.
Address	Room 105 Golden Eagle Hotel, 255 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, California. Left foot amputated near ankle (wore straight leg boot encased by shoe).
Dress	Blue serge suit, suspenders, no label on coat.
Effects	1 Elgin open-faced pocket watch, Case #3825331, works #28500667 (stopped at 4:37 p.m.). 1 \$1.00 silver certificate, serial #208000230A, series 1935; 1 half dollar, 1907, 1 Indian nickel. Full set false teeth - upper and lower. 1 knife; 1 short yellow pencil; key ring - 2 keys; 2 Catholic charms and Rosary; 1 note (appar- ently farewell) signed J. LESTER; 1 prescription - Digitalis for Jas. Lester by Dr. Britman; 1 book con- taining entry "Golden Eagle Hotel, 255 - 3rd Street, J. Lester - Man- ager S. L. Steidley".

"J. M. WOOLWORTH, Clerk, Golden Eagle Hotel, telephonically advised Agent JOHNSON that JAMES LESTER, was presently registered in room 105 at the hotel, that he was a man about 60 years of age, who was crippled, using crutches; that LESTER was friendly with PATRICK BARRY, Undertaker, office telephone Valencia 1136, residence phone Bayview 4612.

"The Bureau was advised in substance as to the above information by teletype at 8 p.m., 12/25/37."

The fingerprints of JAMES LESTER were taken by Special Agent PARRY, and are being forwarded to the Bureau by separate letter.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR, on December 23, 1937, at San Francisco:

"On December 20, 1937 Mr. C. SUTHERLAND, 2421 Post Street, advised Special Agent J. E. THORNTON telephonically, that a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. ROSE left one of his rooms on Wednesday, December 15, 1937, without advising him as to their leaving, or as to their future whereabouts. He stated that in cleaning up the apartment which they had occupied, he had found a visiting card made out in the name of HOLLAND, which he believed was an Alcatraz visiting card. Mr. SUTHERLAND was advised that an Agent would contact him.

"Agent contacted Mr. SUTHERLAND at the above address. He stated that his register showed that a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE had registered at his place on September 13, 1937, and had remained until December 15, 1937; that they left without saying anything to him, and although they had paid their room rent in advance, they had left the room in rather bad shape. He exhibited what appeared to be the top

half of a visiting permit to some penitentiary. On the top of the permit appeared S.O. 151 7-37 and just below that was printed the word NAME, followed by the name 'ALLEN' written in pencil, then the printed word NO. and the written numbers '56634'. Below that was the printed instructions governing the conduct of visitors in visiting prisoners. This piece of paper is being retained in a separate envelope for the file, but is not being checked out any further for it cannot be a permit to Alcatraz Prison, since the prisoner's number is too large for that prison. It is believed that it probably applies to San Quentin Penitentiary, inasmuch as the letters S.O. appear on the top thereof.

"Mr. SUTHERLAND also exhibited various other identifying data on Mr. ROSE, which had been left in the room. He stated that Mr. ROSE held himself out to be an artist, and seemed to be frequenting with a sporting crowd. While it was not deemed advisable to check this out any further in view of the fact that it has no connection with this case, a description was obtained by Agent of both Mr. ROSE and Mrs. ROSE.

Name	J. L. ROSE
Age	33 years.
Eyes	Brown.
Hair	Black.
Height	5'5".
Weight	140 to 160 lbs.
Complexion	Dark, looked like a Spaniard.
Build	Medium.
Nationality	American.

Name	Mrs. J. L. ROSE.
Age	30 years.
Height	5'5".
Weight	130 lbs.
Hair	Black.
Complexion	Dark.
Eyes	Had thin face with sunken eyes, but Mr. SUTHERLAND did not know what color they were.

"Among the personal effects being retained in the file is a ticket given for violation of the traffic laws, which gives J. L. ROSE'S address as 1075 San Pablo, Richmond. There is also a picture of a man believed to be ROSE, and a picture of an unknown woman."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. P. GARAGNY, on December 24, 1937:

"A letter of introduction was obtained from Assistant United States Attorney A. J. ZILFOLI to Mr. A. FARINA, manager of JOE DI MAGGIO'S CROFTO, Fishermen's Wharf, who is reported to be very influential with the Fishermen's Unions. A. FARINA introduced Agent to ALEXANDER D'ANGELO, manager of the Crab and Salmon Fishermen's Protective Association, Fishermen's Wharf, who stated that there are over 300 boats engaged in crab and salmon fishing, the members of the crews of the boats all belong to the Association; that all members of the Association have been requested to watch out for the bodies of Subjects COLE and ROE, and are doing so; that he will request the members of the Association, if they find the bodies of Subjects COLE and ROE, or either of them, to immediately call the San Francisco Field Division, and give it first and exclusive information of the finding. The address and telephone number of the Field Division was furnished D'ANGELO. It was explained to D'ANGELO that the Bureau was interested in first and exclusive information for the reason that Subjects may have had some writing or other objects in their possession indicating who, if anyone, aided in their escape. It was further explained to D'ANGELO that the person or persons furnishing such information would not be losing anything by his cooperation. D'ANGELO promised full cooperation.

"Miss LINA ZUSCONI, Secretary to FRANK ALLIANO, Business Manager of the Deep Sea Purse Seine Fishermen's Union, 2797 Taylor Street, phone Ordway 4561, advised that FRANK ALLIANO was out, and his return was uncertain. It was explained to Miss

ZUCCONI that the Bureau desired first and exclusive information of the finding of the bodies of Subjects COLE and ROE for the same reason assigned to D'ANGELO, and she was informed that the person or persons furnishing such first and exclusive information would not lose anything in the transaction.

"Miss ZUCCONI advised that she would immediately contact as many fishermen, members of the Union, as possible, and advise them of the desires of the Bureau in the matter, and promised full cooperation for the Union."

The following information was obtained by Special Agent W. F. WOOD, on December 21, 1937:

"Captain GEORGE D. JEFFREY, Depot Keeper, U.S. Light House Service at Goat Island, made the following suggestion concerning a possible method of escape from Alcatraz.

"Captain JEFFREY pointed out that there is a bell buoy located about 300 yards West of the North end of Alcatraz Island, which is in the path of the ebb tide. A person to escape would swim out into the fog from the West side of the Island, and drift with the tide and be guided in swimming by the bell on the buoy which rings even in a small rip tide. If you assume that outside aid of a boat is to be given it would likewise be a simple matter to head above the Island until you struck the ebbing current and drift with the current until you could pick up the sound of the bell on the buoy, which would guide you to where the convicts could wait.

"By this method the element of perfect timing would be eliminated as if either the swimmers or the boat reached the buoy they would simply wait for the arrival of the other. The investigation brought out the fact that visibility was limited to about 200 yards. The buoy being 100 yards farther could not be seen from the Island at 1:30 p.m., on 12/16/37, so that persons at the buoy would be concealed until

the fog lifted. The further fact that the buoy marks a dangerous reef would tend to prevent a searching boat from taking a chance on the reef marked by this buoy.

"Assuming the men who worked in the machine shop had greasy hands they might leave definite fingerprint marks on the buoy. It is possible that the rescue boat would, in attempting a landing, carry away on it the black and red paint resulting from bumping into the buoy and the buoy could be marked with the paint from the boat.

"Captain JEFFREY stated that the particular buoy in question is to be taken up December 22, 1937, and examination of this buoy might contain evidence that it was a step taken by the convicts in effecting their escape."

As a result of the above information, Agent WOOD, on December 22, 1937, conducted the following investigation:

"This buoy was picked up on December 21st, and brought to the light house station on Goat Island, to be repainted and prepared for replacing. This buoy was left untouched at the dock by agreement with Captain JEFFREY, and was examined closely for fingerprints, marks of a boat which might have been tied to the buoy or other possible marks which would indicate its use by the convicts in effecting their escape. No marks indicative of such use of this buoy was located."

The following telephonical information was received by Special Agent in Charge PIERER, at 10:50 a.m., on December 22, 1937, from Agent A. S. MARSHALL, this information originally having been received by Warden JOHNSON at Alcatraz Penitentiary from Major HOY, retired Army Officer, residing at 490 - 38th Avenue, San Francisco, telephone Evergreen 1394, who called the Warden to state that in view of the publicity about missing prisoners ROE and COLE, and the importance of checking every bit of information, he desired to report that

he had just heard from his father-in-law, A. H. WILKINS, residence 7450 Geary Street, Apartment 6, Major HOY stating that on the afternoon of December 16, 1937, about 3:15 p.m., he, with Mr. WILKINS, was walking near Land's End, and saw three rough looking men, two of whom might answer the description of the missing men, and while he thought nothing of it at the time, he now feels that he should report this matter for whatever value it may be in instant investigation, and as a result of this information, Special Agent T. BIRZHUMI WILSON conducted the following investigation on December 24, 1937:

Mr. ALBERT H. WILKINS was interviewed at his apartment at 7450 Geary Street, and stated that he had noticed three roughly dressed men, as aforementioned, on 12/16/37; that he had thought nothing of it at the time as he then had not known of the escape from Alcatraz. Mr. WILKINS stated further that two of these men were about 5'7", and the third nearly 6' in height. Two, possibly the tall one and one of the smaller ones, were dressed in what appeared to be brown overalls. He stated he had not observed them closely and could furnish no further descriptions of them. He also stated he had not seen their faces, and hence would not be able to recognize them, even if he ever saw them again. Nevertheless, the writer exhibited unlabeled pictures of the escapes, which were interspersed with similar pictures of a dozen other criminals, to Mr. WILKINS, but with negative results. The latter distinctly remembered one thing about the three men he had seen, however, and that was the fact that they apparently were rolling dice in the middle of the road when he had observed them.

Mr. WILKINS could not describe exactly where he had seen these three men, but stated he could take the writer to the place. Accordingly, the writer accompanied Mr. WILKINS to the place where he is reported to have seen these three men. It is located on an old road that passes by the U.S. Coast Guard Golden Gate Station. This road is on the side of the bluff at that point, and apparently has no name, although it has been stated that it formerly was the site of an old railroad right-of-way. It is no longer open to vehicular traffic. That portion of the road where these men had been observed is in the immediate vicinity

of the old wreck of the S.S. 'Coos Bay', which is resting on the rocks about 300 yards north of the aforesaid Coast Guard Station. A search in that vicinity revealed nothing of value."

The following information was received by Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, on December 21, 1937:

"Inspector ROSE, of the San Francisco Police Department telephonically advised on the above date that a Mr. WOODRUFF, initials and address unknown, telephoned the Police Department, and stated that two men had been reported to be occupying a boathouse in Belvedere Cove for the last several days, and they had not been noticed there before the Alcatraz escape.

"He advised that he had not taken the message himself, and the person who had, had not signed it, but that he was assigning the matter to Inspector ENGLER with a note that he had referred the matter to the FBI.

"Since WOODRUFF'S first name, address, and telephone number are not known, it was suggested that the Agent who investigated this lead contact the Sheriff at San Rafael, California, as he would undoubtedly know who WOODRUFF was, since Belvedere is such a small town.

On December 24, 1937 the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents LOUIS D. WINE and M. B. MYERSON:

"Special Agents L. D. WINE and M. B. MYERSON interviewed Sheriff WALTER B. SELLMER, San Rafael, California, relative to two individuals who were reported seen occupying a boathouse in



Belvedere Cove for several days prior to the escape, but disappeared immediately thereafter. This report was originally made by one WOODRUFF, and Agent MYERSON telephonically ascertained from Sheriff SELMER several days previously that the Sheriff was endeavoring to ascertain the identity of WOODRUFF; that there was one WOODRUFF in San Rafael, who, upon interview, denied he made the report, and another WOODRUFF in Belvedere, who could not be contacted at the time.

"Sheriff SELMER now advises that he has learned that the WOODRUFF in Belvedere made the report, and can be reached through Belvedere phone 16; that he, SELMER, has learned that the owner of the houseboat on which the two individuals were seen prior to the escape had returned to the boat last week-end, and upon his arrival there he found no intruders; that this owner customarily visits the boat every week-end, and there has been no sign of the two individuals since the escape.

"Sheriff SELMER advised that WOODRUFF had not approached close enough to the two individuals to notice their appearance, and that he knows of no one else who might be able to identify the men as Subjects, if they saw photographs of the latter."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents M. B. MYERSON and L. D. WINE, on December 24, 1937:

"Special Agents M. B. MYERSON and L. D. WINE interviewed Sheriff WALTER B. SELMER, at San Rafael, California, regarding the latter's report that a Mrs. J. F. GREIG, who resides in back of the Tamalpais High School, LaVerne Avenue, Mill Valley, California, had given him the following information:

"On Sunday, December 19, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. LESTER FINLEY, who live in Mrs. GREGG'S vicinity, were away from their home, and left their two small children, eight and nine years old, respectively, alone in the house. Some time between five and six p.m., on said date, the boys came home, and interrupted two individuals who appeared to be ransacking the house for food-stuffs, but who left without obtaining anything. Later in the night, however, Sheriff MILLER advised, two individuals are believed to have entered the RHODES home, in that locality, where they were successful, and made away with some food. This latter episode occurred about 1:30 a.m., December 20, 1937.

"Sheriff MILLER advised that the FINLEY boys were interviewed by him, and were shown photographs of Subjects, but did not identify them as the two intruders whom they saw."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, on December 27, 1937:

"Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning (December 27, 1937) Jarden JOHNSON was called by phone by Colonel COLE, of Fort McDowell, Angel Island, who informed him that his guard had picked up articles of clothing, tires, etc.

"This Agent, accompanied by Junior Officer SEBASTIAN, went to Angel Island in the Alcatraz Island launch, and when there reported to Colonel COLE. From there we went to the guardhouse, where they had five or six used tires which had been found on the beach, together with a blue serge coat which had seen much use, and a woolen cap used by a longshoreman or sailor; the cap had ear-flaps on it. Officer SEBASTIAN examined them and they were found not to be anything from Alcatraz. Agent and Junior Officer SEBASTIAN returned to Alcatraz Island, arriving there at 10:45 a.m."

On December 25, 1937 Special Agent IMMERSON and Special Agent GILSON were instructed to maintain a look-out from Golden Gate Bridge, over the San Francisco Bay, for the purpose of observing anything that could appear to be a body floating on the water, or that had been washed up around the shoreline in this vicinity.

During the time this look-out was being maintained, it was determined that the current going under the bridge travels at a very rapid rate of speed; that there is considerable traffic under the bridge, as well as pedestrian traffic on the top of the bridge; that the Golden Gate Bridge is also patrolled by the California State Highway Police, who maintain a sub-station at the Bridge, and any suspicious actions of any individual on the bridge, or any object observed floating on the water, is immediately reported to them, and after this, if the object is in the water, and appears to be a human body, the California State Highway Patrol immediately notify the Coast Guard.

This matter was discussed with Special Agent CURRAN, who authorized the discontinuance of the look-out on December 27, 1937.

A letter addressed to "Warden Johnson, Alcatraz Island, Frisco, California", postmarked Denver, Colorado, December 23 - 8 a.m., 37, was received by Warden JOHNSTON. This letter contained a note reading as follows:

"Tut - Tut, goo-bye, give my love  
to the boys

T. Cole"

Upon receipt of the letter and note by the San Francisco Division, it was immediately placed in a cellophane envelope, and forwarded to the Bureau for necessary examination, to determine if there is any latent fingerprints on either the note or letter, which may be either ROE'S or COLE'S fingerprints. This letter had also been handled by Warden JOHNSTON, and copies of his fingerprints are being obtained and forwarded to the Bureau, for elimination purposes.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. W. HATTICK, on December 30, 1937:

"At about 2:30 p.m., on this date, E. T. GLEESON, city editor of the 'San Francisco Call - Bulletin' called Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, and requested that he send an Agent to GLEESON'S office immediately. He refused to divulge his information by telephone, but stated that it was in reference to the Alcatraz fugitives.

"Agent HAMMACK proceeded to the Call - Bulletin office, and there interviewed E. T. GLEESON, City Editor, and LEE ETTIELSON, managing editor. Mr. GLEESON advised that an informant

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description of either truck or gasoline launch was not available. Continuing, GLEESON stated that his informant advised him that upon arrival in Stockton, DUTCH HILL, who runs a gambling house there, arranged with one WONG (reported to be mayor of Stockton Chinatown), to have Chinese hide and harbor THEODORE COLE, and that such arrangements were made, and COLE is presently being secreted by Chinese in Stockton.

"Further, GLEESON advised that his informant has stated that WONG has arranged with a third party to purchase through a San Francisco pawn shop a .45 caliber automatic for COLE'S use, and in the event that the party is unable to purchase the automatic in San Francisco, efforts will be made to do so in Reno, Nevada.

"GLEESON and ETTIELSON refused to divulge the name of their informant, stating that they wished him to make his own private investigation, and further that in the event there is any truth to the report, contact with the informant by either newspaper men or Agents, would tip the matter off.

"GLEESON stated that he believed that the informant was sincere, and on several prior occasions when he has furnished information, it has been found to be good.

"DUFFLON requested that in the event there is anything to the report, that his newspaper be permitted to have photographs and reporters on hand when a pickup is made. Agent promised him nothing, nor furnished any information, being agreeably surprised that the newsmen did not try to pump Agent."

The above information is too vague to warrant further investigation.

HIRE HETZER GROVES, Room 2, Balzac Hotel, 304 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, telephonically contacted Special Agent J. L. THORNTON, on December 24, 1937, and advised that an Italian friend of his, whose name he declined to give, had informed him that he had seen COLE at Leavenworth and Lombard Streets, at 2 p.m., Monday, December 19th, at which time COLE was wearing blue overalls, a ragged white shirt, and a small cap. GROVES was requested to furnish the name of his informant, but declined to do so. He requested that an Agent contact him, and as no Agent was available at the time, GROVES was requested to come to the San Francisco Office, where he was interviewed by Special Agent C.H. OLSON.

GROVES stated that he is single, a carpenter by occupation, and at one time was employed as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff FRANK BAILLIFF, Alameda County, Oakland, California, for a period of seven years; that for the past thirty-one years he has been residing in and around North Beach; that he speaks Italian and French, and has many contacts among the Italians. He stated that in a casual conversation with CHARLES BOCCIANO, proprietor of the Balilla Beer Gardens, 420 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, telephone EXbrook 6937, BOCCIANO had informed him that on December 19, 1937, while waiting for his daughter at the intersection of Leavenworth and Lombard Streets, he had observed an individual dressed in new overalls that appeared too large, and who was wearing a dirty white shirt; that some photographs appearing in the local newspapers had been noted by BOCCIANO, and BOCCIANO had made a positive identification of this individual as being identical with Fugitive COLE. He stated BOCCIANO had described COLE's nose particularly.

Agent asked GROVES how BOCCIANO described COLE as to age, height, weight, etc., and GROVES was unable to answer, stating BOCCIANO had made a positive identification, and he was sure COLE had been seen by BOCCIANO.

GROVES described BOGGIANO as about sixty-five years of age, and stated he resided in the vicinity of Leavenworth and Lombard Streets.

On December 28, 1937 BOGGIANO was interviewed by Agent OLSON at his place of business. BOGGIANO stated that he resides with his wife and family in an apartment at 2243 Leavenworth Street; that on December 19, 1937, at 2 p.m., he was waiting on the corner of Leavenworth and Lombard Streets, for a taxi, and at the time he observed an individual standing on the southwest corner, with a piece of paper in his hands, that he was twirling. He stated at first he thought the individual was going to mail a letter in a mail box nearby, but had determined that it was only a piece of paper this individual was holding in his hands.

He stated he was impressed with the whiteness of the man's hands, and also the whiteness of his face, indicating to him that this individual had been in the water for a considerable length of time.

He stated the individual was approximately 5'6" in height, weight in the neighborhood of 145 to 150 pounds, and in his opinion would be described as stout; that this individual was in the neighborhood of thirty-five to forty years of age, and had either dark brown or black hair. He stated the man was dressed in blue overalls, which were new, and was wearing a white shirt that was dirty, and had on a brown hat which appeared to be too small, and was wearing black low-cut shoes.

He stated that the individual appeared to him to be that of the hobo type, and did not belong in the vicinity of Leavenworth and Lombard Streets, as this section of San Francisco is composed of apartment houses only. He stated he did not observe any scars or other marks on the individual's face; that upon arriving at his place of business he observed photographs of COLE and KOLE in the local newspaper, and noted that the nose of COLE resembled the nose of the individual he had seen standing on the street, and after further studying the photograph, he was certain the individual he had seen was COLE.

BOGGIANO advised he had not reported this matter to anyone other than discussing it with GROVES, but that since that date he has maintained a look-out for this individual, but has not seen him since. He stated in the event he does,

he will immediately contact the San Francisco Office, the telephone number of which was left with BOGGIANO.

It is also mentioned that GROVES stated subsequent to his telephonic conversation with Agent THOMPSON, he had made a search around the various joints located in the section of town referred to as North Beach, but had been unable to locate any individual resembling COLE. GROVES was also furnished with the telephone number of the San Francisco Office, and GROVES advised if he located anyone resembling COLE, he would immediately contact the office.

At Leavenworth and Lombard Streets Agent ascertained that this section of town is composed of apartment house buildings, Leavenworth Street running in a north and south direction, and is located on a hill, from which point Alcatraz Island can be observed.

In the event any further information is received from either GROVES or BOGGIANO, it will be given immediate attention.

On December 18, 1937 Special Agent in Charge FLEER was telephonically contacted by Mr. HILLS, of Alcatraz Penitentiary, who advised that they had heard from the Trans-Radio Press that a life raft had been picked up which was capable of carrying two persons in the Bay, near the Golden Gate Bridge, by the fishing boat "Jefferson"; that this raft had been towed to the foot of Leavenworth Street, and it was HILLS' impression that it was part of the hulk of a boat burned in a recent fire off Saldore Island.

Subsequent to this information, H.C.D. DIERENDORF, of the Oakland "Tribune", furnished the same information to Special Agent in Charge FLEER, with the addition that the Captain's name of the boat "Jefferson" was JOSE MARIANA, 100 Ellington Street, San Francisco, and that the portoons were missing on one side, and that the life raft was now in the Hall of Justice Garage. Subsequent to this information Inspector JOHN MICHNER, of the San Francisco Police Department, was telephonically contacted, and furnished Special Agent in Charge FLEER with the same information, and advised that the Police Department was checking the raft for the purpose of determining where it may have been lost, but that their investigation had not been completed in detail; that the raft was at the San Francisco Police Department, and could be looked over by an Agent, and on December 19, 1937 Special Agent J. A. McWHIGG conducted the following investigation:

Inspector JOHN ENGLER, San Francisco Police Department, advised that he had ascertained that the 'raft' was part of a large rowboat which was believed to have been one of three such boats lost during a fire at the Union Fish Company at Belvedere, California, approximately a month ago. He stated that he had been advised by the Chief of Police at Sausalito that three boats had been lost, and that in these boats were round metal pontoons rather than square pontoons as is sometimes the case.

"ENGLER advised that the manager of the Union Fish Company resided in Oakland, and that his name was unknown, but that he would be contacted Monday, at which time it would be arranged that he call at the police station in order that he attempt to positively identify the 'raft' as being from one of these lost boats.

"ENGLER stated that the 'raft' had been found in the bay about 200 yards from the Yacht Harbor by one JEFFERSON of the Standard Fish Company, SASE ESPINOSA being Captain of the boat which happened on to the 'raft'.

"ENGLER'S information in regard to the finding of the raft had been gained from one CHICO, Manager of the Standard Fisheries.

"Agent McCULLOCH examined the raft in the basement of the Hall of Justice, and it was noted that it is approximately  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 5' and is very apparently the inside of a large rowboat or lifeboat, the crossboard apparently being the seat of the boat. The boards are substantially bound together with nuts and bolts, and the pontoon which remains is secured in like manner. It positively could not have been the work of Subjects in this case. The raft is considered capable of supporting the weight of the two men had they happened upon it while swimming.

"In regard to the raft probably being a part of the lost boats from the fire at the Union Fish Company, it was noted that the end of one of the boards, approximately 10" in length and 4" across, had been destroyed by fire.



"The boards were also badly battered as if they had been afloat for sometime. On the under side of the crossboard was noted a circular spot of gray paint, the center not being painted, being designed in such a manner that a square resembling the figure one (1) was formed. It is believed that this might be a means of identifying the so-called 'raft'."

On December 24, 1937 Special Agents M. B. MYERSON and L. D. WINE also examined the raft, and conducted the following investigation:

"Inspectors ENGLER and PAGE, of the San Francisco Police Department were unable to furnish Agents with any definite information regarding the raft, and advised that the official of the Union Fish Company, who was supposed to call and identify the raft last Monday, failed to appear. The officers stated that in their opinion the raft had no significance in instant case.

"The officers having stated that the Chief of Police at Sausalito had some information regarding the raft, Agents WINE and MYERSON proceeded to Sausalito, where they interviewed Chief of Police TONY QUADROS. He stated that he had made an effort to get in touch with the manager of the Union Fish Company, but had been unsuccessful. However, in Agent's presence, the Chief telephoned to the Union Fish Company, got one BUDDY LEE on the telephone, and turned the telephone over to Agent WINE. LEE stated that he was the manager of the Union Fish Company.

"Agent WINE informed LEE that he had information that the Union Fish Company had lost three life boats about a month or six weeks ago in a fire at the Union Fish Company's docks, and that he was of the opinion that the raft found was from one of these life boats. LEE advised, however, that his company had not lost any life boats, and he did not have any knowledge of the origin of the raft.

"The 'raft' in question which was further minutely examined by Agents WINE and MYERSON, is not a 'raft', but part of an old life boat which had been burned, excepting parts of the wooden gunwales and two metal cylinders which had been used as watertight compartments. All bolts and metal fittings were badly rusted, and corroded, indicating it was not of recent construction. There are no marks or other characteristics on this wreckage through which it may be identified, and no way of determining its origin."

Active investigation is being continued in this case. No undeveloped leads are being set out in this report.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
January 6, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. SPEARS, Portland, Oregon, dated December 22, 1937, a copy of which was furnished to your office, for your information.

There has been obtained from the checking stations in Northern California a list of the license numbers of all automobiles which entered California from Oregon on December 15 and 16, 1937, and from the Division of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento, California, there have been obtained all the data available relative to the registered owners, their addresses, descriptions, and of the automobiles.

There is shown below a list of such cars whose registered owners reside in the Los Angeles territory, in connection with which it is requested that immediate investigation be conducted to determine the reputations, reliability, and other data concerning the owners, 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, Oregon, pertaining to Alcatraz Island, on December 15, 1937. The owners of these 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.

<u>1937 License</u>	<u>Registered Owner</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Motor No.</u>
PCK 5831	MERON HANEY, 138 Cherokee Dr., Downey	1930 Ford Truck	LB 8909
1 R 2847	PEGGY E. LEACH, 1815 No. Bronson, Los Angeles	1935 Ford Tudor Sedan	18-1579523

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5 W 46 FRED C. WALKER, JR., 164 1936 Ford 18-3026737  
So. Los Palms, Los Angeles Coupe  
Descr. Born 8/21/15; 5'10"; 160#; blue eyes;  
brown hair; single in 1936

MR 0141 HAZEL EDWARDS, 1030 E. 2nd 1937 Olds. 4- F 726407  
St., Long Beach door Touring  
Sedan  
Descr. - Born 5/24/13; 6'; 140#; brown eyes;  
brown hair; single.

4 T 7597 SEYMOUR TUCKER, 1600 Cedar 1936 Dodge D 5-71459  
Ave., Redlands Coupe  
Descr. Born 8/11/08; 6'2"; 200#; Bl. eyes,  
Br. Hair; single in 1936

K 9857 HAROLD BENSON, 320 So. Ford AAB 5046962  
Waterman, San Bernardino Stake Truck  
Descr. 27 in 1929; 5'8"; 158#; bl. eyes,  
br. hair; licensed in Mass. in 1929

9 U 2391 M. D. KILGORE, 831 E. 9th 1928 Oakland L 205631  
St., Pomona Sedan  
Descr. 15 in 1927; 5'5"; 133#; bl.  
eyes; br. hair.

4 Q 6943 FREEMAN A. MCKENZIE, 1933 Studebaker C 18691  
426 1/2 Line Ave., Long Beach Conv. coupe  
Descr: Born 4/30/15; 5'10 1/2"; bl. hair;  
br. eyes; single.

4 Z 9140 WILLIAM PETERSON, 732 W. 1935 Chev. M 5106505  
Penn Ave., San Diego coupe  
Descr: Born 7/4/71; 5'8 1/2"; 195#;  
Br. eyes; Br. & Gr. Hair; Lic. in Mass. 1928.

2 Q 7268 BENNIE B. KING, 8560 W. 1936 Ford 2844847  
Pico, Los Angeles Cabriolet  
Descr: Born 10/26/03; 5'11 1/2"; bl. eyes;  
dk. hair; 170#; married.

1 C 8608 GEO. T. MUELLER, 2971 N. 1929 Ford A 1256731  
Marengo, Altadena Coupe  
Descr: Born 10/26/15; 6'; 150#; br. eyes;  
br. hair; single.

6 C 6982 RUBIN V. GROFF, USS MARY- 1932 Ford AB 5046804  
LAND, San Pedro; legal Tudor Sedan  
owner: Pac. S. W. Disc. Cpn. 1909 So. Figueroa, Los Angeles  
Desc. GROFF: Born 7/17/14; 6'1"; 170#; bl. eyes; br. hair;  
Lic. in Colo. in 1932.

MV 4693	LOIS ADELE MARSTON 1182 E. Santa Clara St. Santa Barbara Descr. Born 8/9/12; 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 148# ; bl. eyes ; bl. hair ; single in 1931.	1937 Pontiac 4-dr. touring sedan	6-352214
1 M 8396	DEWEY G. MARSH, 1734 E. 61st St., Los Angeles Descr. 31 in 1929; 5'8" ; 135# ; gr. eyes ; lt. hair.	1929 Durant Sedan	571898
9 X 2752	HARRY B. PATTERSON 11714 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles Descr. Born 8/30/08; 5'4" ; 120# ; bl. eyes ; br. hair ; married.	1932 Ford Tudor Sedan	18-152352
8 Y 2938	CECIL MUNITHAN, 1345 Washington, Redlands Descr. Born 12/9/16; 5'7" ; 145# ; bl. eyes ; br. hair ; single.	1929 Ford Coupe	A 867817
6 N 5622	CARL E. ROSE, 515 W. 8th St., Pomona Descr. Born 2/22/13; 5'10" ; 140# ; bl. eyes ; br. hair ; single.	1929 Ford coupe	INV 65984
9 T 7166	G. W. MADILL, 2170 E. Anaheim, Long Beach Descr: Born 6/24/08; 6'1" ; 190# ; bl. hair ; lt. green eyes ; married.	1930 Ford Coupe	A-2399894
1 Z 3580	CLAUDE WEIGEL, 468 D, San Bernardino Descr. Born 11/22/97; 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 150# ; bl. eyes ; lt. hair ; single in 1936	1931 Chev. coupe	2468966
7 V 3186	C. M. EAGLE, 2612 Idell St., Los Angeles	1928 Willlys Knight Sedan	80331
1 X 8183	HENRY M. TROTH, 801 S. Orange Grove, Los Angeles Descr. Born 8/20/83; 5'10" ; 165# ; br. eyes & hair ; Single in 1936. Car reported stolen 3/11/37 by Riverside, Cal. Police; never reported recovered, according to National Automobile Theft Bureau.	1937 Ford Deluxe touring tudor	18-3442765
9 K 8247	FLOYD RUDDICK, Rt. 1, Box 425, Reedley, Cal. Descr: Born 1/9/12; 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; 125# ; bl. eyes ; bl. hair.	1930 Ford Standard coupe	A 2219663

1 R 6988 ALDEN BAUM, 627 No. 1936 Pontiac 6-205183 CM  
Poinsettia Pl., Hollywood Coupe  
Descr: Born 1/9/13; 6'1"; 150#; bl. eyes;  
br. hair; single in 1934.

6 U 528 L. W. RICHARDSON 1934 Chev. 4469026  
907 1/2 N. Hicks, Los Angeles 4-door sedan  
Descr: Born 11/10/89; 5'8"; 130#; br. eyes;  
bl. hair.

6 V 9076 ARTHUR F. PHELPS, 1136 1931 Austin L 7644  
Santee St., Los Angeles coupe  
Descr. 39 in 1928; 5'9"; 145#; br. eyes;  
br. hair.

8 U 7728 GEORGE KINISTER, #6 1930 Ford A 3202387  
Gaviota, Long Beach Sedan  
Car registered in Wisconsin in 1936

6 Q 3273 HELEN ELIZABETH BROWN, 1936 Ford 18-3384489  
Box 105, Hinkley, Calif. Deluxe Tudor  
Descr: Born 1/6/04; 5'4"; 134#; br. eyes; br. hair;  
Single.

Although it appears at this time that RICHARD T. GALATAS was not the purchaser of the booklets, as his whereabouts have been fixed at a place other than Portland, Oregon, on December 15 and 16, nevertheless his physical description should be kept in mind when interviewing the owners of the aforementioned automobiles.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Bureau  
Oklahoma City

P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 15, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 147E;  
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 147I;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 5, 1938, directed to the Omaha office, copies of which were sent to the San Francisco and Little Rock Offices. It is noted in this letter that you state unless specifically requested by the San Francisco Office to interview the relatives and correspondents of Henry Hawk, #333-A2, that investigation will not be made.

It is desired that these relatives and correspondents be interviewed for whatever information they may possess, regardless of the information obtained from Henry Hawk.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
San Francisco

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TWELVE TEN LOCUST STREET, PHILADELPHIA, HAD ONE BROTHER, A BACHELLOR,  
NOW DECEASED. HAS NO RELATIVES NAMED RALPH ROE AND NO STRANGE MAN  
VISITED HIS OFFICE BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY SIXTH, LAST.

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TO BE MADE BY AGENTS YOUR DISTRICT

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- Mr. Clegg .....
- Mr. Coffey .....
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January 10, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ

I called Mr. Pieper at San Francisco and inquired when he will be able to release the four agents on special Assignment there in connection with this case, inasmuch as the Bureau believes his office can adequately carry on the investigation now.

Mr. Pieper stated he is releasing the men as quickly as he possibly can. In fact, he said he has only had three men on the case from other offices, Perry having returned to his office of assignment some time ago. He stated Agent Wood is leaving for Portland tonight and believes that he can release Olson and Myerson by Thursday of this week.

He indicated he is checking the automobiles which passed through the checking station from Portland down along with the routine work in the state.

Respectfully,

*L. R. Pennington*  
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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 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, with particular reference 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. Messages to be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available. 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	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**  
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EL PASO, TEXAS, DECEMBER 30, 1937

N. J. L. PIEPER  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
RM 1729, ONE ELEVEN SUTTER BLDG.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE EFP JAMES ROE AND WANDA STUKEY NOW RESIDING HOBBS NEW MEXICO BOTH STATE LEARNED OF ESCAPE THROUGH NEWSPAPERS AND KNOW OF NO CONTACTS OF RALPH. JAMES ROE APPARENTLY IN HOBBS DATE OF ESCAPE UNABLE LOCATE CLARA BELLE SWANN AT HOBBS.

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TYPE OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
1206 TOWER PETROLEUM BLDG.  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFF REFERENCE REPORT LISTERMAN KANSASCITY TWENTY EIGHTH INSTANT DALLAS WILL IGNORE LEAD AT BIG SPRING AS JAMES ROE AND WANDA STUKEY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT HOBBS NEWMEXICO.

COLVIN

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SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 1937

TO: _____	Mr. Nathan	_____	Mr. Potter
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*Murphy*  
 G. J. ENGERT



UNITED STATES  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
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SUITE 1729 - 111 SUTTER  
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DIRECTOR,  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AT 9th ST., N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Att. Tech. Lab.

Fragile - Glass

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

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

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,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Technical Laboratory (enclosure)  
cc Oklahoma City

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
January 8, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
Myron E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937.

Page 26 of this report indicated that Mrs.  
M. T. ~~PETTYJOHN~~, wife of M. T. ~~PETTYJOHN~~, Alcatraz #128, was  
living at Watsonville, California. Special Agent Louis D.  
Wine made inquiry at Watsonville and learned from Postmaster  
Harry Bridgewater that Mrs. ~~RUTH PETTYJOHN~~, receiving mail at  
Box 492, Watsonville, on November 29, 1937 left an order to  
have her mail forwarded to Box 381, Ballinger, Texas.

Investigation at Watsonville indicated that  
Mrs. Pettyjohn used the names ~~RUTH WORTIN~~, ~~RUTH HOWARD~~ and ~~RUTH  
PETTYJOHN~~ and received mail under all of these names. She is  
known to have operated a house of prostitution in Watsonville,  
and recently attended a beauty college and may be operating  
such a shop at Ballinger. The description of Mrs. Pettyjohn is  
as follows: About 31, height 5' 8", bobbed hair, blue eyes, nasal  
voice, hooked nose.

As requested in reference report, Mrs. Pettyjohn  
should be located and interviewed, and this matter should receive  
expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

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

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Oklahoma City

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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
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# Postal Telegraph

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
JANUARY 11, 1938

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H E ANDERSEN  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
302 FEDERAL BUILDING  
BUTTE, MONTANA

THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE IO ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE ETAL EFP. REFER YOUR TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST CONCERNING BARBARA M BOYATT. COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION HERE ADVISES BOYATT NOW LOCATED ONE NINE FOUR MONTANA STREET SANFRANCISCO CALIFORNIA. SANFRANCISCO DIVISION ADVISED

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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 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 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, a one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery 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 us by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of us.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in which the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to be by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the conditions enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respects in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO 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 9:00 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.

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### CLASSES OF SERVICE

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**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of Code language permitted.

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**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 posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting (London, "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post, explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as on For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THESE FOREGOING.

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
January 8, 1938

RE: RALPH ROE, w/as, FUGITIVE  
THEODORE COLE, w/as, FUGITIVE  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Mr. Stanley B. Parker,  
Commander, San Francisco Division,  
U. S. Coast Guard,  
Custom House,  
San Francisco, California

Dear Commander Parker:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January fifth, together with a copy of your report regarding the search for the bodies of the escaped Alcatraz convicts, RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

A review of your report reflects a very thorough patrol of the areas mentioned. I wish to thank you in behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the excellent and efficient cooperation the United States Coast Guard has rendered.

The courteous service given by Chief Boatswain M. Larsson, Officer of U. S. Coast Guard Patrol Boat #412, and Chief Quartermaster R. C. Wilson, Officer of the U. S. Coast Guard Patrol Boat #443, as well as their crews, while patrols were being made on the Bay, is very greatly appreciated.

I wish to commend the Life Guard Section of your service for the efficient manner used in handling unknown dead persons who were removed from the Bay during this time.

Hoping to be of assistance to you in any matters of mutual interest, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau

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JAN 14 1938 P. M.  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-8-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24 to 31/37 1/2,3,4/38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. P. Kramer RS</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471; RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Escaped Federal Prisoners.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance maintained on home of Violet Dawson at Bell, Calif., from December 18 to 31, 1937, and on home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole at Woodlake, Calif., from December 26 to 31, 1937, with negative results. Coles received card from Floyd Hill, Leavenworth Penitentiary, and advise Hill was close friend of fugitive Cole. Investigation conducted as to various individuals entering California from Oregon on December 15 and 16, 1937. San Pedro fishing boat reported to have picked up two men in San Francisco Bay, but investigation disclosed no connection instant case. Reports as to presence of fugitives at Los Banos, Calif., and Planada, Calif., found erroneous. Investigation as to Earl V. Nicholson, Joe Roberts, Helen Payne and Frank H. Porter failed to develop direct information as to fugitives. Attempts to locate C. W. Butcher being continued. Mail tracings being forwarded to office of origin. Photographs furnished to postmasters and police departments at Bell and Woodlake, California.

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**REFERENCE:**

Conference teletype from Kansas City, 12-24-37;  
Report of SA R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, 12-27-37;  
" " " B. F. Fitzsimons, Peoria, 12-27-37;  
Teletype from San Francisco, 12-27-37;  
Letter from Portland, 12-28-37;

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Teletype from Aberdeen, 12-29-37;  
Report of SA Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, 12-29-37;  
Telegram from San Francisco, 12-29-37;  
Conference teletype to San Francisco and Bureau, 12-30-37;  
Teletype from Butte, 12-30-37;  
Letter to Kansas City, 12-31-37;  
" from Seattle, 12-31-37.

DETAILS:

On December 26, 1937, it was observed by the agents on duty at the plant being maintained on the home of VIOLET DAWSON at Bell, California, at which place MR. & MRS. FRED COLE were visiting over the holidays, that the Coles were departing in their automobile. Upon the receipt of this information at the Los Angeles office, Special Agent H. A. Smith and the writer proceeded immediately to Woodlake, California, arriving in that city at 9:30 P. M. the same date. A surveillance of the Cole residence, located two and one-half miles southeast of Woodlake, California, was maintained from this time until instructions were received from Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson on the afternoon of December 31, 1937, to discontinue the surveillance.

During this period of surveillance, agents contacted numerous persons in the vicinity of Woodlake, California, and in the city itself, but due to the fact that no direct information as to the presence of either of the fugitives in that vicinity was obtained, the names of these individuals are not being set out in this report.

During the period of surveillance mentioned above, daily contacts were made with both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, who throughout this period reiterated their original promises to cooperate with the Bureau in the apprehension of the fugitives.

On December 28, 1937, during an interview with Postmaster EDITH DAY, Woodlake, the writer was told by Miss Day that she suspected that MRS. FRED COLE was dispatching her mail from some other point, inasmuch as she had deposited no mail in the Woodlake Post Office since the instant escape, whereas prior to this date Mrs. Cole had posted considerable mail. On this same date, Mrs. Cole was observed by agents to depart in the Cole automobile and was followed by agents to Exeter, California, where she did some shopping. Inasmuch as agents were known to Mrs. Cole, it was impossible to maintain close contact with her, and it was not definitely established as to whether or not she visited the post office there. However, immediately after Mrs. Cole's departure from Exeter, agents contacted Postmaster W. M. McCLEAREN, who made a search of the outgoing mail which was in the drop box at that time and advised that there was no mail addressed to any persons or cities which would indicate that same was mailed by Mrs. Fred Cole.



Postmaster McClearn was advised as to Mrs. Cole's connection with the instant case and was requested to watch both incoming and outgoing mail for possible letters addressed to or sent by Mrs. Cole, and he was furnished with the names and addresses of Mrs. Cole's relatives to assist in this procedure.

A search was also made by Postmaster McClearn of the box rentals, and he advised that there was no box rented to Mrs. Fred Cole, and that due to the very large number of General Delivery patrons he was unable to state as to whether Mrs. Fred Cole was receiving mail through General Delivery at the Post Office, but that he would be on the alert for any mail received for her in the future.

On December 31, 1937, it was ascertained from Postmaster Day at Woodlake, California, that the Coles had received what appeared to be a greeting card enclosed in an envelope addressed to Mrs. and Mr. Cole at Box 215, Woodlake, California, bearing the return address Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, and postmarked Leavenworth, Kansas, December 27, 1937. Tracings were made of this piece of mail. Later, in an interview with FRED COLE, he volunteered the information that they had that day received a greeting card from FLOYD HILL at Leavenworth Penitentiary, and exhibited this card to agents and delivered it to the writer, stating that he did not wish to keep it and was willing to furnish it for any value it might have in the investigation.

It was noted that this card was a regular Christmas greeting card and bore the handwriting notation: "Please don't worry Mother, I think he is safe." This card was signed by FLOYD A. HILL. The card and envelope were both subjected to heat but no evidence of secret writing was observed. This card is being maintained in the Los Angeles file until such time as it may be pertinent in the investigation.

It should be stated here that during previous interviews, both MR. & MRS. FRED COLE had been questioned by the writer as to their knowledge of FLOYD HILL and HUGH BUTCHER, it being recalled that investigation in the case entitled "HUGH BUTCHER, with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Alleged Plot of Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape", had developed that one HUGH BUTCHER, upon his release from Alcatraz, was found to be in possession of several notes indicating that he was to contact MRS. FRED COLE at Woodlake, California, and request her to get in touch with "FLOYD". During these original interviews, FRED COLE stated that he had no knowledge of a FLOYD HILL, or anyone else having a name similar to this. MRS. FRED COLE stated that she recalled a FLOYD HILL but was unable to definitely place him.

After being shown the above mentioned greeting card, MRS. FRED COLE was vigorously interviewed as to her connection with FLOYD HILL. She appeared very unresponsive to questioning about same but reluctantly admitted that she knew Floyd Hill had been incarcerated with her son, THEODORE COLE, in the McAlester Penitentiary, and had also served time with Theodore Cole in Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that during these periods FLOYD HILL and her son had become great

friends, and that they had manufactured a fountain-pen set which they had sent to her for a Christmas present some years ago. She stated that she had received two or three letters from FLOYD HILL, who seemed to accept her as a mother. She stated, however, that she had never communicated with Floyd Hill directly, although she had sent greetings to him in letters addressed to her son.

When it was pointed out to Mrs. Cole that at the time Floyd Hill and her son were incarcerated together her address was different from her present address, Mrs. Cole was unable to account for the fact that Hill did have her correct address in Woodlake, California, stating that she had not furnished it to him and had no knowledge as to how he had obtained it.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cole were again vigorously interviewed as to any visits they may have had from released prisoners from Alcatraz, and both denied that they had ever received any such visits or that they had any knowledge of HUGH BUTCHER. Mrs. Cole also stated that since her son had been confined in Alcatraz he had made no mention to her of FLOYD HILL.

The above information was furnished to the Kansas City Division by letter on December 31, 1937, with the request that FLOYD HILL be interviewed at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Upon receiving instructions from Special Agent in Charge Hanson that the surveillance of the Cole home was to be discontinued, arrangements were made with the following individuals in Woodlake, California, so that any information obtained by them would be forwarded to the Los Angeles Division:-

R. C. BROWN, Constable;  
TOM ARCHER, Deputy Constable;  
MISS EDITH DAY, Postmaster;  
WALTER STEPHAN, filling station operator;  
MR. LEON BDMAT, groceryman;  
MRS. LEON BDMAT, restaurant keeper;  
DENNIS WELTON, druggist;  
LORNEY PAZNE, barber;  
C. J. JACKSON, farmer;  
BERT USRY, farmer and neighbor of the Coles;  
GEORGE NASHVILLE, farmer and neighbor of the Coles;  
JOE YORK, farmer and neighbor of the Coles.

The address and telephone number of the Los Angeles Division were left with each of these individuals, together with the telephone numbers of Special Agent in Charge Hanson and Special Agent H. A. Smith. Arrangements were made at the local telephone office to cover all telephone calls and telegrams received or sent by the Coles. A mail cover also has been placed on the mail addressed to and mailed by the Coles.

MR. FRED COLE, who had previously promised his full cooperation, was also contacted by Agents and re-affirmed his original promise to cooperate. The Federal Harboring Statute was again explained to Mr. Cole, and he was also advised of the fact that the Bureau would pay a reasonable sum for any information furnished to this office as to the whereabouts of either of the fugitives.

With the completion of these arrangements, the surveillance on the COLE home was discontinued at 4:30 P. M., December 31, 1937.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. N. Franke:

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA:

A twenty-four hour plant was maintained at the home of LEONARD STAMPFLI, 6248½ Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, where Agents of the Los Angeles Field Division watched the home of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, half-sister of Subject COLE, from December 18 to 31st, 1937, inclusive, at which time the plant was discontinued upon instructions received from SAC JOHN H. HANSON. This plant was maintained by Special Agents Franke, Stone, Miller and Tomlinson and a complete log was kept of the activities of Mr. and Mrs. DAWSON, which log is being retained in the Los Angeles Field Division file.

It may be stated that no information of value was received at all and it was particularly noted that the DAWSONS retired early at night and had no company at all except Mrs. DAWSON's mother who visited them during Christmas time. Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD STAMPFLI were given identification orders and promised to keep a surveillance of the DAWSON home, which they stated could only be done during the evening and over the weekend inasmuch as they both work during the day. They were given the telephone number and address of the Los Angeles Field Division and promised to communicate immediately with it should they obtain any information value.

LOUIS S. STIVERS, mail carrier, advised Agent on December 31, 1937, that he was keeping a constant surveillance on the DAWSON home, but had no information of value to report. He was also given identification orders for Subjects and promised his utmost cooperation in the future.

LEE BORN, Postmaster, Bell, California, advised Agent Franke on December 31, 1937, that he had instructed Mr. STIVERS to pay particular attention to the DAWSON home and stated that this would be done in the future. He also stated that as a result of the mail cover previously placed by the Los Angeles office he had to report that they did not receive much mail at all except a few Christmas cards, which he noted to be from the following parties:

AMEY GIBSON at West Point, California; Aunt LAURA at Hennessey, Oklahoma; MR. and MRS. HAROLD DAWSON, Lindsay, California; sympathy card from Mrs. W. P. CRUMLEY, Woodlake, California; AUNT LAURA at Lindsay, California; card from "RAY" at Monterey Park, California.

At the time of Agent's interview with Mr. BOREN he stated that his office had just received a letter which was to be delivered to the DAWSON family and the same was shown to Agent and it was noted that it was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DAWSON, being postmarked at Liberal, Kansas, December 28, 1937, at 7:30 P. M., and bore the return address of C. L. LULLER, Liberal, Kansas.

Inasmuch as the plant was discontinued it was deemed advisable to conduct further inquiries among other neighbors and have them watch the DAWSON home. Mr. BOREN previously advised Agent Franke that WILLIAM B. McCLURE, whose home address is 6224 Gifford Avenue, telephone Lafayette 4735, and who operates the Bell Auto Top Shop at 6234 Gifford, which is immediately north of the DAWSON home, was a reliable business man and could be trusted. Therefore, Mr. Franke personally contacted Mr. McCLURE and had him come to his office at the Postoffice Building, at which time the facts relative to Subject's escape were discussed with Mr. McCLURE and he was told the relationship existing between Mrs. DAWSON and Subject COLE. McCLURE stated he has known the DAWSON family for approximately a year, this being the time they have lived at their present address, but that he is not personally acquainted with them. He was given identifications orders on the Subjects and he promised his utmost cooperation and stated that during the day he is continuously either in his shop or in the back yard and has an excellent view of both front and rear views of the DAWSON home. He further advised that should he receive any information at all he would immediately notify the Los Angeles Field Division.

WILLARD B. STEELE, Chief of Police, Bell, California, was reinterviewed by Agent Franke, at which time he was advised that the plant was being discontinued. He was, therefore, requested to instruct his officers to pay particular attention to the DAWSON home for any individuals who may be Subjects and he stated that he would give the Los Angeles Field Division his utmost cooperation and he, himself, personally would pay particular attention to the DAWSON home. The Chief advised that he had identification orders on Subjects, which he had shown to his men and he was also given a standup and head photograph of Subject COLE, the same being taken at the time of COLE's arrest at Dallas, Texas.

MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, was again interviewed by Agent Franke on December 31, after all of the above contacts were made and she stated she had no additional information concerning Subject COLE. She further advised that her mother and step-father visited

them during the Christmas holidays, at which time her mother expressed the firm opinion that Subject COLE was dead as she stated that her mother had that feeling. Mrs. DAWSON reiterated that she would cooperate with the Los Angeles Field Division.

Photographs of Subjects also have been placed in the Los Angeles bank robbery album.

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On December 17, 1937, Special Agent in Charge Hanson received a telephone call from an individual giving the name of FRANK H. PORTER, who stated that he had been confined in a military prison at Alcatraz Island and had later been transferred by the military authorities to the Department of Justice and had been incarcerated in Alcatraz as No. 305. This individual stated that he had worked with subject Cole on the dock and had been approached by Cole with plans for an escape, and was requested to contact someone on the outside for aid. Porter stated that he had already furnished this information to the San Francisco Division office. He also advised that he was satisfied that both of the subjects were still on the Island.

Porter stated that while he was confined at Alcatraz the chief topic of conversation among the prisoners was the possibility of escape, and that he had had conversations with subject COLE as to plans for such an escape; that Cole had planned to secure a five-foot length of garden hose and conceal himself under the dock, breathing through the garden hose, and later, under cover of darkness, make his getaway to the mainland. Porter stated that he could be reached through the Federal Probation Office and that his present address was 108 North Adams Street, Glendale, California.

This information was immediately communicated to the San Francisco Division by Special Agent in Charge Hanson by telephone.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on December 27, 1937, at Glendale, California.

C. A. STURDVAANT, employed by the War Department, 108 North Adams Street, Glendale, California, advised that FRANK H. PORTER, his mother and brother rented a room at that address and stayed for one week, leaving on Dec. 18, 1937, with no forwarding address. Agent Horn ascertained that Porter left no forwarding address at the Glendale Post Office and that the Glendale Police Department had no other address for Porter.

It was also ascertained telephonically from the Federal Probation Office that the last address that office had for PORTER was 108 North Adams Street, Glendale, California, and that Porter was not due to report again until January 1, 1938; and that MR. SNIVELY, the Probation Officer handling the case, was out of town until after January 1, 1938.

With reference to individuals in California entering from Oregon on December 15 and 16, 1937, and in connection with the investigation as to the purchase of Department of Commerce charts in Portland, Oregon, the following investigation has been conducted.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (A) J. C. Sloane, Los Angeles, on December 29, 1937:-

MR. W. D. NIELSON, telephone DRexel 0065, 457 Bonnie Brae, the La Grace Apartments, Los Angeles, advised that his brother, J. M. NIELSON, Marysville, Kansas, was not presently visiting him, nor was he with Mrs. Nielson's father, F. ZYBACH, at Long Beach, California.

A. S. NIELSON further advised that his brother and family have been in Cornelius, Oregon, for some time, and that they stopped here and spent a few days with him on their way back home. Mr. Nielson advised that his brother left Los Angeles by automobile about 4:00 P. M. on the evening of December 21, 1937. He was not in a position to give any information regarding his brother's activities while in Cornelius, and he did not know whether his brother had been in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn at Fresno, California, on January 2, 1938:-

EARL VIVIAN NICHOLSON, 2516 Washington Street, Fresno, California, advised that he has rented an apartment and is moving to 1317 "P" Street tomorrow, January 3, 1938; that he has a home at Box 2004, Route 8, Portland, Ore., where he has lived for seven years; that he was working as a dancing instructor; that he and his wife came to California to visit FRANK H. SMITH and his wife who reside at the Washington Street address, and that he is planning on building and operating an auto camp at Fresno.

Mr. Nicholson professed no knowledge concerning the purchase of Department of Commerce booklets or charts, and stated that he made no inquiries in Portland concerning currents or tides in the San Francisco region. Nicholson is described as being about 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, partly grey, blue eyes, and stout build.

With reference to teletype from Aberdeen Division, dated December 29, 1937, Special Agent (A) E. P. Hair conducted the following investigation on December 30, 1937, January 3 and 4, 1938:

TOSTEN H. FOLKESTAD was interviewed at 723 Orizaba Ave., Long Beach, California. With him at the time of the interview were his wife, a son of his wife's, ALLEN L. HOLMQUIST, and the wife of the latter. All of these persons were on the automobile trip taken recently. FOLKESTAD advised that they had left their home in South Dakota on November 19, 1937; that they had visited in Portland, Oregon for three or four days and while there visited JIM CHASE at 1927 S.E. 35th Place. From there they went to Silverton, Oregon where they spent four or five days and then proceeded to Long Beach, California, arriving on Saturday, December 18, 1937. They checked back and found that they had been in Silverton from December 9th to December 14th and therefore were not in Portland around December 15th since they proceeded directly from Silverton to Long Beach. All of these people stated that they did not make any inquiry regarding Pacific Coast current tables or any pamphlets regarding tides in the San Francisco Bay; that they have no interest whatsoever in any subject or similar subjects.

FOLKESTAD advised that he is well-acquainted with ANDREW SAMPSON and the other persons who were in SAMPSON'S automobile on their recent trip. He said that they had not made the entire trip together, but they had met SAMPSON and his party in Silverton, Oregon and they had proceeded to Long Beach together. FOLKESTAD said that he felt positive that SAMPSON and the people in his party had not made any inquiry regarding the ocean currents or tides. He said that he did not know the exact address of these people but thought they could be located through ANNA GUNDERSON in Pasadena.

Agent communicated with ANNA GUNDERSON, 1236 No. Sierra Bonita, Pasadena, by telephone and she advised that SAMPSON and the other people with him called at her house occasionally but she did not know their exact address. She stated that she would ascertain their address when she saw them next. Agent later ascertained that they could be reached at 7000 Sherman Way, Bell, California. At this address, Agent found MRS. A. H. GARDNER who said that she was a friend of SAMPSON'S and that they called at her house frequently while on their visit to California and she said



that they had discussed with MR. FOLKESTAD of Long Beach the matter regarding which Agent made inquiry. She said that all of these people mentioned that they had not made any such inquiries regarding tides or currents although they had passed through Portland but had stopped there only long enough to eat lunch. She advised, in addition to the people mentioned in the teletype of reference, that LORRAINE HOLLAND, a niece of SAMPSON'S, had accompanied them.

MRS. GARDNER said that SAMPSON had mentioned getting in touch with Agent after learning that inquiry was being made, but had decided that inasmuch as he had no information regarding the matter he would not have to do so. Agent informed her that under the circumstances he did not believe that it would be necessary for SAMPSON to personally be interviewed or communicate with the Los Angeles Division.

Investigation with regard to DR. W. REGINALD FISHLEIGH and WELLS GWINN, mentioned in reference letter from the Seattle Division dated December 31, 1937, has so far been unsuccessful in locating either of these persons.

VIRGIL LONG, 9536 San Carlos Avenue, South Gate, Calif., was interviewed on the evening of December 28, 1937, regarding the article in the newspapers reporting that a man believed to be RALPH ROE had been given a ride by Long from Oxnard to Los Angeles.

Long advised Special Agent (A) E. P. Hair that on Wednesday, December 22, 1937, he was making his usual early morning round-trip from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara for the B. & R. Transportation Company in a Chevrolet truck, and about 10:30 A. M. on his return he stopped at Pete's Restaurant in Oxnard, California, for something to eat. He was reading a newspaper, and while there he was asked for a ride to Santa Monica, Calif., by a man, and he agreed. The man, after getting to Santa Monica, decided he would continue on into Los Angeles, first stating that his folks lived near the point where First and Second Streets come together, but deciding to get off the truck at Pico and Sawtelle in Los Angeles, as he had a friend in that vicinity. This was about 12:30 or 1:00 P. M. the same day.

Long later ascertained that this man had asked another person in Pete's Restaurant in Oxnard for a lift, and had been refused, and this person told a waiter that he believed the man might be one of the fugitives from Alcatraz. The waiter was JIM KERRICK, son of a former Oxnard chief of police, and he tried to have the Highway Patrol stop the truck en route, but they were unable to do so. Long was shown the pictures in a newspaper, and he thought the man who had accompanied him bore some resemblance to ROE.

Long stated that the suspect carried a large grip, which was of grey metal, and was quite heavy. He spoke with an accent and said he had been in this country for six years, coming from Hungary. Long thought the accent was like that of a Swede. The man did not mention his name but they talked about various things on the trip, and he said that he was from Klamath Falls, Oregon, and was going to spend the holidays in Los Angeles. He wore a button which he said was for a Klamath Falls Taxi Drivers' Union.

When this individual got off the truck at Pico and Sawtelle, in answer to a kidding remark about a girl, the man said it was a male friend. Long does not know which way he went and has not seen him since. Long, after furnishing a description of the man, which does not fit Roe, was shown several pictures including those of Roe and Cole. He looked at them and said that none of them was a picture of the man he had given a ride. He then was shown the pictures on the Identification Orders, and he said the picture of Roe thereon was probably the picture he had seen in the paper, and he thought it bore some resemblance, but the other picture of Roe shown him by agent, which was much more clear, was said by Long not to be the man. The description of this unknown person, as given by Long, is as follows:-

Age	26 to 28 years
H eight	5' 8"
Weight	170 to 175 lbs.
Build	Fairly heavy
Eyes	Possibly blue
Hair	Brown, parted on left
Peculiarities	Described as odd individual, chiefly because of thin face, sunken cheeks, and long narrow chin, which seemed twisted to one side.
Dress	No hat; black wool trousers with small red stripe; jacket of lumber-jack type; clothing fairly clean and neat.
Nationality	Claims to be Hungarian.
Speech	Spoke with accent.

Informant stated that he did not expect to see the man again, but that if he does he will notify the Los Angeles Bureau office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on December 31, 1937, at Merced, California.

In company with Deputy Sheriff M. M. MORSE, Agent Horn interviewed VERNE MCDANIEL, Merced County Jail. He advised that neither his father nor his mother, MR. & MRS. BEN MCDANIEL, Livingston, California, is related to TED COLE or his family; that, however, Ben McDaniel and his wife are acquainted with Ted Cole's family at Woodlake, California, and knew them in Oklahoma; that, however, he, Verne McDaniel, never knew Ted Cole although he and Ted Cole were confined at the same reformatory, the Granite Reformatory, but at different times; that TED COLE was released before he was sent there; that he did a two and one-half year stretch there, and when he was released Ted Cole was in the McAlester Penitentiary.

At Livingston, Calif., BEN MCDANIEL was interviewed by Agent Horn in company with Deputy Sheriff M. M. Morse, and he repeated the information given above by his son, VERNE MCDANIEL. In addition, he stated that he knew TED COLE when the latter was wearing knee breeches in Oklahoma, but just knew him as one of the boys who hung on the rails while they were herding cattle to ship them or to dip them for ticks; that he learned to know Ted Cole among the other boys because he had known his mother and her family, the BRACES, for about twenty years, although not intimately; that he is acquainted with NETTIE BRACE, ERNEST BRACE, and the feeble-minded sister, all presently living at Stroud, Oklahoma. He advised that he knew Fred Cole in Oklahoma because he had known his wife, and that they went to the same church.

Ben McDaniel also advised that he knew of RALPH ROE in Oklahoma and that the latter associated with WILBUR UNDERHILL before the latter was killed. He stated that Ralph Roe went with AMY PAYNE (deceased), daughter of BRUCE PAYNE, then living at Depew, Oklahoma; that Bruce's son, J. B. PAYNE is in the McAlester Penitentiary for robbery of the Payden, Oklahoma, bank; that "WHITEY" PAYNE, Bruce's brother, was killed at Tulsa, Okla., in a gambling brawl, and another brother of Bruce was killed in a roadhouse near Bristow, Oklahoma; that JESS PAYNE shot a fellow in Stroud, Oklahoma, in 1925 or 1926 and was living at Drumright, Oklahoma, when last known; that Bruce has a son whose name is not known to him; that the Paynes are a lawless bunch and that they are the best contacts RALPH ROE has in Oklahoma. He advised Agent Horn as a tip to watch the Paynes in order to catch Roe if he is alive.

McDaniel stated that it is being reported in the vicinity of Livingston that TED COLE is his nephew, and that he does not know who started the report but that it is not true; that he is not related to the Coles in any way. The Harboring Statute was explained to Ben McDaniel, but he stated that he was already aware of it; that he did not want anything to do with either COLE or ROE, and that if he obtained any information about either he would give it to Sheriff CORNELL.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on December 30, 1937, at Los Banos, California.

While Agent Horn was exhibiting the photographs of RALPH ROE and TED COLE to C. L. MARTIN, night police officer, Los Banos, he advised that the build of Cole in the full-length photograph resembled a man who worked at the Liberty Cafe scrubbing floors and washing dishes from midnight to about 2:30 A. M. during the night of December 29, 1937. He further advised that this fellow and another fellow first appeared in Los Banos about 10:30 P. M. after the arrival of a freight train.

ALLAN FAY SIMMONS RILEY, whom Agent was investigating in another matter, advised that he had drunk a cup of coffee in the Liberty Cafe while the man mentioned by Officer Martin was scrubbing the floor. Agent Horn exhibited the photographs of Roe and Cole to Riley and he picked out the photograph of Roe and advised that the man who was working in the Liberty Cafe resembled that photograph.

MANUEL LEMA, night operator of the Liberty Cafe, was contacted by Agent Horn in company with Constable LEWIS HULEN. Agent Horn spread various photographs of Roe and Cole on the table, and before the agent could open the conversation Lema immediately picked out the photograph of RALPH ROE and stated emphatically that that man worked for him for about two hours and a half the previous night. He stated that about 12:00 midnight the man came in and said that he was hungry, and asked if he could not wash the dishes; that he, Lema, told him that if he washed the dishes and scrubbed the floor he would give him a meal and fifty cents; that the man was a good worker, and after he had finished he told him he could get a room with the Chinaman, but he replied that his partner had a bed-roll and that they were staying in the jungles at the third cabin from the road where there were three cabins in a row; that just prior to going to work, this man had gone outside the restaurant and had spoken to a man who was apparently his partner, and whom Lema did not see.

Lema described this man as about 30 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 160 pounds, brown hair, one and one-half inch scar about the hairline on his right forehead, and dressed in a dark grey suit. Questioned as to whether he noticed anything on the back of the man's left hand, Lema stated that while the man was washing dishes he noticed something blue which he thought to be a ring on the back of his little finger on his left hand. He advised that when he paid the man the fifty cents, the man asked him if he could return the next night and work, and that Lema told him he could; that the man then said that if he were in town he would return. Lema stated that while this man was in the cafe, Officers C. L. MARTIN and JOSEPH DeGREGORI were the only persons he could remember being in the cafe.

Agent Horn then asked Lema if he knew whose photographs<sup>there</sup> exhibited were, and he said he did not. The agent then exhibited the identification orders on Roe and Cole to Lema, and he became excited and again identified the photograph of Roe, stating that he was sure and that he had a "hunch" that the man who worked for him the previous night was Roe, although he admitted that he was not very good at identifying faces.

Agent Horn again questioned Lema concerning the description of the man, and he stated that he was six feet tall and that the scar was just above his right eyebrow instead of at the hairline.

Officer JOSEPH DeGREGORI was interviewed at his home, and after viewing the photographs of Cole and Roe could not identify either, stating that he did not pay any particular attention to the man while he was working in the cafe. He did pick out the full-length photograph of TED COLE as resembling the build of the man. He stated that the man, in his estimation, was not six feet tall and was about 5 feet 8 inches tall. He stated that he saw the man again alone about 7:00 A. M. when he was turning out the lights on the street; that the man came walking by and he recognized him as the man who had worked in the cafe, and they exchanged a good-morning greeting.

Officer MARTIN was again contacted and advised that he could not make any identification; that he did not pay any particular attention to the man, and that MANUEL LEMA was the only one who had spoken with the man while in the cafe and had been there with him for about two and a half hours, during which time he and Officer DeGregori had gone in and out of the cafe. Martin stated that when he first saw the two men about 10:30 P. M., they were walking from the railroad tracks where the freight train had just pulled in, and that they asked him for a bed in the jail; that the night was very foggy, wet and cold, but that he had no room in the jail; that he again saw the two men, one of whom he recognized as the man who had worked in the Liberty Cafe, walking toward the railroad tracks about 2:30 A. M. when a freight train was preparing to pull out.

In company with Officer Martin, California State Highway Patrolman BOB JOHNSON and Deputy Constables JACK STEVES and RICHARD PEART, agent interviewed the occupants of all cabins and dugouts in the "jungles", all groups gathered around campfires and all occupants of box-cars on the railroad tracks, but failed to locate fugitives or the man who had worked at the Liberty Cafe and his companion. In company with Officers Martin and DeGregori, the agent maintained a surveillance of the Liberty Cafe until 1:00 A. M., but the man did not reappear for work. The surveillance was continued throughout the night by Officers Martin and DeGregori while they were on duty, without result.

Reference is made to telegram from the San Francisco Division regarding the possibility that fugitive RALPH ROE might be at Planada, California. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on December 31, 1937:-

N. L. CORNELL, Sheriff, Merced, California, exhibited to the agent a letter from RUBY E. WILSON, postmaster, Planada, California, dated December 28, 1937, which advised that there is a man stopping at the Planada Hotel fitting the general description of RALPH ROE; that this man drove up in an old car across the street from the Post Office about a week previous in company with a smaller man who did not get out of the car; that this man ran across the street and mailed two cards, one to Long Beach, California, and the other to Oklahoma; that the car and driver disappeared and has not been seen since, but that the tall man with a scar on his face is believed to be working in the kitchen of the Planada Hotel for his meals; that the few times he has come to the Post Office he acted suspiciously and hid his face. Cornell advised that he sent Deputy Sheriff M. M. MORSE to investigate. Morse advised Agent Horn that he had viewed the man referred to by Miss Wilson from a short distance and ascertained that he did not resemble Roe.

In company with Deputy Sheriff Morse, Agent Horn interviewed Postmaster RUBY E. WILSON, Planada, California, who could furnish no additional information, except that the following parcels of mail are awaiting delivery to this man:-

Letter postmarked Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 15, 1937, addressed to MR. ROY ROSEBOROUGH, General Delivery, Planada, Calif.; no return address;

Letter postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 23, 1937, addressed to ROY ROSEBORUGE, General Delivery, Planada, Calif., return address Maud Squires, 212 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

Miss Wilson also advised that this man had recently mailed a postcard asking for money to MRS. EVELYN ANDREW, 1061 Chestnut Avenue, Long Beach, Calif., and signed his name ROY SCHNEIDER.

At the Planada Hotel, C. B. SCHLIEPER, Manager, advised that the only guest or recent arrival is RAYMOND SCHNEIDER who recently came from Long Beach, Calif., to visit him; that Schneider is from Perkins County, Nebraska, and that he, Schlieper, has known him and his parents since he was a very small boy; that he is about twenty-two years of age and is a good boy from a good family; that the only other persons in the house besides two permanent guests, who have been with him for a long time, are his wife and his son, age twenty; that Schneider had hitch-hiked to Planada.

RAYMOND SCHNEIDER'S fingerprints were compared by the agent with those of Cole and Roe and were found not to be identical. He verified the information furnished by Schlieper and stated that he had mailed five postcards, all to his relatives in Long Beach, but denied mailing any cards or other correspondence to Tulsa, Oklahoma, or receiving any mail from Tulsa. He advised that he hitch-hiked into Planada, Calif., and walked the last few miles; that he had no companion and that ROY ROSEBOROUGH or ROSEBORUGE is unknown to him. He also advised that he knows no one in Los Angeles, California, and that MAUD SQUIRES is unknown to him.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent G. J. Ross. On December 24, 1937, a telephone call was received from HARRY EVANS of the San Pedro Detective Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department, who advised that Officer POWERS of the San Pedro Police, had received information to the effect that two men had been picked up by a fishing boat near San Francisco about December 20 or 21. Detective Lieutenant EVANS was reporting this information inasmuch as it appeared to him that they might possibly be the men who had escaped from Alcatraz. It was ascertained that Officer POWERS had obtained his information from one RALPH FOSTER of 2636 Denison Avenue.

MR. FOSTER was personally contacted by the writer on December 26, and stated that the boat which had picked the men up was a fishing boat sailing under the name of "Betsey Ross," which fished for the Franco-Italian Packing Company, having offices and factory at the fish wharf in San Pedro.

At the Franco-Italian Packing Company, the writer made arrangements with MR. HOGANE, Assistant Secretary, to be called at the time the "Betsey Ross" came in with a fish load in order that its crew could be interviewed with reference to the men who had been picked up, it having been previously ascertained that it had left San Pedro on a fishing trip. On December 28, 1937, the writer was advised that the "Betsey Ross" was at San Pedro, and proceeded there, at which place its crew was interviewed.

The captain of this vessel is JOHN BRAJCICH. Others on the vessel who were interviewed were PETE SICOLOVICH and a GEORGE DANIELOVICH. These men advised that on Wednesday, December 20, while returning to San Pedro, they had found three men clinging to a buoy just off Santa Monica, California, instead of being near San Francisco as the original report indicated. They stated that the men were JOHN D. SPRENTZ, ALI BORG, and EARL CADMEN, all of Santa Monica, who had been out on a fishing trip; that shortly after picking these men up they came across their little skiff which had gotten away from them; and further that the skiff was provided with fishing equipment bearing out the statement which these men had made that they were out on a little fishing trip from Santa Monica. They described SPRENTZ as being blonde, about 24 years of age, and 5' 11"; CADMEN as being a very small man approximately 38 or 40 years of age; and BORG as being a young man about 20 years of age of German descent.

In view of this development, it is believed that these men are eliminated from further consideration in this case.

Under date of December 25, 1937, the Peoria Division requested that the Los Angeles Office conduct an appropriate investigation with regard to a 1937 Ford Coach bearing Illinois license No. 1563794 issued to DONALD E. WILLIMAN, Bloomington, Illinois, which had passed through California checking station from Oregon on December 15 or 16, this investigation to be conducted with a view to determining whether or not this individual could have been the one who made the inquiry at Portland and requested information regarding the tides at San Francisco Bay. It was ascertained that the owner of this car is Ensign DONALD E. WILLIMAN assigned to the S. S. Maryland which, at that time, was located in the Long Beach Harbor. Ensign WILLIMAN was contacted telephonically by the Los Angeles Office and it was determined from him that his Ford Coach had been driven from Bremerton, Washington, to Long Beach, California, by a seaman named WILLIAMSON, having departed from Bremerton December 14, and arriving at Los Angeles December 23.

Agent interviewed HARRY A. WILLIAMSON, a cousin assigned to the S. S. Maryland, who stated that in fact he left Bremerton at 7:20 A.M. on December 15 and proceeded to Los Angeles, and that at no time did he stop at Portland, Oregon, en route; and he stated definitely that he did not make any inquiries or purchase any booklets there with regard to tides in San Francisco Bay. He stated that in fact he routed his trip so that he did not have to pass through the main part of Portland, Oregon. WILLIAMSON is described as being 37 years, born May 26, 1900, 5' 10", and dark complexioned. He was described by Commander HOWARD J. WELBROOK, the executive officer on the S. S. Maryland, as being a young man of excellent character and one of the finest members of his crew.

The Los Angeles Examiner on December 26, 1937, carried an article to the effect that Coast Guardsmen and Marine lookouts in the San Pedro Police Department were watching for a 14-foot sailing skiff, stating that it had been reported to Sheriff WALTER B. SELLMER of San Pedro as having been stolen from its moorings some time between Sunday, December 19, and Friday, December 24. Inquiry at San Pedro, California, revealed that this was a typographical error in the newspaper and that the theft of this boat had taken place at San Raphael, California, and had been the subject of an all-points bulletin from that place. It was determined at that time that a check had been made by the Coast Guards and the Police at San Pedro with negative results as to the whereabouts of this skiff.



Reference is made to teletype from the San Francisco Division to the Los Angeles Division, 6:25 P.M. December 27, 1937, re: HELEN PAYNE. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. HOAN on December 28 and 29, 1937:

M. E. TRUITT, Retail Merchants Credit Association, Subway Terminal Building, was unable to identify any record of HELEN PAYNE or RUTH L. YOUNG, in whose name, it was ascertained by Agent, the telephone "Albany 0970" at 5957 Benner Street, is listed.

By observation, Agent ascertained that the house at this address is an old, run-down residence, and that the neighborhood is very poor. An old model coupe, California license 8 C 286, was in the garage.

B. E. LANDIS, Manager, Bureau of Power & Light, 5531 Worth Figueroa Street, advised that the light and water is listed in the name of A. S. PAYNE for this residence, and that the original application, signed by MRS. A. S. PAYNE, was filed on October 10, 1930, and the water and light has been in the same name since that date; that the application shows A.S. PAYNE as a steel worker, not regularly employed, last address Independence, Missouri.

At the Security-First National Bank, C. G. TILTON, Assistant Manager, produced closed Savings Accounts as follows:

Account in the name of MRS. A. S. PAYNE, above address, opened June 10, 1933, closed September 19, 1933; occupation housewife; former bank account Kansas City, Missouri; birthplace Missouri; mother's maiden name RUTH ALLEN.

Joint account, A. S. and HELEN E. PAYNE, opened June 5, 1934, closed October 25, 1934, above address; occupation Ascot Speedway.

Account in the name of MISS RUTH YOUNG, above address; opened March 2, 1935, closed November 25, 1935; birthplace Missouri; mother's maiden name SHERWOOD.

E. J. LOWRY, Carrier, Highland Park Post Office, advised that MRS. PAYNE and several children lived at 5957 Benner Street, but he has not seen the man around the premises; that there have been no strange men there in the last week, and that the only man he sees there is a man named WARD, who is a son-in-law of MRS. PAYNE and resided at 5927 Benner Street; that he delivers mail to HELEN PAYNE from Alcatraz, and mail from San Quentin to a neighbor across the street; that he does not consider the family or the neighbors reliable.

No additional information was obtained from the Southern California Gas Company with the exception that A.S. PAYNE is AMMIE S. PAYNE.

On December 29, 1937 the above information was transmitted to the San Francisco Division by telegram, and telegram received on the same date requesting an interview with HELEN PAYNE.

Accordingly, HELEN PAYNE was interviewed by Special Agent LISH WHITSON and Agent. She stated that her son, HENRY O. YOUNG, was sent to McNeil Island and later transferred to Alcatraz and has been confined since 1934; that he formerly served a term in Deer Lodge Penitentiary, Montana, and Walla Walla Penitentiary in Washington; that upon the release of WILLIAM BOYD from Alcatraz, the latter came to her, stating he had a message from her son, but had no message except the harsh treatment given to the prisoners in Alcatraz. Further dealings between WILLIAM BOYD and MRS. HELEN PAYNE are being reported by Agent WHITSON in the case entitled, "KARL CLARK STRAIN, with aliases - FUGITIVE; IMPERSONATION", Los Angeles file 47-1250.

MRS. PAYNE advised that she married A. S. PAYNE about eight years ago in Kansas City, Missouri, and that they moved to California in 1930; that he is now employed as foreman of the Atlantic Speedway, Atlantic and Bandini Avenues, Los Angeles; that she has four children, HENRY O. YOUNG in Alcatraz, DAVID YOUNG in a C.C.C. Camp near Pasadena, California, RUTH L. YOUNG, who is now married to a man named KERN and resides at 117 North Avenue 55, and NAOMI PAYNE, who is married to ROBERT L. WARD; that MR. KERN works for the Cudahy

Packing Company, and his wife RUTH works for McKesson Wholesale Company, Los Angeles; that ROBERT WARD is a musician and is employed by the W.P.A.; that they have a three-month-old child.

She stated that A. S. PAYNE, her husband, is now visiting his relatives in Kansas City, and that he had six children by a former marriage, most of whom are married and living in Kansas City; that his son BILLY PAYNE is in a C.C.C. Camp near Saugus, California.

MRS. PAYNE stated that neither her husband nor any of her relatives other than her son DAVID and her two daughters and their husbands know about the confinement of HENRY YOUNG in Alcatraz, or his past criminal record; that they have carefully kept this information from her husband and his children, and also from her other relatives.

MRS. NAOMI WARD, 5927 Benner Street, was also interviewed by Agents. The Harboring Statute was explained to both MRS. PAYNE and MRS. WARD, and the address and telephone number of the Los Angeles Division was left with them. They promised faithfully to advise the Los Angeles Division any information received concerning the fugitives in this case and WILLIAM BOYD (KARL CLARK STRAIN), and it is believed from their attitude during the interview that they will cooperate.

Interview with MRS. RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue 55, will also be conducted.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. N. FRANKE, Los Angeles, dated December 22, 1937, regarding ~~JOE ROBERTS~~, Douglas Aircraft Plant, Santa Monica, California, correspondent of ~~JAMES W. ROE~~, Leavenworth Penitentiary.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. HORN, Los Angeles:

In response to a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge J. H. HANSON, MR. E. K. MERRITT, Director of Industrial Relations, Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., Santa Monica, advised by letter dated December 23, 1937, that a search of the records in the Personnel Department indicated only the following persons having names or initials which might fit ~~JOE ROBERTS~~:

~~FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS~~,  
2506 - 28th Street, Santa Monica, California  
Employed 9-5-34 (now working)  
Age 44  
Born at Lake Charles, Louisiana

~~JOHN J. ROBERTS~~,  
Telephone: Pleasant 6412  
314 West 69th Street, Los Angeles, California  
Employment ended 6-8-37  
Age 30, Married  
Born in South America

~~JOHN H. ROBERTS~~,  
1342 $\frac{1}{2}$  Toberman Street, Los Angeles, California  
Presently employed  
Age 27, single  
Born in Kansas

On December 28, 1937, JOHN J. ROBERTS, 314 West 69th Street, Los Angeles, advised Agent that he was born in South America, but has been in the United States since 1922; that he worked for two years in Detroit, but has been in California continuously since 1926 and is presently employed by the North American Aviation Corporation, Glendale; that he is Spanish-American nationality, and that he had his Spanish name changed to JOHN J. ROBERTS. He professed no knowledge of ~~JAMES ROE~~,

and denied correspondence with any individual in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

JOHN H. ROBERTS, 1342 $\frac{1}{2}$  Toberman Street, Los Angeles, telephoned Agent at the Los Angeles Division in response to a message left at his residence on December 29, 1937, and advised that he does not know JAMES W. ROE and has never corresponded with anyone in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Both of the above men had no knowledge of the JOE ROBERTS supposed to have been employed at the Douglas Aircraft Company.

MRS. FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS, 2506 - 28th Street, Santa Monica, California, advised, in the absence of her husband who was not available for interview, that her husband is employed in Department 20, Douglas Aircraft Corporation, and that they have been in California for five years; that prior to that time her husband was in the Navy for 14 years and they resided in Washington, D. C.; that she had no knowledge of JAMES ROE, and no knowledge that her husband corresponded with anyone in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS will be interviewed in person by an Agent from the Los Angeles Division.

E. K. MERRITT furnished Agent on December 27, 1937, a complete list of individuals named ROBERTS who have been and are now employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation. This list is being retained in the Los Angeles Division file, but no extensive investigation is being conducted to interview each of these persons inasmuch as there are about thirty in all, none of whom have names or initials fitting "JOE ROBERTS" other than those furnished above by E. K. MERRITT.

Reference is made to Page 12 of the report of Special Agent R. N. Franke, Los Angeles, dated December 22, 1937, reflecting that C. W. BUTCHER left a forwarding address from Woodlake, California, to 327 South Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, California. In this connection, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn.

It was ascertained that the apartment at 327 South Kenmore Avenue, Los Angeles, is a new building, and it was learned from MRS. J. I. HOUGHTON, the manager, that she and her husband have resided there since September 1, 1937, and that prior to their coming to that address the apartment was managed by two sisters who had moved to the southeast corner of Third Street and St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles. It was learned telephonically from the Post Office Inspector's office at Los Angeles that C. W. BUTCHER had left no forwarding address from 327 South Kenmore Avenue.

MRS. C. STRECK and MRS. MARGARET VARNHOLT, sisters, 302 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, advised agent that LARRY BUTCHER, age about 35 years, had resided with them at 327 South Kenmore for about a year but had moved to Pasadena, California, where he is employed as an upholsterer; that Larry referred to his brother as "CHET"; that Chet was supposed to operate a restaurant somewhere on South Main Street in Los Angeles. These ladies also informed Agent Horn that LARRY BUTCHER'S address and employment are unknown to them, but that he keeps company with the daughter of R. J. CASNER, 124 West Colorado Street, Pasadena, California, telephone Terrace 1708.

By calling the above number in Pasadena, Agent Horn learned that LARRY BUTCHER was out of town but would return from Oregon on Monday, January 3, 1938; that his residence and place of employment are unknown, and that his brother operated a restaurant somewhere on Santee Street in Los Angeles. Further investigation will be conducted to locate C. W. Butcher through his brother, Larry Butcher.

While at Tulare, California, Agent H. A. Smith and the writer attempted to locate BILL CARTER, who was reported to be acquainted with C. W. BUTCHER. Efforts to locate Carter, however, were unsuccessful, although inquiries were made at the Post Office and at the Tulare Police Department.

In accordance with Bureau regulations, one copy of the smooth photographs of each of the fugitives which were received by the Los Angeles office from the Bureau is being forwarded to each of the following persons:-

MISS EDITH DAY, Postmaster, Woodlake, Calif.;  
R. C. BROWN, Constable, Woodlake, Calif.;  
LEE BOREN, Postmaster, Bell, Calif., and  
WILLARD B. STEELE, Chief of Police, Bell, Calif.

As a result of the mail covers placed on the mail of MR. & MRS. DAWSON at Bell, California, and MR. & MRS. FRED COLE at Woodlake, California, and MRS. FAE ROE, Arcadia, California, a number of mail tracings have been received by the Los Angeles office. These mail tracings are being forwarded to the office of origin in this case with copies of this report for appropriate attention by that office.

ENCLOSURES:

TO OKLAHOMA CITY: Twelve sheets of onion-skin paper containing the mail tracings mentioned above.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION: At the Leavenworth Penitentiary, will interview FLOYD HILL, No. 49762, as requested in the reference letter addressed to the Kansas City Division by the Los Angeles Division on December 31, 1937.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION: At Porterville, California, will verify the presence there of HARVEY F. SIXSMITH, and ascertain whether Sixsmith received a truckload of oranges from the Sunkist Packing House two miles south of Porterville, as requested in reference teletype from the Butte Division dated December 30, 1937.

At Kingsburg, California, will interview ROBERT V. ISH, 1830 21st Avenue, and secure from him the details of the unusual happening on Telegraph Hill on Thanksgiving evening which Mr. Ish reported to the San Francisco Division by letter.

At Pomona, California, will investigate the arrest of subject ROE in that city on April 28, 1923, for any information they may have which will be of assistance in locating this subject, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937.

At Downey, California, will conduct investigation to determine the identity of OBA WISER, and ascertain information as to the possibility of this person having purchased Department of Commerce charts in Portland, Oregon. This is requested in reference report of Agent Currie, Seattle, dated Dec. 29, 1937.

At Los Angeles, California, will contact the Yellow Cab Company with a view of ascertaining the identity of A. J. McCABE who resided at the Camlin Hotel, Seattle, Wash., from December 2 to 13, 1937, and ascertain whether Mr. McCabe was the individual who purchased the Department of Commerce charts, as requested in the above mentioned report of Agent Currie.

At Los Angeles, will locate and interview DR. W. REGINALD FISHLEY, reported to be visiting with D. J. DANIELS, Los Angeles, Osteopathic College, and determine whether Dr. Fishley purchased the tide and current booklets previously mentioned.

Will also contact MR. WELLS GWINN, 5883 Herman Avenue, with reference to the tide and current booklets.

Will continue efforts to locate and interview C. W. BUTCHER mentioned in the details of this report.

Will locate FRANK H. PORTER through the Federal Probation Office, Los Angeles, and obtain full information in his possession that may be of value in the instant investigation.

With reference to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937, requesting interviews with the visitors and correspondents of prisoners at Alcatraz Island, will interview the following persons located in the Los Angeles district:-

MISS VOLYA COSSACK, 243 S. Coronado, Los Angeles, sister of Lobe L. Cossack, #313-AZ;  
MR. R. H. COSSACK, 11137 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, California, father of Lobe L. Cossack;  
MRS. DIXIE MARTINET and PETER MARTINET, 822 East 104th St., Los Angeles, sister and brother-in-law of Arthur H. Youngberg, #195-AZ;  
MRS. RUTH KERN, 5957 Benner Street, Los Angeles, sister of Henry Young, #244-AZ.

At San Diego, California, will interview MRS. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3909 Cleveland Street, twin sister of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, #111-AZ, and also obtain from Mrs. Littlewood the whereabouts of ALBERT A. HILL, brother of Hubert A. Grindle, and arrange for an interview with Hill.

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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 from one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, or 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 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 they are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to a messenger by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the Company.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in which the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is received by 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 the contrary by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the conditions enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respects 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.

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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.

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**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. Must be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, and to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting conditions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as usual. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California  
January 8, 1936

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

Dear Sir:

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

I am forwarding herewith an album in which  
are set out ~~photographs~~ by which we hope to clearly depict  
to you the place of escape and the physical features of the  
escape of Subjects Roe and Cole.

These photographs were taken by Special Agent  
W. F. Wood, and he has prepared this album which we feel  
will enable you to visualize this escape in connection with  
the reports which have been submitted.

Under separate cover the negatives are being  
forwarded to the Bureau with the request that copies be  
made for Warden Johnston, who has expressly requested copies  
of the photographs taken, and it is recommended that those  
photographs be made and sent to us for delivery to him.

Very truly yours,

W. J. L. PIERPER,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

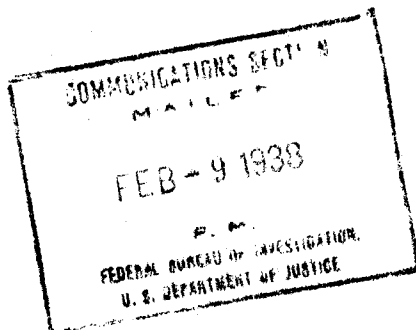
Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated January 8, 1938, in which you stated that under separate cover negatives of photographs taken to depict the place of escape and the physical features of Alcatraz Penitentiary which figured in the escape of fugitives Roe and Cole were being forwarded to the Bureau.

As requested in reference letter, thirty-five positive prints (enlargements) were made from the negatives forwarded, and are transmitted herewith for delivery to Warden Johnston in accordance with his expressed request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure



*Wm. A. [Signature]*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-11-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-4-38</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>BLISS MORTON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Louis E. (Eunice) Buschmann and Dallas Carpenter, both of Indianapolis, state they have no brother named Frank Williams and never heard of such a person, but that the whereabouts of their brother, Fred Carpenter, has been unknown to them for four or five years. They now presume he may be identical with Williams, but they have no knowledge that he had been incarcerated at Alcatraz, or any other prison. They have no information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole but promise to inform the Indianapolis office if they obtain such information. They were advised of the fugitive status of Roe and Cole and the penalties for harboring them.

-RUC--

**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea dated at San Francisco, California, 12-28-37.

**Details:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.**

Mrs. Louis E. (Eunice) Buschmann was listed in the city directory as living at 1130 North New Jersey Street, and her husband was listed as being a salesman of Lewis Mayor & Co., Indianapolis. When inquiry was made of Mrs. Buschmann concerning her brother, Frank Williams, she stated she had no brother named Frank Williams and that all her brothers were named Carpenter. When agent frankly told her that Frank Williams had been a prisoner at Alcatraz and had been released in April, 1937, and while there had given her

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name as a sister she became exceedingly emotional and wept, and then stated that she had a brother of whom the family had not heard for some four or five years and did not know what had become of him. She stated that his name was Fred Carpenter, that he was a World War veteran and had been gassed while in the Army and that the family had made rather extensive efforts for the past three or four years to obtain some trace of him, especially in view of the fact that her mother became exceedingly ill approximately one year ago and died at her home, but they had been unable to locate him or determine where he may have been over the period of the past four or five years. She further stated that when other veterans were being paid on their adjusted service certificates the family wrote to the Veterans Administration and were informed that Fred Carpenter had made no claim of any sort against the government. She stated that he had a shrapnel wound in one of his arms and also a wound in one kidney, she did not know which arm or kidney. She stated they were unable to locate him during her mother's illness or at the time of her death in 1935 in Indianapolis. She further stated that she has no brother or sister in Shelbyville, Indiana, but that her brother Dallas Carpenter now lives with her in Indianapolis. She has another brother Raymond Carpenter presumably employed in the police department at Evanston, Illinois.

Mrs. Buschmarn begged for information as to how she might be able to contact Fred Carpenter and agent stated that he did not know his address but stated that it might possibly be obtained through the federal probation officer at Columbus, Ohio, to whom Fred Carpenter had been instructed to report after his discharge from Alcatraz.

In view of the fact that she did not know the whereabouts of Fred Carpenter he has not, of course, written her any letters from Alcatraz and therefore has not mentioned to her the name of Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole. She promised agent she would inform agent if he mentioned these persons.

Subsequently Dallas Carpenter telephoned agent and stated that he is employed in one of the State departments and did not desire that he be embarrassed by information going to his superiors or associates concerning his brother. However, he desired any information agent could give him concerning his brother and gave agent substantially the same information as had been given by his sister, which was negative. He likewise was informed that if any information is received by him or his sister concerning Roe or Cole he and she should immediately inform the Indianapolis office of the bureau and he was likewise informed of the penalties for harboring. He promised to inform the Indianapolis office of any subsequent information he might receive.

REPLACED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California

January 3, 1938.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: RALPH ROE, With Aliases, FUGITIVE;  
THEODORE COLE, With Aliases, FUGITIVE.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Tele. Rm.	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Reference is made to my letter of December 23, 1937, with which I forwarded you, photostatic copies of the Warden's new book "Gone With the Fog."

I am attaching hereto the original of this new book which I thought you would like to have.

Here is the latest, which is a copy of an original picked up in the laundry on December 31, 1937, copy being obtained by Agent A. E. Farland:

"Lost In a Fog"

Tw'as a few days before Christmas,  
 With the fog like a sheet,  
 When over the fence two boys did leap  
 With all the Bulls in the towers fast asleep.  
 With high-powered rifles, Tommy-guns and grenades  
 They said "Old Alcatraz" boys can never be made,  
 With thousands of dollars spent day by day.  
 I wonder now what the public will have to say  
 Such tumultous excitement we have never seen before,  
 All the Bulls in the joint were walking the floor.  
 As we marched in to supper, There stood,  
 "Ole Meat Head" with a puss that was ashen gray  
 Though they called out the Army, Navy, Coast Guard Marine Corps,  
 The boys kept right on swimming for the opposite shore.  
 Now dear public be very skeptical when you hear Edgar J. Hoover say  
 We have the incorrigibles where they cant get away  
 All night through we wished the boys luck,  
 While the screws in the joint were passing the buck.

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"Ole Meat Head" referred to herein is the Warden.

Very truly yours,

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

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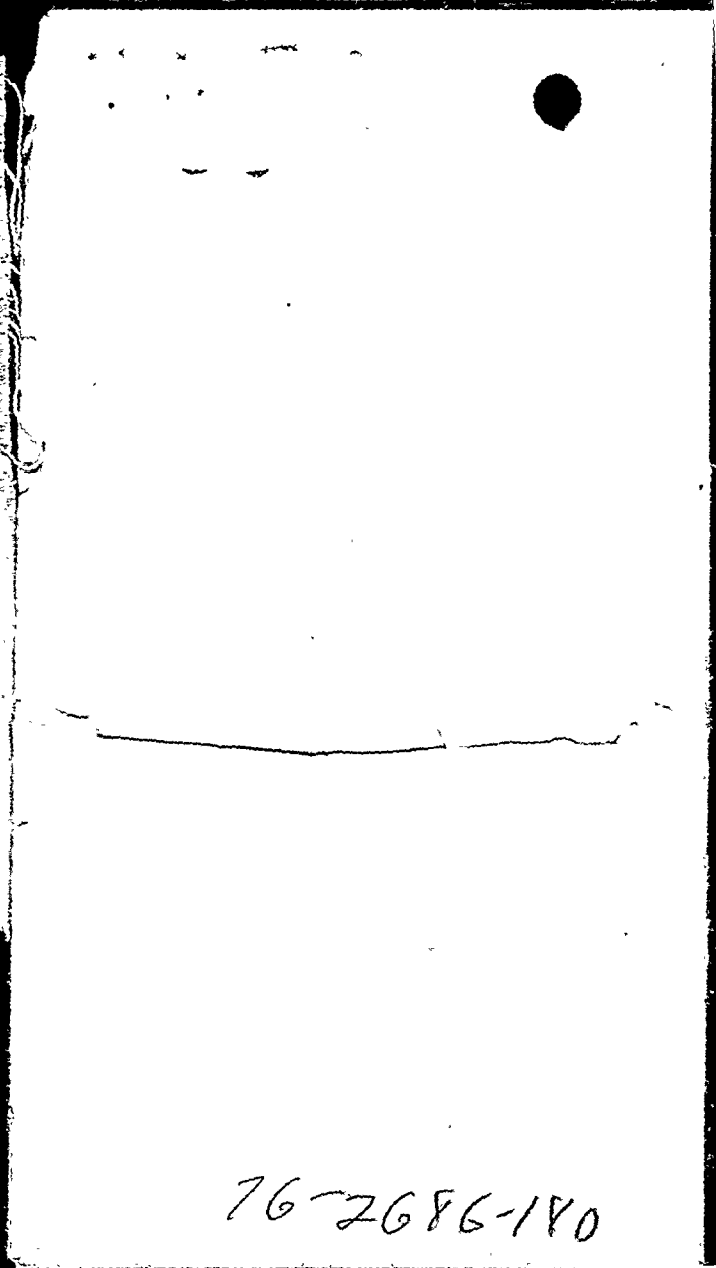
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January 19, 1938.

76-2686-112 sub 110 -

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases,  
Fugitive; Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

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With reference to Laboratory Report #20596, in connection with the  
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the  
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

- 76-2686-115 Q1 and Q2.
- 76-2686-116 Q3 through Q5.

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76-2686-181  
 JAN 21 1938

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Buffalo, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/12/38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24, 25, 31/37.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. H. PRICE (A)</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[redacted] age [redacted] came to Brewerton, N.Y. from Webster, South Dakota to work on lake tugs. He had 1937 white Chevrolet sedan which he traded during October 1937 for a 1938 black Chevrolet sedan, thereafter obtaining New York license plates 9S-8512 for same. As finance company refused to allow car to leave New York State, the new car was returned to the motor company and [redacted] took back the white 1937 Chevrolet sedan, retaining the New York license plates, and left Brewerton about November 1, 1937 with South Dakota plates on car and New York plates on rear seat. Understood to have purchased new 1938 Chevrolet at Webster and thereafter proceeded west to visit FLORENCE CARLSON, route #4, 21 and Hoffman St., Eugene, Oregon, accompanied by EDWIN HOLDEN and [redacted]. Apparently had New York license plates on new car when passed thru checking station at Oregon-California border. Bears apparent good reputation.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Portland 12/24/37. Teletype to Aberdeen 12/25/37.

**DETAILS:**

AT BUFFALO, N.Y.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. Warnes</i> <i>Coh</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Immediately upon receipt of the reference teletype, it was ascertained by Special Agent in Charge J. W. WARNES from Mr. HENRY SEILHEIMER, in charge of the office of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, State of New York, located in Buffalo, that New York license plates 9S-8512 were registered in the name of [REDACTED] for a 1938 Chevrolet sedan, motor #1215489.

AT BREWERTON, N.Y.

The writer immediately proceeded to Brewerton where MISS NINA MCKINNEY, Postmistress, was interviewed at her home.

MISS MCKINNEY stated that the name of [REDACTED] was familiar to her inasmuch as she recalled that approximately six weeks to two months prior LELAND PHILLIPS, a resident in Brewerton, had requested that any mail coming to the Post Office for [REDACTED] be placed in his box and stated, as nearly as Miss MCKINNEY can recall, that [REDACTED] had been living at his home and had left town, and that he would see that the mail was properly forwarded.

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MISS MCKINNEY stated that she had never seen [REDACTED] did not know what his business might be, and as she was unable to furnish but little information concerning the character and integrity of LELAND PHILLIPS, it was deemed advisable to make further inquiry before contacting him.

The local Constable in Brewerton, RODNEY MILLER, is old and inactive. A call was made at his home approximately 12 o'clock midnight and the reporting agent was informed by MRS. MILLER that she would not call him as he was sick and had not been active for some time, but that more than likely F. S. WICKHAM, Justice of the Peace, located almost directly across the road could furnish any information concerning most law enforcement matters.

MR. F. S. WICKHAM was interviewed and stated that he did not know [REDACTED] but stated that LELAND PHILLIPS was entirely reliable and could be depended upon to furnish any information desired.

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MR. WICKHAM called LYLE PHILLIPS, a brother of LELAND PHILLIPS by telephone, and making a casual inquiry determined that one [REDACTED] had roomed at the residence of LELAND PHILLIPS, LYLE PHILLIPS' brother, for a number of months, but had left town.

LELAND PHILLIPS was contacted at his home by telephone and thereafter was interviewed at approximately 1 A.M., Christmas morning. MR. LELAND PHILLIPS advised that [REDACTED] together with [REDACTED] and one EDWIN HOLDEN, also known as SHORTY, came to Brewerton from Webster, So. Dakota, during the month of April 1937 to work on the lake tugs on Skaneateles Lake, the positions evidently having been obtained some time in advance by JAKE HOLDEN and

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HAAGEN HOLDEN, [redacted] and had been working on the lake tugs prior to that date. [redacted] obtained a job as Engineer on the Diesel tug, Republic #4. When [redacted] originally came to Brewerton in April, MR. PHILLIPS informed he had a white 1937 Chevrolet sedan. [redacted] roomed at the PHILLIPS' home the entire time that he was in Brewerton, leaving there approximately November 1, 1937 to return to Webster, S.D.

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MR. PHILLIPS stated that [redacted] known as [redacted] as well as the other boys, all seemed to be of good character and were employed the entire time that they were in Brewerton. They all were farm boys.

PHILLIPS further stated that [redacted] informed them some time in October that he intended to return home as the season for the lake boats was closing, and that he intended to purchase a new car before leaving for home, as the 1937 Chevrolet sedan had been damaged in an accident. This Chevrolet sedan carried South Dakota license plates which [redacted] used the entire time that he drove the car. During the latter part of October MR. PHILLIPS stated that [redacted] traded the 1937 white Chevrolet at CODNER & REYMORE GARAGE, Central Square, N.Y. for a 1938 black Chevrolet sedan, and that at this time the motor company understood that the car was to be taken to South Dakota and assured [redacted] that this would be entirely satisfactory, however, after he had driven the car a few days, the finance company insisted that they would not allow the car to go out of the state, whereupon [redacted] returned the new car and took back the old white Chevrolet.

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MR. PHILLIPS stated that [redacted] had secured a driver's license and had been issued 1937 license plates for this new car; that [redacted] appeared to be a law abiding person and that this fact was demonstrated because he would not drive the car with the New York plates on it until he had secured a New York driver's license.

MR. PHILLIPS further informed that some time during the summer two girls, [redacted] of EDWIN HOLDEN, named [redacted] and a girl friend by the name of FLORENCE CARLSON, came to Brewerton; that FLORENCE CARLSON obtained a position somewhere and that [redacted] had secured a job in the office of FREDERICK REUSS, an attorney at Baldwinsville, N.Y.; that some time during the summer, FLORENCE CARLSON returned to Webster, S.D. inasmuch as her parents had written her that they were moving to Eugene, Oregon, and that it would be necessary for her to accompany them.

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MRS. PHILLIPS stated that when [redacted] had to return the new 1938 Chevrolet car, he retained the New York license plates that had been issued to him for the car, and that she was certain that when he left Brewerton approximately November 1, 1937 with the old 1937 white Chevrolet that he had his South Dakota license plates, number unknown, on this car, and that the New York plates #9S-8512 were in the back seat of the car.

[redacted] was accompanied on the return to Webster, S.D. by EDWIN HOLDEN and [redacted]

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MRS. PHILLIPS further informed that she understood that after returning to Webster, S.D., [redacted] had purchased a new Chevrolet car there, and that he probably accompanied by EDWIN HOLDEN and [redacted] and possibly some one else, had left Webster, S.D. on a trip, the final destination being to visit FLORENCE CARLSON at Eugene, Oregon.

MRS. PHILLIPS stated that she had received a Christmas card from FLORENCE CARLSON, the return address being route 4, 21st and Hoffman Streets, Eugene, Oregon, and postmarked December 18, 1937; that she had received postal cards from both [redacted] and [redacted] postmarked Kingman, Arizona, December 2, 1937, and on which they stated that they were enroute to Oregon, and that they would probably reach California the following day, December 3, 1937.

MRS. PHILLIPS further stated that she had been informed by MARJORIE WINTER, daughter of a local magistrate, that MISS WINTER had received a letter from either [redacted] or [redacted] stating that they intended to stay on the west coast, if they could obtain work there.

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MR. PHILLIPS stated that prior to leaving town, he had accompanied [redacted] to the office of the Carrier Corp. in Syracuse, N.Y., where [redacted] put in his application for work, and that [redacted] later informed PHILLIPS that if he should receive an offer of employment for him from the Carrier Corporation, that he, Phillips, should immediately wire [redacted] and that he would return to accept the position, however, MR. PHILLIPS stated that he did not know how he could do this as he did not know the address of [redacted] other than that he came from Webster, S.D.

The following is a description of [redacted] obtained from MR. & MRS. PHILLIPS.

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Name	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Height	5'6"
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown
Eyeglasses	Wears eyeglasses part of the time

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Name	EDWIN HOLDEN
Age	26 or 27
Height	5'8"
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown
Beard	Clean shaven
Eyeglasses	None

[REDACTED] They also stated that [REDACTED] is approximately

[REDACTED] It was apparent after talking to Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIPS that [REDACTED] as well as EDWIN and [REDACTED] were of good character; that they were from the rural section of South Dakota, and that they had been gainfully employed in a respectable occupation since being in Brewerton. However, it remains unexplained why [REDACTED] would be using a New York license plates on a car purchased in South Dakota, evidently after his return on November 1, 1937.

On December 25, 1937, a teletype was dispatched to the Aberdeen field division, requesting investigation at Webster, and a teletype was also dispatched to the Portland field division requesting investigation at Eugene, Oregon, and copies of these teletype messages were furnished to the San Francisco field division.

Leads are being set out for the Aberdeen and the Portland field divisions in the event the investigation requested by the referred to two teletypes has not been conducted.



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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ABERDEEN FIELD DIVISION

AT WEBSTER, SO. DAKOTA, will ascertain the exact address of [redacted] and companions so that they may be located and interviewed concerning their whereabouts on December 15, 1937 and December 16, 1937, as set out in reference teletypes.

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THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

AT EUGENE, OREGON, will interview FLORENCE CARLSON, route #4, 21st and Hoffman Streets, for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of Andrew Sampson and companions so that he may be interviewed as set out in the reference teletypes.

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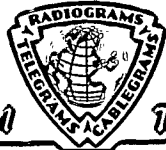
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C.C. Spears,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Portland, Oregon.

San Francisco, California.  
January 4, 1938.

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE IO FOURTEEN SEVENTY TWO ETAL BEP. REFERENCE LETTER SEATTLE DIVISION JANUARY FIRST. JOHN R WALSH SALESMAN HOLEPROOF HOSIERY COMPANY PRESENTLY AT CHANDLER HOTEL MARSHFIELD OREGON UNTIL FRIDAY. WORKS OREGON AND WASHINGTON, HEADQUARTERS NINE TWO EIGHT TERMINAL SALES BUILDING SEATTLE. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED REFERENCE LETTER.

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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.

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

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DIVISION ONE

JJMcG:JDIF  
76-2686-183

January 18, 1938.

Mr. John Osmond Toerner,  
623 West 207th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Toerner:

Your letter of January 12, 1938, has been received in which you suggest that it would be better not to advertise the fact that it is impossible to escape from Alcatraz Prison in view of the recent escape of two of its inmates. Your thoughtfulness in making your views available to this Bureau is appreciated and I assure you I am glad to receive your kind offer to be of assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its efforts to eliminate the criminal element in our Nation.

As of possible interest to you I am enclosing several copies of our publications describing the activities of the Special Agents of the FBI which I thought you might like to have. I am also enclosing a copy of the primer on crime control published by Mrs. William Brown Meloney, Editor of "This Week" magazine, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, from whom you may obtain additional copies if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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- Criminal Ident
- Youth's Duty to the Community
- Crime's Challenge to Society
- Public Duty in Law Enforcement

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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- Mr. Tolson.....
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- Mr. McIntire.....
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- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Schilde.....
- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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623 West 207th St.,  
New York.

Jan. 12th 1938.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

As a citizen, I regret to  
learn of the escape of two  
criminals from Alcazar  
prison in the Pacific Ocean  
and I think it would be  
better not to advertise that  
it is impossible to escape

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from same. 76-2686-183

If I, as a Civil Engineer  
can be of assistance in the  
war on crime, I shall be  
glad to do so.

Very truly yours,  
John Diamond Lerner.

Row 10-0112

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY.**

FILE NO. **76-244.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-10-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/24,25,26/37.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HOWARD S. HOOVER - G.J.</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1471; RALPH ROE with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1472.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

~~Chevrolet Coupe, Utah license 109711, registered to Porte Publishing Company, Salt Lake City, now in possession of E.W. Nobbs, traveling representative of company. Nobbs not in Portland on 12-15-37, bears excellent reputation. Elmer Snow, age 21, Salt Lake City with Nobbs on tour through northwest, reliable and denies that either purchased booklets. William McRae, driver of Chevrolet Sedan bearing current Montana plates 14-2422, not in Portland on 12-15-37, did not purchase booklets. Nevada license T-8621 registered to Lawrence Holland and Gill Prida, reputable sheep dealers, Winnemucca, Nevada. Driver Gill Prida now located Red Bluff, California.~~

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Portland 12-24-37.  
 Conference teletype to Director, Los Angeles & Portland, 12-24-37.  
 Teletype from Butte 12-24-37.  
 Teletype to San Francisco 12-25-37.  
 Telegram to Bureau 12-26-37.  
 Telegram to San Francisco 12-26-37.

**DETAILS:**

Reference teletype from the Portland Field Division dated December 24, 1937, requested investigation concerning the owners and drivers of a

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Chevrolet Coupe containing two passengers bearing Utah license 109711, and a truck bearing two passengers carrying current Nevada license T-8621.

Upon receipt of this teletype, the file of automobile registrations for the year 1937 in the State of Utah, maintained in the Salt Lake City office, was examined, which reflects that Utah License No. 109711 was issued for a Chevrolet Coupe and registered to the Porte Publishing Company, 952 East 21st South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Agent called at the Porte Publishing Company and interviewed Mrs. Rhoda A. Porte, Manager of the company, who advised that the company owns a 1937 Chevrolet Coupe, bearing the above license plates, but that it is in the possession of their traveling representative E.W. Nobbs, whose home is located at 4321 Van Ness Avenue, in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Porte advised that Mr. Nobbs had been working in the State of Washington and Canada for approximately three months, and was accompanied on the trip by [redacted] presently in Salt Lake City and residing at 819 Downington Street. Mrs. Porte examined the daily reports furnished by Mr. Nobbs, which indicates that he was in Portland, Oregon, from December 8th to 13th, in Eugene, Oregon, on December 15th, and in San Francisco, California, on the 17th, proceeding thereafter to Los Angeles. Mrs. Porte stated that Mr. Nobbs had been with the company for approximately eight years, is entirely reliable, is a man approximately 55 years of age, and that he could be located for interview at his residence in Los Angeles.

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Inquiry at [redacted] developed that [redacted] is temporarily out of the city, but would return the following day. A teletype was immediately directed to the Los Angeles Field Division requesting that Nobbs be located and interviewed with reference to the purchase of booklets concerning tidal data in San Francisco Bay.

On December 26, 1937, [redacted] was located at [redacted] and advised that he is [redacted] and that he accompanied traveling representative E.W. Nobbs on a tour through the northwest for the Porte Publishing Company; that as he recalls they were in Portland, Oregon, from about December 8th to December 14th, and that they were in Wyreka, California (phonetic) on the night of December 15, 1937, and stayed at the Wyreka Inn; that they thereafter proceeded to San Francisco, California, [redacted] stated that he proceeded from San Francisco to Salt Lake City by train, and that E.W. Nobbs drove on to his home in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] described Nobbs as a man in his fifties, about 5ft. 6in., in height, and that he weighed approximately 165 lbs. [redacted] denied that they had purchased any charts or other booklets, or tables concerning tidal currents in San Francisco Bay.

On December 27, 1937, copy of a teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division, directed to the San Francisco and Portland Field Divisions was received by mail, advising that Nobbs

had been interviewed and denied making any inquiries in Portland, Oregon on tides or similar matters, and that he bears a good reputation in Los Angeles.

A teletype from the Butte Field Division dated December 24th, advised that Chevrolet Coupe, containing two passengers, bearing Montana license 2422, passed through the checking station on the California-Oregon border on December 15th or 16th; that this car was registered to William McRae of Miles City, Montana; that McRae of Miles City, Montana, is reliable, and has been employed for years as a janitor in a grade school, and had been on a vacation trip with his wife through the northwest, and that he was presently reported visiting relatives at 668 - 24th Street, Ogden, Utah.

AT OGDEN, UTAH.

Agent interviewed William McRae at 668 - 24th Street, Ogden, Utah, on the afternoon of December 25, 1937, at which time Mr. McRae stated that he and his wife were in Portland, Oregon, on December 12th and 13th; that they were in Roseburg, Oregon, on the night of the 14th, where they stayed at a tourist camp; that they were in Red Bluff, California, on the night of the 15th, where they stayed at the Riverside Tourist Camp; that they were in Winnemucca, Nevada, on the night of December 16th, also stopping at tourist cabins, and arrived in Ogden, Utah, on December 17th. Mr. McRae stated he did not purchase any booklets while in Portland concerning tidal currents or charts of San Francisco Bay. Mr. McRae stated that he is 58 years old, and has resided in Miles City, Montana, for approximately 42 years. He further advised that he was 6ft. 1 1/2 in. in height; that he weighed 190 lbs., and it was observed that he had blue eyes, brown hair, thin on top, and that he was very lame in his right leg. He further stated that after the holidays he was returning to Miles City, Montana.

On December 25, 1937, Resident Agent R.J. Abbaticchio Jr., Reno, Nevada, telegraphically advised the Salt Lake City office that 1937 Nevada license plates T 8621 were registered to Holland and Prida, Winnemucca, Nevada, for 1937 ~~Chevrolet~~ Chevrolet pick-up truck, motor No. ~~K 1023451~~; that the Sheriff at Winnemucca had advised that Lawrence Holland and Gill Prida are reputable sheep dealers, and that Holland, who resides in Reno, Nevada, is also the owner of the Holland Livestock Company of Ogden, Utah.

Holland was interviewed at Reno, Nevada, by Resident Agent Abbaticchio, and advised that instant truck was driven by Gill Prida and son John Prida to the Zukerman Ranch, 10 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon, in October, and driven to Red Bluff, California, by Gill Prida about December 16th, when moved sheep to ranch 15 miles west of Red Bluff. Holland further advised that the passenger in the car was probably a sheep herder. Holland also stated that Gill Prida and the truck are presently located in care of Turners Groceberia, Red Bluff, California, Turner being the son-in-law of Prida.



Upon receipt of this information, a teletype was immediately directed to the San Francisco Field Division, requesting that Prida be immediately interviewed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION: At RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA, will interview Gill Prida, C/o Turner Groceteria, to determine if he was in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, and purchased booklets concerning tidal currents in San Francisco Bay.

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76-2886 - 185 January 15, 1938

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

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Dear Sir:

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There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by the Identification Division under date of January 11, 1938, together with a copy of an abstract of the criminal record of fugitive Cole.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

*[Handwritten signature]*

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAIL ROOM  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

January 11, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN *HN*

Reference is made to Fugitive Index #7951, Bureau File #76-2686, submitted by Unit One in the case of Theodore Cole, with aliases, #258-AZ United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California. There are transmitted herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this subject, our #FBI-229226, as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division. It is noted that Cole is also the subject of Identification Order #1471, issued December 20, 1937. Also, the Bureau File number 91-625 appears in his record.

The information listed below appears on the fingerprint card received from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, November 5, 1935:

Color	White
Date of birth	April 6, 1912
Birthplace	Kansas
Age	23 (1935)
Weight	135
Build	Medium
Occupation	Tailor
Nationality	American
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Scars and marks	2" scar corner of right eye, small scar middle of right cheek, large 8" scar above knee of left leg.

*Oklahoma City 1-12-38*

The fingerprint card received May 23, 1935, from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, contains the following: Height: 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Eyes: Yellow Hazel; Complexion: Medium; Hair: Medium Chestnut; Weight: 123; Scars and marks: Faint obl. scar of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 2" above left wrist rear, obl. scar of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from outer point of right eye, curved scar of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " at outer point lower left lip, horizontal scar of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " under chin.

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On the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 14, 1935, the following data appear: Residence: Hunting Park, California; Place of birth: Pittsburg, Kansas; Age: 22 (1935); Height: 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; Eyes: Brown.

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Subject's residence is shown as Stroud, Oklahoma, and his build as slender, on the fingerprint card received February 4, 1935, from the United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas.

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January 11, 1938.

The fingerprint card received from the Police Department, Dallas, Texas, January 14, 1935, indicates the following: Height: 5' 7" in shoes; Weight: 115; Hair: Dark Chestnut; Build: Small; Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This person's height is given as 5' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and his occupation as cleaner and presser, on the fingerprint card received November 7, 1929, from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma.

The following information appears on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 1, 1929: Residence: Los Angeles, California; Age: 19 (1929); Scars and marks: "Left leg shot in hip front, the shot going in at the front and coming out at back. Muscles paralyzed, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on left thigh front upper. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar from right eyelid to hair line."

It is noted that the signature of this person appears on all nine of the fingerprint cards comprising his criminal record.

The fingerprint classification of this individual is as follows:

22	17	W	IM	16
	27	W	O	14

No photograph of Theodore Cole, more recent than that appearing on Identification Order #1471, is available in the files of the Identification Division.

Respectfully,

  
L. C. Schilder.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1938

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-229226

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PP, Tulsa, Okla.	Theodore Cole, #5090	1-31-27	burglary	to Co. Humans Agent.
SP, Little Rock, Ark.	Ted Cole, #26817	8-27-29	burglary and G.L.	2 yrs. - rel. to Sheriff Tulsa Co., Okla. for trial.
SP, Tulsa, Okla.	Theodore Cole, alias Ted Cole, #4478	9-26-29	robbery	death by electrocution.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Theodore Cole, #21023	10-22-29	robbery	death by electrocution; commuted to 15 yrs.
PD, Dallas, Texas.	Roy Jackson, with aliases: Theodore Cole, Ted Cole, #13324	1-6-35	fugitive from Cushing, Okla., kidnapping	rel. to U.S.M., 1-10-35; 50 yrs. in Fed. Pen.
US, Dallas, Texas.	Theodore Cole, #1624	1-10-35	kidnapping	
SO, Okla. City, Okla.	Ted Cole, #2710	3-11-35	kidnapping	
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Theodore Cole, #46905	5-20-35	kidnapping	50 yrs.; 10-23-35, trans. to US, Alcatraz.

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

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
USP, Alcatraz Island, Calif.	Theodore Cole, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, 258-AZ	10-26-35 in trans. from USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	kidnapping	50 yrs.
*	Arrested several times for U.L. and burglary - paroled 3 times. (As on print #4473).			
*	Tulsa, Okla., 1924, 2 yrs. at Pauls Valley, paroled.			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Theodore Cole, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Roy Jackson, escaped from USP, Alcatraz Island, Calif., on 12-16-37, where he was serving a 50 yrs. sent. for kidnapping. Notify Director, (per I.O. #1471).			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Theodore Cole, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Roy Jackson, fugitive Index #7951, Bu. File #76-2686, O.O. Okla. City, Okla., (per inf. rec. 12-30-37).			
This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of this Bureau under #1-6830.				

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

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

AC:JHK

January 22, 1938

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Mr. Stanley Russ,  
Post Office Box 1081,  
Brownsville, Texas.

Dear Mr. Russ:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 12, 1938, advising of the disappearance of Identification Order No. 1471 from the bulletin board in the Post Office at Brownsville, Texas, about January 2, 1938.

I desire to thank you for transmitting this information to me and for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC San Antonio

- 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. McGuire .....
- Mr. Nathan .....
- Mr. Nichols .....
- Mr. Pennington .....
- Mr. Rosen .....
- Mr. Schilder .....
- Mr. Tamm .....
- Mr. Tracy .....
- Miss Gandy .....

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Brownsville, Texas.

January 12, 1938.

U.S. Dept. of Justice.  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The author of this communication respectfully calls your attention to the fact that your D.O. # 1471 disappeared from bulletin board situated in lobby of F. O., this city, some time immediately prior to January 7, 1938.

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As of this date, 12<sup>th</sup> inst., there appear on bulletin board, among others, your D.O's # 1470, # 1472, and # 1473; but no D.O. # 1471, which, I believe, would be subject

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identified as an "escape"  
 from Alcatraz Penitentiary,  
 Das of Dec. 16, 1937, together  
 with ~~Ralph~~ ~~Joe~~, D.O. # 1472,  
 F.O.P. 24  
 M I U III 5  
 M I U III 4.

D.O. # 1472 is dated  
 Dec. 20, 1937.

Both D.O.'s, # 1472 and  
 the one I presume to be  
 D.O. # 1471, appeared together  
 on selection board, from  
 date of posting up until  
 January 1, 1938; of that I  
 am certain; but when I  
 looked through the cards  
 again on Jan. 3, 1938, the  
 one I take to be D.O. # 1471  
 was missing.

Selection board  
 is set up in a corner of  
 P.O. lobby, and, in upper

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left-hand corner is a clip  
to which F. B. I. I.O.'s are  
appended, one on top of  
other, in order of receipt.

To your judgment  
and experience I leave the  
answer to the question pressing  
through my mind: what  
interest might the person  
remaining I.O. #1471 have  
in ~~connection~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~covered~~ ~~by~~ ~~that~~ ~~I.O.~~

Respectfully,

Stanley Russ.

P.O. Box 1081.

Brownsville, Texas.

STANLEY RUSS

## THE WRONG KIND OF GLEE

ANTHONY ABBOT

Crime Commentator for Liberty, says:

They said that Alcatraz, the federal prison on a rocky island of San Francisco Bay, was one donjon that could not be broken. Now two convicts have escaped from the escape-proof fortress. Whether they perished in the tidal rip of those angry waters, or whether a confederates' boat got them safely to shore, is not known at this writing. What was disheartening more than the fact of the escape was a note of glee in the voices of many citizens who seemed to think there was something funny about it.

There was nothing comic in the escape of these dangerous men. In the last twelve years one of the greatest obstacles to law enforcement in this country has been the attitude of our citizens who were amused by crooks. They took the role of spectators watching a game and cheering what seemed to them spectacular plays. We all remember the time when Dillinger's brutal face on the screen was applauded by American audiences. Let's not go back to that mistaken era. It is too bad that the ideal of an escape-proof prison as a terror to the underworld should be marred. But one prediction we make with assurance: J. Edgar Hoover and his brave men will catch those two convicts if they are still alive. They will catch them and take them back to Alcatraz.

Their resolution to do that is worthy of our cheers.

Anthony Abbot's famous Police Commissioner Thatcher Colt is on the N. B. C. Red Network every Sunday from 2.30 to 3.00 P. M., E. S. T.  
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1300 LIBERTY TRUST BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA PA

*Eg*  
RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL EEP. WARDEN JOFENSTON ALCATRAZ RECEIVED CARD POSTMARKED  
JANUARY FIFTH NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT PHILADELPHIA PA EIGHT TEN PM QUOTE DEAREST WARDEN  
SO YOU THINK WE DROWNED THATS FUNNY. AND THE ROCK WAS ESCAPE PROOF. THATS WHAT YOU  
*B*  
THINK ITS A JOKE. TEDDY AND ME WENT TO NY FOR A IG TIME XMAS. I CAME OVER HERE TO VISIT  
MY UNCLE DOCTOR ROE TWELFTH AND LOCUST. HES ~~BE~~ SCARED STIFF, SO GOOD BUY AGAIN WILL  
*f*  
WE MEET AGAIN WOT A LAFF, TED ASKED ME TO SEND YOU THE OLD FASHIONED RASBERRY AND  
SIGN FOR HIM. YOURS ON THE WAY AGAIN

RALPH AND TED BRRRPPA UNQUOTE

LOCATE AND INTLVIEW DOCTOR ROE.

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*/* CC: Bureau

CC: OKLAHOMA CITY

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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**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 unquoted 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 or one percent 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, at his expense, endeavor to contract for him 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 toll therefor, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of message enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

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Los Angeles.....	48		30	72	72	72
San Diego.....	48	30		72	72	72
Seattle.....	72	72	72		30	30
Portland.....	60	72	72	30		30
Tacoma.....	72	72	72	30	30	

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI EL PASO, TEXAS, JAN. 21, 1938

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC KANSAS CITY

Ralph Roe wa Fugitive et al, LFP. Letter received Hobbs, N. M., addressed to Mrs. James Roe who is concubine of subjects brother, postmarked Kansas City seventh instant return address L. McMahon room two naught seven Convention Hotel three two seven west Twelfth Street. Handwriting appears similar that of James Roe and also bears resemblance to signature of Ralph Roe on I. O. If from James Roe, he has violated parole by leaving district. Please cover.

Colvin

cc-bureau

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JAN 25 1938 A. M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

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

Per \_\_\_\_\_

EL PASO

FBI KANSAS CITY 1-21-38 12 PM JCR

SAC EL PASO

RALPH ROE FUGITIVE ETAL EFF. L. MACMAHON IS LILLIAN MACMAHON  
ROOM TWO NAUGHT SEVEN CONVENTION HOTEL AND IS THE FRIEND OF  
WANDA STUKEY REFERRED TO BUT NOT NAMED IN LISTERMAN REPORT  
DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST. INFORMANT CONVENTION HOTEL ADVISES  
MACMAHON AND STUKEY CORRESPOND BUT NEITHER JAMES ROE NOR STUKEY  
HAS RETURNED SINCE ORIGINALLY LEFT. SUBJECTS NEVER THERE.  
INFORMANT FURTHER ADVISES LILLIAN RECEIVED LETTER FROM WANDA  
SHORT TIME AGO AND SINCE ESCAPE WHEREIN WANDA STATED SHE WAS  
KEEPING THE STORE WHILE JAMES ROE WAS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR FEW  
DAYS. INFORMANT DID NOT SEE LETTER AND ONLY KNOWS WHAT LILLIAN  
TELLS. NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO INTERVIEW LILLIAN PRESENT TIME.

BRANTLEY

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cc Bureau  
Oklahoma City  
San Francisco

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January 14, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

Re: Ralph Roe, with alias - fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

January 10, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
 MAILED  
 Enclosure  
 JAN 14 1938  
 cc - Oklahoma City  
 San Francisco  
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

January 14, 1938.

Case: **Ralph Roe, with alias - Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoner.**

Number: **76-2686-164**

Specimens: **Q9. One envelope addressed to Miss Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day Street, Denison, Texas with an uncanceled postage stamp.  
Q10. One Christmas card signed Ralph.**

Examination requested by: **Dallas**

Date received: **1/10/38**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Result of examination:

Examination by:

**Miller**

Based on a handwriting comparison the conclusion was reached that the handwriting appearing on specimens Q9 and Q10 was not written by Ralph Roe, whose handwriting specimens are listed as K1.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - Dallas
- 1 - Oklahoma City
- 1 - San Francisco
- 1 - Laboratory

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January 14, 1938.

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

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

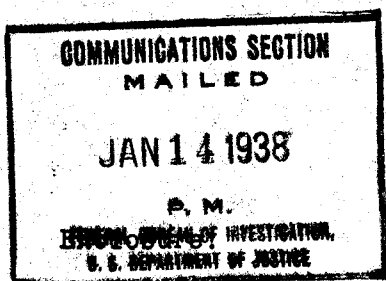
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

December 28, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

*J. W.*

*[Handwritten signatures]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report  
January 14, 1938.

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-83

## Specimens:

Q11. Three photostats of printing, one side of which reads  
"GONE WITH THE FOG".

Examination requested by: San Francisco  
Date received: 12/28/37  
Examination requested: Document  
Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller

No conclusion was reached as to whether Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole handprinted specimen Q11 in view of the fact that the Laboratory has no handprinting of these two individuals available for comparison.

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- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - San Francisco
- 1 - Laboratory

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>1-8-38</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-22 to 1-7-38</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. A. King</b>
TITLE: <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1471</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Checking stations northern California checked and license numbers obtained of all automobiles passing through from Oregon on December 15, and 16, 1937. Investigation in Oregon to date has failed to locate anyone that purchased booklets at Hydrographic Service or from Parks Nautical Instruments Service, Portland. "K" photographs displayed to witnesses at Portland with no identification effected.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 12-22-37; Report of F. C. Wood, Milwaukee, dated 12-30-37; Report of J. E. Jones, Indianapolis, dated 12-31-37; Buffalo teletype dated 12-25-37.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents K. D. Deaderick and E. V. McCain at Motor Registration and Quarantine Stations in northern California:

At DUNSMUIR, California:

Agent Deaderick interviewed Officers Leonard A. Fahy and Charles W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson stated that he was on duty on December 15, 1937 from 3 P. M. to 11 P. M. Mr. Fahy stated that he was on duty from 7 A. M. to 3 P. M. on December 16, 1937. These gentlemen advised that this

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	76-2686-189	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 18 1938
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Bureau -3 Oklahoma City -2 San Francisco -2 Seattle -2 Los Angeles -2 Portland -2		UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	CHECKED OFF:  JACKETED:

station is closed at 11 P. M. each day and does not open until the following morning at 7 A. M. They were both shown several photographs including that of Richard Tallman Galatas but they could neither identify Galatas as having ever passed through that station to their knowledge. Neither could either of these men remember ever having seen a book relative to tides in the San Francisco Bay pass through that station either recently or at any time. Agent exhibited to these persons a copy of "TIDAL CURRENT CHARTS - SAN FRANCISCO BAY" and "CURRENT TABLES PACIFIC COAST", but they did not recall having seen any person with either or both of these books recently and stated that they did not believe that they had ever seen either of these books before.

Agent made a transcription of all the records at this station reflecting all cars going south through this station from 6 P. M. on 12-15-37 to 10 A. M. on 12-16-37 and same is attached hereto.

Agent called at the Quarantine station located 7 miles north of Hornbrook, California and it was there ascertained that the following persons work at this quarantine station and that it is open all the time; that all cars including California cars going into California from the North are stopped and checked. Those who operate this station are:

~~E. Evans~~  
~~Ed Francis~~  
~~George Kipp~~  
~~Fred Perry (in charge)~~  
~~Fritz Trunkfield~~  
~~Bart Blesh~~

Relative to December 15 and 16, 1937, the above persons worked as follows:

Evans:	15th - 1 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Francis:	15th - 3 P. M. to 11 P. M.
Kipp:	15th - 11 P. M. to 7 A. M. 16th
Perry:	16th - 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Trunkfield:	15th and 16th - 7 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Blesh:	15th and 16th - 6 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Agent interviewed all these persons and exhibited to them photograph of Galatas without effecting any identification. Copies of Tidal Current Charts of San Francisco Bay and Current Tables Pacific Coast were exhibited individually to these persons but none of them remembered having seen such books pass through this station.

Agents made a transcript of all cars passing through this station from 6 P. M. on the 15th of December to 9 A. M. on the 16th of December and copy of same is attached hereto.

At Dorris, California, Agents interviewed Mr. H. J. English who is in charge of this quarantine station and he advised that he was on duty on the 16th of December from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.; that Mr. William E. Hughes was on duty from midnight of the 15th to 8 A. M. on the 16th and that Herman Johns was on duty from 4 P. M. of the 15th to midnight. Photograph of Galatas was exhibited to Mr. English and Mr. Johns without effecting any identification, also exhibited to these two gentlemen were Tidal Current Charts of San Francisco Bay, and Current Tables Pacific Coast, but they stated they had never seen either of these books pass through this station.

A transcript of all cars, including California cars, passing through this station from 6 P. M. on the 15th to 9 A. M. on the 16th was made and is attached hereto.

Mr. English advised that Mr. Wm. E. Hughes is on vacation and will not return to duty until January 9, 1938; that he can be located at Chico, California through the Postoffice as he is known there.

Relative to the quarantine station at Alturas, California Agent discussed the possibility of a person passing through there on either December 15th or 16th and both Mr. Fahy and Wilson at Dunsmuir advised that their reports showed that this station did no business on either of these dates as the road was closed due to floods. This information was verified by Sgt. McKinnon of the Oregon State Police at Klamath Falls who advised that he was at Lakeview, Oregon on December 14th holding a training school for members of the O. S. P. and that the following day, the 15th he was unable to get out of there as the roads were all flooded and bridges were out and that he is positive that the road into California through Alturas was impassable on the 15th and 16th of December.

Agent while at Klamath Falls, endeavored to telephone to the quarantine station at Alturas but was not successful in getting through due to some trouble on the lines between these two towns.

#### AT SMITH RIVER, CALIFORNIA:

Agent McCain ascertained at the California State Quarantine

Station located at Smith River that the following were on duty checking cars during the period indicated.

Lloyd Cranford, 4 PM to Midnight December 15, 1937  
A. S. Johnson, Midnight to 8 AM December 16, 1937  
Lloyd Cranford, 8 AM to 4 PM December 16, 1937

A transcript of the list of cars passing through this station from 6 PM 12-15-37 to 9 AM 12-16-37 was obtained.

The picture of Richard Galatas was exhibited to A. S. Johnson who stated that the picture seemed to resemble someone he has seen. He could not recall whether it was someone he had known in the past, but stated that he felt sure it did not resemble anyone he has seen recently. The copies of "Tidal Current Charts, San Francisco Bay" and "Current Tables Pacific Coast" were exhibited to Johnson but he stated that he did not recall having seen a copy of either in the cars or baggage of persons checked through the station.

Agent was advised that Lloyd Cranford went on vacation December 18, 1937 for a period of 30 days, and had furnished his address while absent as c/o W. R. Quick, Winterhaven, California. Mr. Quick is employed at the Fort Yuma Quarantine Station near Winterhaven.

#### AT REDWOOD HIGHWAY CHECKING STATION, CALIFORNIA:

The above station is located on U. S. Highway No. 199, six miles south of O'Brien, Oregon. Agent McCain ascertained at the above checking station that the following men were on duty at the station during the period noted:

Clyde Bowman, 4 PM to Midnight December 15, 1937  
Jack E. Van Zee, Midnight to 8 AM December 16, 1937  
J. E. Simmons 8 AM to 4 PM December 16, 1937

A transcript of the record of cars passing through this station from 6 PM December 15, 1937 to 9 AM December 16, 1937 was obtained.

The picture of Richard Galatas was exhibited to Clyde Bowman and J. E. Simmons, but they could not recall having checked anyone through the station who resembled the picture. The copies of "Tidal Current Charts, San Francisco Bay" and "Current Tables Pacific Coast" were exhibited to Bowman and Simmons, but they could not recall ever

having seen similar copies in the cars or baggage of persons checked through the station.

Agent was advised that Jack E. Van Zee is now on a 30 day vacation and is not expected to return to work at the checking station until after the middle of January 1938. Mr. Van Zee's address while on leave is 604 Elm Street, Woodland, California.

Lists of license plates were prepared and forwarded to respective offices in order that a rapid check could be made to determine whether the owners of any automobiles passing through the California checking stations were the parties who purchased the Tidal Current Charts, San Francisco Bay, or the Current Tables of the Pacific Coast for 1938 at Portland, Oregon on December 15, 1937. The writer of this report obtained a list of names and addresses of owners from Mr. Campbell of the Auto License Bureau, Portland, Oregon, it being noted that there are approximately 125 Automobiles with Oregon licenses passing through the various California Checking stations. Steps have been taken to interview the owners of each of the automobiles and the following owners have been contacted by Agents of the Portland Office, and it has been determined either by personal interview with the said owners or by interview with close relatives or acquaintances that they were not in Portland on December 15, 1937 and could not have purchased the charts in question. In one or two instances where the parties were in Portland, it was determined that they left prior to December 15, 1937.

<u>License #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Make of car</u>
1938 - 50054	Rose Faver	Gold Hill, Oregon	1936 Ford Sedan
1937 - 248 040	Ralph Pointer	Myrtle Point, Ore.	1935 Ford coupe
1937 - 195 449	Joe Varney	Coquille, Ore.	1937 Dodge Sedan
1937 - 79 313	Howard De Tillion	Coquille, Ore.	1930 Chev. Coupe
1937 - 287 689	Tex Fromm	Gold Beach, Ore.	1937 Chev. Coupe
1937 - 288 317	F. B. Henry	Blitzen, Ore.	1937 Chev. Sedan
1937 - 288 096	W. A. Shattuck	Grants Pass, Ore.	1937 Ford Sedan
1937 - 208 203	Douglas H. Faske	Butte Falls, Ore.	1930 Ford Coupe
1937 - 276 750	Otis Ellis	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1937 Packard Sedan
1937 - 247 424	Mildred D. Stanton	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1933 Chev. Coupe
1937 - 268 736	Wm. C. Heaston	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1927 Studebaker Sdn.
1937 - 8629	H. S. Wood	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1936 Plymouth Tour.
1937 - 42945	K. L. Pritchard	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1935 Olds. Tour.
27-421- 1937	R. F. Cleveland	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1935 Plymouth Coupe
83-838- 1937	G. Childers	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1935 Ford Tudor



1937 - 245472	H. F. Withrow	Tillamook, Ore.	1931 Buick Sedan
		& Macdoel, Cal.	1929 Ford Sedan
1937 - 88 017	Elmer Rice	Tillamook, Ore.	1934 Buick Sdn.
1938 - 14542	W. Weniger	Corvallis, Ore.	1935 Chrysler Sdn.
1937 - 92 944	A. Berk	Portland, Ore.	1936 Pontiac Coupe
	119 667 A. B. Robertson	Portland, Ore.	

Memoranda are in the file detailing investigation concerning each of the above described automobiles and license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. G. McGeary at Ashland, Oregon:

Reference is made to one, C. A. Garrison, c/o Pinehurst, Ashland, Oregon, to whom a 1930 Buick Coupe, Motor #2589268 is registered by 1937 Oregon license #215 750, At Ashland, Agent inquired of Mr. J. H. Fuller, Postmaster, the address of C. A. Garrison and was advised that he had lived at Pinehurst, Oregon which is on a mail route out of Ashland, Oregon but he believed Mr. Garrison had moved from there. He exhibited to Agent a letter addressed to "C. A. Garrison, c/o Pinehurst, Ashland, Oregon" which had been returned to the Ashland postoffice marked "Not Here". This letter was from the Klamath Falls Branch of the First National Bank of Portland and was postmarked December 24, 1937. Mr. Fuller suggested that Agent call Mr. C. W. DeCarlow, at Pinehurst, Oregon whom he thought might know Garrison's present address. Subsequently, Agent by long distance telephone talked to Mrs. Myrtle Patterson at the Pinehurst Inn, Pinehurst, Oregon due to Mr. De Carlow being unable to hear over the phone. Mrs. Patterson informed Agent that Jack Garrison whom she believed identical with C. A. Garrison had moved to Rochester, Washington about two months ago. She did not know his address there nor what business he was engaged in. She stated that he had a 1930 Buick Coupe when he lived in Pinehurst. She further stated that Jack Garrison has a brother-in-law named George Wangerin living in Pinehurst Oregon but he was not at home at that time. Mrs. Patterson advised that she would find out if possible the street address of Jack Garrison in Rochester, Washington, and would be glad to give such information if trouble was experienced in locating Mr. Garrison at Rochester, Washington.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. V. McCain at Klamath Falls, Oregon:

1937 Oregon license #287 954 was issued to Archie Smith, P.O. Box 13, Klamath Falls, Oregon for a 1929 Chevrolet Coupe.

Miss Helen Spiker, Directory Clerk, Klamath Falls Post Office, advised Agent that Fred Howard, who operates a used car lot in Klamath Falls,

is the renter of P. O. Box 13. Upon interview, Fred Howard advised Agent that he had sold the 1929 Chevrolet Coupe to Archie Smith during the spring of 1937; that Archie Smith is a timber faller and was employed at the time near Dorris, California. He stated that Archie Smith, in order to obtain the registration certificate and certificate of title for his car, gave the address of P. O. Box 13. Howard stated that he had not seen Archie Smith for approximately a month, but that he had completed payments on the car, and to his knowledge, Archie Smith was probably still at Dorris, California.

~~Oregon~~ license #292 322 was issued to Mrs. Ethel Tucker, Chiloquin, Oregon, for 1937 Oldsmobile Sedan.

Earl Bradfield, Justice of the Peace, Chiloquin, Oregon, advised Agent that Mrs. Ethel Tucker and her husband Joe Tucker who had been working as a butcher at Chiloquin, Oregon, recently moved to Medford, Oregon. Earl Bradfield ascertained for Agent that Mrs. Ethel Tucker is now residing at 21 Gemessie Street, Medford, Oregon.

With reference to the report of Special Agent F. C. Wood, Milwaukee, dated 12-30-37, and Milwaukee teletype of December 24, 1937 pertaining to one W. L. Morris of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, it is noted that the Milwaukee Office has already eliminated the automobile registered to this individual, namely 1937 Dodge Sedan bearing Wisconsin license 605-995. The writer was unable to contact Morris at Cottage Grove, Oregon, upon making investigation at that point, but did contact Mrs. Morris who stated that the Dodge Sedan formerly belonging to her husband had been repossessed and left at the Ford Motor Co. in Cottage Grove operated by a Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson ascertained for Agent from his records that this automobile was released December 15, 1937 and although his records did not definitely disclose the name, it was apparently released to a representative of the Chippewa Valley Security Co., Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

With reference to Buffalo teletype of December 25, 1937 pertaining to [redacted] the writer contacted Mrs. Florence Carlson, corner of 21st and Hoffman, Rural Route 4, near Eugene, Oregon. Mrs. Carlson advised that she had recently received a visit from [redacted] and another party whose name she could not recall; that the parties were all quite young and had departed a week or two previously for an unknown destination; that she

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had not heard from the [redacted] since leaving, but was of the opinion that if they went to California they would not go to Portland prior to making the trip to California. Mrs. Carlson was unable to state the exact date on which the [redacted] had departed. From her description of these parties, however, it does not appear that any of them could have been the unknown party who purchased the charts at Portland, Oregon.

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With reference to the report of Special Agent J. E. Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 12-31-37 and Indianapolis teletype of December 24, 1937, Agent ascertained from the Roy Burnett Motor Co. Portland, Oregon that Mr. J. W. Porter is presently residing at 2100 Divisadero St., San Francisco, California. The exact date of Mr. Porter's departure for California was not ascertained. An appropriate lead is being set forth for the San Francisco Office to interview him.

1938 Oregon license #50035 was ascertained to be issued to Mr. E. D. Danielson, whose address is Marion Hotel, Salem, Oregon, for a 1937 Ford Coupe, motor #18-3633677.

At the Marion Hotel, in Salem, Agent was advised that Danielson is known as a transient who occasionally stops at this hotel; that the only forwarding address available was the Roosevelt Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

At the Roosevelt Hotel, Agent was advised that Danielson left a forwarding address about December 13th last to 6419 10th Street, Los Angeles, California. An appropriate lead is being set forth for the Los Angeles Office to interview Danielson.

1937 Oregon license 245 506 was ascertained to have been issued to Lee T. Samuels, General Delivery, Albany, Oregon, for a 1928 Ford Coupe Motor number A-289776; that this car with one passenger passed through the Hornbrook Station December 16th.

D. H. Paterson, Assistant Postmaster, Albany, Oregon, advised Agent that the Albany Postoffice had received a post card from Samuels at California giving his forwarding address as 1436 California Street, Apartment number 7, San Francisco, California. An appropriate lead is herewith set forth to the San Francisco Office.

A number of parties have been interviewed who stated definitely that they had not been to California recently, and it is believed that the 1938 license was the one recorded at the checking stations although Agents Deaderick and McCain advised that it was impossible in most

<u>License #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Make of car</u>
292 339 - 1937	J. E. Sims	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1927 Buick Sedan
272 818 - 1937	Hugh T. Neff	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1929 Ford Tudor
207 066 - 1937	Jack N. Ray	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1936 Hudson Sedan
1938 - 17026	Mona R. & Z.W. Dixon	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1934 Olds. Sedan
137 941 - 1937	Fred. W. Frink	Klamath Falls, Ore.	
1938 - 23 122	Mrs. Arthur Peck	Klamath Falls, Ore.	Chev. Car.
79 892 - 1937	L. B. Bell	Bly, Oregon	1937 Chevrolet Sdn.
269 928 - 1937	Mrs. Maude Wilson	Merrill, Ore.	1937 Chev. Coupe
1938 - 50 651	Ralph Johnson	Yamsay, Oregon	1935 Ford Tudor
241 151 - 1937	Frank W. Hill	Mowich, Ore.	1933 Plymouth Tudor
1938 - 23-899	W. L. Simonson	Mowich, Ore.	1936 Ford Pickup truck
196 623 - 1937	Bernice Haines	Bend, Ore.	1937 Plymouth Coupe
201 584 - 1937	Wm. Skaggs	Bend, Ore.	1937 Terraplane Sedan
1938 - 12-786	Archie Elmer	Prineville, Ore.	1930 Ford Sedan.
1937 - 223 694	Mrs. Fred Edsall	Ashland, Ore.	1936 Hudson Sedan
1937 - 32 435	Gerald Kook	Eagle Point, Ore.	1927 Pontiac Sedan
1938 - 562	Robert & D. Lindsay	Roseburg, Ore.	1936 Chev. Sedan
1937 - 295 685	Robert G. Beckley	Elkton, Ore.	1937 Pontiac Sedan
1937 - 88 738	E. H. Kretsinger	O'Brien, Ore.	1925 Stud. Tour.
1937 - 17026	Tom R. Pearce	Grants Pass, Ore.	1936 Hlds. Tudor
1937 - 76-418	E. L. Moore	Grants Pass, Ore.	1935 Ford Sedan
1937 - 120 518	W. L. Harrison	Portland, Ore.	1928 Packard Sdn.
1937 - 29606	Mrs. Jesse Burgoin	Medford, Oregon.	1936 Buick Sedan
1937 - 294 112	Fred R. Tepner	Medford, Ore.	1930 Chev.
1937 - L14564	Joe Tucker	Medford, Oregon	1930 Ford Delivery Truck
1938 - 50029	L. F. Pickett	Medford, Ore.	1937 Studebaker Coupe
1937 - 87 592	Romie Holzhauser	Provolt, Ore.	1937 Chev. Sedan
1937 - 252 195	L. C. Rice	Harbor, Ore.	
1937 - 19 926	B. W. Hansen	Medford, Ore.	1929 Dodge Sedan
1937 - 76 114	Ralph W. Terrell	Medford, Ore.	1937 Chev. Sedan
1937 - 297 533	T. W. Mills	Medford, Ore.	1937 Chrysler Sdn.
1937 - 290 119	Dorothy Folding	Medford, Ore.	1937 Dodge Coupe
1938 - 20543	John L. Merryman	Silverton, Ore.	1930 Willys Sedan
1938 - 50267	Rose Beyerlein	West Salem, Ore.	1938 Studebaker Coupe
1938 - 50324	W. P. Lewis	West Salem, Ore.	1938 Ford Sedan
1937 - 281 681	Raymond Wilson	Aumsville & Salem	1928 Chev. Coupe
1938 - 7073	Mrs. E. M. Smith	Corvallis, Ore	1937 Buick Sdn.
1937 - 186 818	Melvin L. Stewart	Portland, Ore.	Pontiac Sdn.
1937 - 190 463	Alice A. McNary	Portland	1937 Chev. Coupe
1937 - 194 130	Usona Thiessen & Laura Martin	Salem, Ore.	1937 Dodge Sdn.
1938 - 55 649	W. R. Saunders	Salem, Ore.	1934 Dodge Coupe
1937 - 172 759	Carol D. Bush	Eagle Creek, Ore.	1929 Ford Coupe

instances to distinguish between 1937 and 1938 licenses. It will therefore be necessary to recheck the numbers of these license plates at Salem, Oregon.

Agent has shown a number of "K" photographs to witnesses at Portland, Oregon, the "K" photographs representing individuals who answered the description of the unknown party who purchased the charts and tables at Portland. No identification however, has been effected. All the parties still state that the photographs of Richard T. Galatas more nearly resemble the unknown party than any photographs they have seen to date.

The Portland Field Division is continuing investigation of this case in an effort to identify the unknown individual, and an additional report will be submitted at an early date.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE, at San Francisco, will locate Lee T. Samuels, 1436 California Street, Apartment Number 7, and ascertain whether he was the party who purchased the tidal charts and tables at Portland on December 15th, it being noted that this party owned 1928 Ford Coupe, Oregon license 245506.

At San Francisco, will contact J. W. Porter, 2100 Divisadero Street, in accordance with the lead set out in the report of Special Agent J. E. Jones, Indianapolis, dated 12-31-37.

The San Francisco Office at Dorris, California, will contact Archie Smith owner of 1929 Chevrolet Coupe, 1937 Oregon license 287 954.

The Los Angeles Office at Los Angeles, will interview E. D. Danielson, 6419 10th Street, Los Angeles, owner of 1938 Ford Coupe bearing 1938 Oregon license 50035.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE, at Rochester, Washington, will interview C. A. Garrison, owner of 1930 Buick Coupe, 1937 Oregon license 215 750, ascertaining whether he is the party who purchased the charts at Portland.

THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE, will continue investigation of various owners of automobiles which passed through the California checking stations.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/30/37 & 1/6/38	REPORT MADE BY M. B. Myerson--IST
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ERVIE WALTERS and GEORGE WEBER, former Army prisoners at Alcatraz Island, now released, were interviewed on information furnished by [redacted] with negative results. [redacted] notorious liar, and WALTERS bears same reputation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated 12/23/37.

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

Under date of December 30, 1937 ERVIE WALTERS was brought to the San Francisco Office by RALPH I. EBNER, Probation Officer, San Francisco. On interview by this Agent he stated he resides with his brother, RALPH L. WALTERS, at 955 Golden Gate Avenue, telephone Walnut 9681. He stated that he was committed to Alcatraz in July, 1931, and was transferred from that place to Leavenworth in March, 1936, and released from Leavenworth on July

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23, 1937 on parole until 1941; that he immediately returned to California, and spent two months in Watsonville with his brother, and the balance of his time since then has been spent in San Francisco; that he first resided at the Mason Hotel, 571 Haight Street, then went to Colma (a suburb of San Francisco) as an employee of the Junipero Serra Hospital, where he worked for a short time.

He stated that his brother, RALPH WALTERS, is a fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad, with fourteen years seniority with that company.

WALTERS stated he had seen GEORGE WEBER, also a former inmate of Alcatraz several times since the former's release from Leavenworth, meeting him purely by chance one day; that he and WEBER drove to El Cerrito, California, in an endeavor to obtain work from the Morris Ship Yards; that WEBER mentioned

one [redacted] and he, WALTERS, and WEBER, went to [redacted] home, where they visited with [redacted] and were informed that [redacted] was [redacted] that they came over to see [redacted] and that both he and WEBER told [redacted]

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WALTERS stated he spoke very little to [redacted] as he has never liked him.

He stated that so far as WEBER is concerned, he is confident that WEBER does not now have any contacts with former inmates at Alcatraz, nor other criminals; that WEBER is married to a very fine young girl, of whom he is extremely fond, and his only desire is to find steady employment, and be able to make a living.

WALTERS was asked for what offense he was incarcerated in Alcatraz, but refused to state. However, it was later learned that the offense was that of sodomy.

After some hesitation, WALTERS finally asked Agent's theory on the escape. He was advised that in Agent's opinion, if escapes had assistance, they might have succeeded, but he did not believe their escape was successful, if they had none. Agent brought up the question of the fog, indicating that that was favorable to the escapes in one way, but unfavorable in another, as they could not see the direction in which they were swimming. At this point, however, WALTERS stated it could have

been turned to further advantage by the inmates, due to the fact that the boats traveled slower in fogs than they did in clear weather. He also stated that the men at Alcatraz, after being there for several years, knew the ferry boat schedule to the minute. WALTERS added that while he was not volunteering any information yet, as long as he had come to the San Francisco Office, he might as well tell us that if we had contacted him a day or two after the escape, he might have been able to tell us exactly where the prisoners were.

WALTERS then stated he and COLE were sort of buddies in Alcatraz, and COLE was always anxious to learn things about the Island, outside of the prison yard; that he, WALTERS, was very familiar with every rock and cave on the Island, and he kept COLE advised; that COLE at first did not work in the machine shop, but later requested that he be transferred there, and after sometime he was so transferred, WALTERS stating that COLE must have figured out that the machine shop would be the best place from which to escape, and as it turned out, he finally succeeded.

He said that he knew for years that COLE planned an escape, but was surprised he waited as long as he did. He indicated to this Agent that he knew COLE'S plans for escape, and where he intended to stay after the escape, but that he would not disclose this information unless he would benefit thereby.

Agent explained to WALTERS that it was very important to him, Agent, to ascertain whether or not the Subjects in this case were alive or dead. It was explained further to WALTERS that the possible method of escape, or possible place of abode of the escapes for a day or two after the escape, was of no value, unless it could be proven positively that the Subjects herein were alive. He replied that he was afraid this could not be proven from his information; that COLE and ROE would never leave a fingerprint anyplace.

He was assured that he would be compensated for any information of value, but refused to disclose anything without having some definite assurance that he would be paid.

At this point Agent invited Special Agent in Charge N. J. L. PIERCE to hear WALTERS' story, and Mr. PIERCE



assured WALTERS in the same manner that this Agent had, that the Bureau would compensate him, or anyone else, for any information of value in this case, but insisted that the Bureau must first establish that the facts given were true. At this point WALTERS stated there was no use of continuing the interview, and prepared to leave the San Francisco Office.

Agent felt that WALTERS in truth had no information of value, and that he was merely feeling around for a hand-out.

From Probation Officer EBNER Agent learned that [ ] the informant in this case, was a notorious liar, and that WALTERS was similarly inclined. He stated that WALTERS was undependable; that he, EBNER, had found WALTERS several positions, but that he usually resigned without cause, and the Probation Department has now decided they would not assist him farther. Mr. EBNER further stated that WALTERS, although on parole until 1941, was very irregular in his visits to the Probation Office, and caused that office considerable difficulty.

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Agent escorted WALTERS out of the San Francisco Office, and invited him to return at will, and failing to find this Agent in, to inquire for Special Agent in Charge PLEPER. Contact may be maintained with WALTERS through Mr. EBNER, who will be in a position to reach him at any time desired, and has offered his full cooperation in this case.

Under date of January 6, 1938 Agent interviewed GEORGE WEBER, 871 Hayes Street, San Francisco. His general appearance and conduct was very favorable, and it is not believed that he has had any contacts with former prisoners at Alcatraz, nor that he desires the companionship of any notorious characters. It is also believed that he is very earnest in his desire to obtain steady employment, and conduct himself as a law-abiding citizen from now on.

The following, in substance, was gathered from the interview of WEBER:

GEORGE WEBER, 871 Hayes Street, San Francisco, was interviewed on January 6, 1938. He stated that he is married, and resides with his wife at said address. He advised that he was released from Alcatraz on an Army charge in March, 1936, and was sent to McNeil's Island, remained there about one week, and then received a Presidential pardon. He advised that he had served at Alcatraz about 27 months. While there, he stated that he worked in the kitchen most of the time.

Asked whether he knew COLE and ROE, he stated that he could not remember them from their names. Agent exhibited their pictures, and he thereupon said he remembered seeing both of them; that he believed he worked in the laundry, and has worked with COLE in the laundry, but is not sure; that he remembers talking to COLE in the yard a few times during baseball games, but says he never talked to ROE; that COLE was a disagreeable sort, and was difficult to get along with, even in ball games; that he was a sorehead, and most of the men left him alone.

He also said that ROE played ball a few times.

WEBER said he has never seen another person off the Island except ERVIE WALTERS, and he does not want to meet any others. He said he knew LIMAS, and was acquainted with his family before his sentence, and when on the Island, he told LIMAS that when he got out to look up WEBER'S family; that he, WEBER, saw LIMAS' sister on the street, and she told him that LIMAS was in jail, so WEBER and WALTERS went up to see him.

WEBER said that a fellow by the name of LARRY, last name unknown, was paroled from Alcatraz, and later was picked up in Los Angeles, and sent to San Quentin, where he is now incarcerated; says LARRY wrote a story for the San Francisco "Examiner" called "Life on the Rock", or something like that; said that LARRY might know something, because he mixed with everyone on the Island.

WEBER stated that , in his opinion, there is no one at Alcatraz who would carry messages or is dishonest, so far as those he knows are concerned.

WEBER advised that for the past six weeks, he has been working for the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Ltd., on the S.S. "Malola", name now changed to the S.S. "Matsonia". He is now laid off for a couple of weeks, but

expects to return soon. He showed evidence of this employment in the form of his identification card, check stubs, etc.

It will be noted from the foregoing that WEBER had absolutely nothing of value to offer relative to the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE. As to WALTERS, it appears that it was his intention to advance the theory that Subjects could have "caught on" to one of the ferries traveling across the bay. Agent pursued this matter in his interview of JOSEPH B. STIERE, Junior Officer at Alcatraz, in charge of the machine and mat shops, in which both ROE and COLE worked.

Mr. STIERE advised Agent that it would have been impossible for any person to "catch a ride" on a ferry boat; that one of the side-wheel variety of ferry boats would have ground a person to pieces; that the other type is propelled by screw propellers, one on the front of the boat, and one on the rear, and that if any person approached one of these boats, the suction from the rear would draw him into the propeller and "would make mince-meat out of him".

It therefore appears that there is no merit to WALTERS' suggestion, and further, that since he is out of work, he was trying to sell a theory. It is believed that if there was any foundation to his story that he knew COLE'S plans, he would have been glad to sell his information, as he had nothing to lose if his story was proven to be unfounded.

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Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,  
San Francisco, California

January 12, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a group of twenty one enlargements of pictures taken on Alcatraz Island, of the building from which ROE and COLE escaped and of portions of the terrain around the building from which the escape was made.

The negatives from which these enlargements were made are being marked No. 1, and are enclosed with this letter.

There were other negatives developed which were taken at the time of those above mentioned, but which were not used in making enlargements because it was felt they did not illustrate the subject matter in a sufficiently definite manner.

This group of negatives marked No. 2 are also enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 14, 1938

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: RALPH FOR, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
IO #1472; et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from your office under date of January 6, 1938 requesting the address of Frank Williams as set forth in report of Special Agent W. E. Curnea, dated at San Francisco, California December 28, 1937.

Please be advised that the last known address of Frank Williams as reflected by the file on this individual in the possession of Thomas B. Williams, U. S. Probation Officer, Columbus, Ohio was 1948 W. 81st St., Cleveland, Ohio. It should be noted that this was his address at the expiration of his maximum term. It was also learned that Frank Williams' first address upon his return to Cleveland was 1954 E. 79th St.

The file does reflect that Williams' occupation is a sheet metal worker but does not reflect that he was employed at this trade or any other trade during the time of his release and the expiration of his sentence.

Mr. Thomas Williams advised that Frank Williams' monthly reports were prepared by the State Parole Officer at Cleveland. He also stated that Charles Reampton, friend, 1971 E. 7th St., signed Williams' arrival papers.

Very truly yours

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/7/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3,4,5,6,7/38	REPORT MADE BY E. B. Myerson--IST-MLA
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE  ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation conducted relative to HENRY T. DAVIS, and WALTER F. PETERSEN, Junior Officers, and CLAUDE E. BILLINGSLEY, and JAMES V. HALSTREAD, laundry workers, all at Alcatraz Island, develops DAVIS and PETERSEN were off duty on day of escape, and others were in laundry building. Credit rating of DAVIS and PETERSEN fair, while that of BILLINGSLEY and HALSTREAD satisfactory. Interviews of all four individuals conducted, but nothing of value developed through same, and nothing developed indicating they had any connection with, or knowledge of escape.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated January 3, 1938 (76-2686).

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

Under date of December 31, 1937 the San Francisco Office received a telephone call from Mr. TAMI, of the Bureau,

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who advised that the Director of Prisons had submitted a memorandum to the Director of the Bureau setting out that Warden JOENSTON of Alcatraz had suggested that the following men be investigated to determine whether or not they had any possible connection with the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE:

Junior Officer HENRY T. DAVIS

Junior Officer WALTER F. PETERSEN

Laundry Worker CLAUDE E. BILLINGSLEY

Laundry Worker JAMES V. HALSTEAD.

Bureau letter dated January 3, 1938 confirmed the above telephone conversation, and also enclosed a copy of the memorandum of Director of Prisons JAMES V. BENNETT to the Director.

Pursuant to the foregoing, Special Agent W. F. WOOD proceeded to the Retailers' Credit Association, 15 Stockton Street, San Francisco, and from Mr. A. J. GREENBERG obtained credit information relative to the foregoing individuals.

As to HENRY T. DAVIS, he entered duty at Alcatraz on April 1, 1937. He resides at 2603 Hyde Street, San Francisco, telephone Gr. 1711. Mr. GREENBERG stated that on November 1, 1937 the Credit Association had an inquiry concerning Mr. DAVIS from the American Trust Company of San Francisco, who reported that DAVIS had furnished Montgomery Ward as a reference. The credit file contained no further information relative to Mr. DAVIS.

At the Civil Service Commission, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, Agent conferred with Mr. HARRY T. KRANZ, Manager of the 12th Civil Service District, and informed Mr. KRANZ that he was desirous of obtaining the benefit of the contents of the investigative files of the Civil Service Commission relative to the two guards and two laundry workers above-mentioned. Mr. KRANZ stated that he would furnish the substance of these files to Agent, but in instances where information of a derogatory nature had been given by some person, that name would be withheld.

Mr. KRANZ then assigned this Agent to Mr. J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner, who informed Agent that he was able to locate the investigative files for Messrs. DAVIS, BILLINGSLEY, and HALSTEAD, but that the file pertaining to EMLERSEN was not at San Francisco.

The file relative to HENRY T. DAVIS, in substance, contained the following:

"DAVIS was born in San Antonio, Texas, on February 27, 1908. In 1923, he completed his eighth grade of schooling at Electra, Texas. In 1929 he graduated from the Electra High School. From April, 1927 to June, 1928, he was under U.S. Army enlistment, Wichita Falls, Texas, sent to Dallas, Texas., then to Kelley Field, Texas, for two months' training; transferred to March Field with 70th Service Squadron in the Air Service; was a ground man mechanic and blacksmith; honorably discharged by purchase as 6th c. Specialist. Had two months' permanent guard duty. Returned to Electra to complete high schooling.

"From Jan. 1929 to Jun. 1931, employed at Electra, Tex., in parents' grocery store while attending high school. Also worked as laborer in oil fields. From Jul. 1931 to Nov. 1932, assisted father, H. W. DAVIS, in operating an 80-acre ranch at Mt. Burg, Ark. From Nov. 1922, to Dec. 1934, he hauled freight, express and concrete in his privately-owned truck, making \$125 per month. From Dec. 1934 to Feb. 1935, employed in oil fields around Electra and Montague, Tex. In March, 1935, at Donna, Tex., employed as engineer's helper and truck driver; from Jan. to June, 1936, was a derrickman for an oil company at Monahans, Tex. From Aug. 1936 to Mar. 1937, was a refinery helper at Electra, and a yard hand, making from \$120 to \$150 per month.

"DAVIS was married on Aug. 8, 1932 to PARTHENA BOWDEN at Mt. Burg, Tex. They have a daughter 3 yrs. old.

"Assets consist of 80 acres of land, clear, valued at \$200.00, at Fayetteville, Ark. Has furniture, valued at \$125. He has a 1934 Plymouth Sedan, on which he owes \$125. In addition to this \$125.00,



he owes \$35 to Montgomery-Ward & Co. at Electra, and \$7 to a drug store in Electra. His wife has a few bills and that is all. He was never sued nor in bankruptcy. Took an occasional drink, but not for the past five years. Never used narcotics. Does not gamble and never did. Has no hobbies.

"ARRESTS: In 1924 for speeding, and fined \$10.80, which father paid. In 1929 and 1930 for drinking and raising a disturbance at a dance at Vernon, Tex., and spent night in jail. Denies he was drunk. Father paid fine of \$12.80. In 1930 in Iowa Park, Texas, was picked up on the charge of a girl that he had tried to make her drink Sloane's Liniment in an effort to make her disclose the whereabouts of her sister's diamond ring. He denied the charge, and it was later dismissed. He was represented by Attorney O. E. NELSON, Wichita Falls, Tex. In 1931, was picked up in Fayetteville, Ark., on suspicion of being one LONG, who was wanted for bank robbery; held overnight in jail, until father arrived and proved identity of DAVIS.

"DAVIS is 6'<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" tall, weighs 180 pounds. He had gonorrhoea when 16, but now reported completely cured. Claims he was not living with the woman. While in army, became homesick and went AWOL, for which placed in guardhouse for 30 days and fined \$10.

"REFERENCES:

H. D. MILLER, Cleaner and Dyer, and Tailor, 216 W. Cleveland, Electra.  
A. B. CORDER, Mayor, Electra, Texas.  
HOMER WISNAND, Constable, Electra, Texas.  
I. P. GIBSON, Justice of the Peace, Electra, Texas.  
WALTER SUTTLE, Chief of Police, Electra, Texas.

"The following general comments are as reported by the Field Civil Service Examiner, San Francisco:

"On the few months that DAVIS spent in this locality, the Examiner found his record good. Reported to have been 'kind of a wild fellow' at Electra, and had a few fights, but was supposed to have straightened up during the last few years. Justice of the Peace at Electra said it was definitely proved that the boy was not involved in the case where the girl charged him with forcing her to drink Liniment in an effort to get information out of her, and the case was dropped. DAVIS is reported to have paid off a debt which his father incurred for lumber, doing so by applying one-half of an \$18.00 a week salary until entirely liquidated. The boy is said to be a hard worker, and well liked. The Examiner was very much impressed with him."

On January 4, 1938 Mr. DAVIS was interviewed by Special Agent WOOD, and this Agent, and in substance gave the following information:

He is twenty-eight years old, and was born at Electra, Texas. His father and mother now reside with him, and his father, HENRY WOODS DAVIS, is a Spanish - American War Veteran, receiving a monthly pension of \$60.00.

Questioned about his financial position, he stated that he received a salary of \$155.00 per month, and that he had bills amounting to between \$400 and \$500, one-half of which were about two years old, and were not pressing; that they had been incurred in Electra, Texas, his home, and his creditors were persons with whom he and his family had been acquainted for many years, and knew that he would pay them as soon as he was able. He pays \$25.00 per month on rent, \$20.00 per month on a loan to the Postal Credit Union, Inc., 1307 Harrison Street, Oakland, and \$15.00 monthly on three mercantile accounts. He owes either two or three payments on his Plymouth automobile.

Asked if any of the guards at Alcatraz had shown any particular interest in him on his arrival there, he stated that guards JOE SIMPSON and ROYAL CLINE did so, as they were also from Texas; that he had mingled with these two men

in San Francisco a few times, and had also joined them in seeing motion pictures, and other mild forms of amusement.

DAVIS stated that Thursdays, up to the time of the escape, were his days off, and consequently he was off duty and in San Francisco at the time of the escape on December 16th; that he spent the entire day up to 2:30 p.m., with his wife in downtown San Francisco; that about four or five p.m., on that day, he entered a neighborhood grocery store, and a customer informed him that there had been an escape at Alcatraz; that he did not believe this story, and went out and purchased two newspapers, which confirmed the news to him; that he thereupon telephoned to Alcatraz, and asked if he was wanted, and was informed that he would be advised if he was needed. He stated that his first reaction to the news was that he was completely "flabbergasted".

DAVIS stated he had seen both ROE and COLE a good many times; that he knew they both worked in the machine shop and blacksmith shop; that he saw these men about every morning and evening, as they were checked in and out, when it was his duty to watch the "line"; that on Saturdays and Sundays he was "on the wall", and saw them; that due to the fact that he had heard that Subject COLE was an escape artist, he paid more attention to him than any of the others, particularly during the recent strike, as he had heard that COLE had been active in a former strike prior to the time DAVIS was employed at Alcatraz, and for the further reason that he was informed that COLE had killed a guard in another prison.

Asked if any of the prisoners attempted to become familiar with him, or conversed with him regarding matters not connected with Alcatraz, DAVIS stated that one PARKER, an inmate believed to be number 336, had asked him shortly after his arrival if he had any folks who had been killed in the school explosion in New London, Texas; also that since Capone worked in the prison yard, he, too, often spoke to DAVIS, but usually just to say "hello", or "good morning", or passing some other pleasantries.

He stated that while some of the inmates were more quiet than others, the greatest number of them were at all times polite to him, and never asked him for a favor.

DAVIS advised that the prisoners get baseball reports, and other sporting news either by the same being posted in the prison, or through other sources, such as the guards, or the two houseboys, also inmates, who clean up the Warden's house; that he knew the inmates got this news, as he would hear them discuss scores of games already played, or offering to bet on others; that the houseboys had opportunities to communicate with the prisoners during meal times, although talking is not permitted during meals. However, he advised that these boys eat ahead of other prisoners, and finish their meals within a few minutes after the remaining inmates enter the mess hall.

He further stated that these houseboys, in his opinion, communicated with prisoners in the cell block, located across and above them, although talking is not permitted in the cell blocks. He stated that, in his opinion, almost everyone in the prison has developed the art of talking with his hands; that this is not permitted, and when caught the prisoner loses some of his privileges for a period of time.

He further stated that, in his opinion, a limited amount of information could be obtained by the inmates from prisoners who assist at the dock, and that news that comes in over the various radios on the Island also gets around.

As to any special characteristics noticed in connection with ROE and COLE, DAVIS stated that he was more or less impressed by COLE, because the latter acted sort of "slinky", in other words "as a coyote among wolves"; that in spite of the general impression that COLE is pretty tough, he thinks he is yellow, and not particularly dangerous. He said that neither ROE nor COLE were ever in any fights since he has been in Alcatraz, although upon arriving he found COLE working on the inside labor crew, which is an indication that he had disobeyed some rule, as this crew is made up largely of "heels", or men who cannot get along with others, and are separated from them.

He stated that so far as he knows, ROE has never been on the inside labor crew.

On recreation days, Saturdays and Sundays, guards are able to view almost the entire body of inmates in the yard, and DAVIS advised that he had never noticed COLE and ROE getting chummy, either between themselves, or with others. He said that COLE was not friendly with anyone, but would talk to those on his crew to some extent; that there are no restrictions on conversations while the prisoners are in the yard, or at work, and that the only conversations permitted in the cells is that in connection with the prisoners ordering writing paper, tobacco, and magazines.

DAVIS advised that at one o'clock p.m., every day, the dock crew leaves the plumbing shop, and goes through a gate to the dock; that this gate is opened by a tower guard, by means of pressing a button; that as the dock crew goes through the gate, they are "fanned", or searched by a guard; that this usually takes several minutes, upon completion of which the tower guard again presses a button, and the gate is closed; that the tower guard, whose duty it is to open and close this gate, is also under instructions to closely watch the dock crew go through the gate; that this tower guard's position is on top of the building from which the escape was effected; that by reason of this duty, the tower guard's back is toward the place where the escape was effected. (Special Agent WOOD who has been on Alcatraz Island, and taken numerous photographs of the place of escape, and surrounding buildings, and guard towers, advised this Agent that it is possible for inmates who are working in the blacksmith shop, to perceive the movements of the guard on top of their building, and another guard in a tower a short distance away. It therefore appears that someone in the blacksmith shop watched the guard in the tower on top of the machine shop building, and as soon as they saw his back turned, signaled in some manner to the Subjects, who then made their break for escape.)

(It will be remembered that the Subjects herein were reported present at the one p.m. count, but missing at the 1:30 count.)

Upon returning to Alcatraz Friday morning, December 17th, DAVIS was placed on the morning watch, but that evening was changed to the evening watch, his hours being from approximately 4:10 p.m., to 11:50 p.m., and has been on this watch ever since. He advised, therefore, that he has

been unable to view the prisoners during the day, as they are returned to their cells about 4 p.m., daily, and he cannot relate what, in his opinion, their reactions to the escape have been.

On said date of December 17th, DAVIS advises the fog was still quite heavy, and as is presently the practice, the prisoners are kept locked in the cell block during foggy weather. He said, however, that there were rumblings of nervous tension among the prisoners, being caused largely, in his opinion, by their uncertainty as to what happened to Subjects ROE and COLE, that is, whether or not they succeeded in their escape; that it appeared to him to be more of an indication of expectancy, or anxiety and doubt.

DAVIS advised that he has not been to a dance since his arrival in San Francisco; that he takes a drink only rarely; that he does not like beer, and never drinks it; that about his only form of amusement recently has been to patronize a motion picture theatre.

He stated that he had approximately \$45.00 deposited in the Postal Credit Union, Inc., and that this deposit was necessary in order for the depositor to have the privilege of borrowing; that a guard by the name of BOB BAKER is the Alcatraz representative of the Postal Credit, and makes an attempt to get all of the guards on the Island to join.

DAVIS stated that Junior Officer WALTER F. PETERSEN, whose history will be given later in this report, approached him recently, and asked that he, DAVIS, be a co-signer on a loan for \$150.00, which PETERSEN desired to negotiate at the Postal Credit, and that he, DAVIS, agreed, but was later informed that the Postal Credit rejected the loan because DAVIS was already a borrower. He stated that PETERSEN informed him he needed the money for Christmas expenses, and also desired to take up a few bills which he owed, and arrange so that he could make one monthly payment to the association, instead of several payments to various merchants.

DAVIS advised that on Alcatraz Island are apartments and bachelor quarters for most of the guards and their families, and others living on the Island; that there

are supposed to be about sixty families on the Island now, consisting of the Warden, Doctors, guards, etc.; that the bachelor quarters are cleaned by the bachelors themselves, although the halls and shower baths are cleaned by one of the dock crew, who has a guard with him at all times, and that the apartments and everything in connection therewith are cleaned by the occupants, the only connection the convicts have with cleaning those premises being that they empty out the garbage, the latter being dumped in the ocean, while papers and other matter are burned; that when garbage is removed, there are two convicts and one guard, the latter watching the convicts' actions closely.

DAVIS advised that, in his opinion, the civilian employees on the Island are much closer to the inmates than the guards; that the civilian employees must, of necessity, instruct the inmates in all of their work, and converse with the convicts through the day; that he believes civilian employees are located in the laundry, the tailor shop, and the cleaning plant, with the possible exception of the Warden's staff, about which he knows little.

He stated that, in his opinion, all of the guards and civilian employees on the Island are honest and faithful to their duties. To date he stated that he had noticed no noticeable changes in the attitudes of the guards, and that among them there was not one whom he would not trust with his financial or other personal affairs.

This Agent and Special Agent W. F. WOOD feel that DAVIS is honest in his efforts, and intentions; that he told a straightforward story of everything he knew, and withheld nothing. He did not hesitate over any replies, spoke freely, and without reservation, frankly admitted his arrests, obligations, and events during a rather colorful career for a man of his age (28), and gave Agents every reason to believe in his truthfulness.

WALTER F. PETERSEN, Junior Officer, entered duty at Alcatraz on September 3, 1935; residence 2605 Hyde Street, San Francisco; 'phone GRaystone 1370.

From Mr. A. J. GREENBERG, Contact Man, Retailers' Credit Association, 15 Stockton Street, San Francisco, Special Agent W. F. WOOD obtained the following information:

PETERSEN was divorced from BETTY LOU PETERSEN on December 10, 1936 on the grounds of her complaint alleging cruelty. They were married in Wisconsin in 1931 and separated on July 10, 1936. In an interview with the Credit Association in August, 1937, PETERSEN stated he had two dependent children by a previous marriage who were living with him at this time. He also reported he is not required to pay alimony and further that he was formerly employed as a guard at the State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wisconsin.

#### CREDIT HISTORY

(1) A department store in San Francisco in 1936 refused to allow PETERSEN to make further charges to his account because he was too slow in making payments. The name of the store was not available.

(2) Bank #1 reported making a loan to PETERSEN in January, 1937, and that he was paying on the loan as agreed; the amount of the loan and name of the bank were not furnished.

(3) A finance company at San Francisco reported a loan to PETERSEN in June, 1936. The amount of this loan as of November 1, 1937 was \$31.00.

(4) Personal loan company #1. This company reported a loan to PETERSEN in May, 1937, of \$69.00, which was the amount due November 1, 1937, and which would indicate he had borrowed twice from this same company.

(5) Bank #2. This bank reported a loan of \$72.00 to PETERSEN in July, 1937.

(6) Personal loan company #2. This loan company reported a loan of \$103.00 to PETERSEN in November, 1937.

It will be noted that all of the loans obtained, with the one exception, were from different loan companies and different banks; it was pointed out to Agent WOOD by Mr. GREENBERG



of the Credit Association that the rate of interest at the bank where PETERSEN first borrowed would be considerably lower than at the personal loan companies and that anyone who could borrow from a bank would be foolish to go to a personal loan company where a larger rate of interest was demanded. It was, therefore, Mr. GREENBERG'S opinion that PETERSEN was getting rather desperate when he began putting himself under obligation to personal loan companies. Mr. GREENBERG estimated that PETERSEN would probably owe between \$40 and \$50 a month on the above described obligations.

Mr. GREENBERG further pointed out that in his opinion the money was not borrowed for the purpose of purchasing goods and merchandise which would indicate it was used on outside obligations of a personal nature. Mr. GREENBERG further advised Agent WOOD that in the event any noticeable decrease occurred in the payment of the aforementioned obligations, he would immediately advise the San Francisco Office.

At the office of the Civil Service Commission, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, Mr. J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner, advised this Agent that the Civil Service investigative file on PETERSEN was not available. Mr. HOWE had no information regarding PETERSEN.

Under date of January 4, 1938 WALTER F. PETERSEN was interviewed by this Agent and Special Agent WOOD and in substance gave the following information:

He stated he was born in the town of Maple Grove, Wisconsin, on May 9, 1895; that he completed 8 grades of school at that place in 1909 and from then until August, 1926, he assisted his father on the latter's farm, except for a few summers when he worked at logging camps and for a period of time when he and his brother operated a tractor for themselves. He then worked for the Wisconsin State Reformatory for a few months as a guard at Green Bay, Wisconsin; from there he went to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and worked for the Parkinson Farms as herdsman and assistant manager until August 17, 1931. He was then employed as guard at the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun and remained there until August 17, 1935. He commenced working at Alcatraz on September 3, 1935.

PETERSEN advised that he is now living with his two children, both boys 15 and 13 years old. He stated he was first married on December 29, 1922 and his wife by this marriage died on

February 28, 1931; that he again married in December, 1931, lived with his wife until July, 1936, and divorce proceedings were commenced by her in January, 1937, which will become effective this month. He stated he discussed his marital affairs with Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz and the Warden suggested it would be best if divorce proceedings were brought by his wife rather than by him; that his wife, BETTY LOU PETERSEN, was running around with other men and after they separated she wrote to him on several occasions signing her name as "BETTY JEROME" the surname being that of her last paramour, and that letters from her were postmarked Reno, Nevada, and other points outside of California.

PETERSEN stated when he first came to California in September, 1935, he had outstanding obligations amounting to approximately \$2,000.00 and that these were now reduced to a sum close to \$500.00; that this reduction was made possible by a close system of budgeting and the fact that his oldest son earned approximately \$25.00 a month by working after school in a grocery store. He stated that \$90.00 per month was set aside out of his salary to apply on outstanding accounts and that these accounts, according to the best of his recollection, stand at this time as follows:

Bank of America	\$26.50
Central Loan Company	100.00
Local Loan Company	50.00
Keystone Brokerage Company	65.00
Anglo California National Bank	67.00
Credit Union	55.00
Hale Brothers for clothing	35.00
Provident Finance Company	50.00
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These were all PETERSEN could remember and most of them are in approximate figures only. He stated that he believed he would be entirely out of debt in approximately eight months. He further stated he paid \$20.00 per month for rent, \$2.00 for telephone service and \$5.00 for gas and light, and that these were his only regular monthly bills.

PETERSEN stated he had never been arrested in his life; that while he and his brother were operating a tractor and threshing machine business he became ill and was out of work over a year; that their business suffered and bills could not be paid and his brother went through bankruptcy; that he, WALTER F.

PETERSEN, obtained work which paid him \$90.00 per month and in spite of the fact that he continued to pay off bills as fast as he could he too was forced to go through bankruptcy, which he did either in 1932 or 1933; that at this time he was employed as a guard at Waupun and discussed his financial condition with the Warden who recommended that he go through bankruptcy. He stated that in spite of the fact that he was relieved of all his obligations he nevertheless paid out several hundred dollars later to some of his creditors.

PETERSEN advised he was off duty in San Francisco on the day of the escape, December 16, 1937; that he did not know of the escape until approximately 2:30 P. M. when he came out of Weinstein's Store in San Francisco and noticed the newspaper headlines; that he immediately telephoned to Alcatraz and was instructed to proceed to Fishermen's Wharf in San Francisco and help check the fishing boats, which he did, working until well past 11:00 P. M. He stated that on the day prior to the escape, December 15th, he was on duty at Alcatraz from 4:00 P. M. to midnight, which is after the men are in the cell block; that at this time he was stationed on the dock tower; that at this position he is not able to observe or hear any rumblings on the part of the men and that he has not actually been among the men for a number of months as there are only a few prisoners at the dock.

PETERSEN stated he is permitted to talk to the prisoners at the dock but does not make a practice of it; that some of the men are more talkative than others; that he has always maintained silence with the prisoners as that was the way he was taught. He advised that during the first year at Alcatraz he was on duty in the cell block and naturally conversed with inmates who requested such articles as writing paper and magazines, which is the only type of conversation permitted; however he stated that no prisoner has ever asked him a favor of any kind and that they have never even asked him a "border line" question, such as "news from the outside"; that he is not the type prisoners warm up to especially as some of them were formerly incarcerated in the prison at Waupun, Wisconsin at the time when PETERSEN was employed there as a guard and that this news has spread throughout Alcatraz.

Asked how messages could be gotten out of Alcatraz PETERSEN stated they could be taken by men about to be released and also dishonest employees; asked if he knew anyone who by reason of his disposition might be inclined to overstep due to a sympathetic nature, he stated the question was hard to answer. He was thereupon assured that all information obtained from him by

Agents would be maintained in the strictest confidence but all he had to offer in this connection was that in his opinion some of the guards talked too freely with the prisoners although he might be prejudiced due to his prior training which taught him to be very strict and uncommunicative. He stated he had in mind no one in particular who would be more liberal minded than he although he knows there are some because when he was stationed in the cell block he saw papers in the cells that should not have been there but he is unable to state who was responsible.

PETERSEN said that about three or four weeks before the escape he was on the detail that went around the prison and hammered the bars on windows to test them for any imperfections, cut, et cetera, and tried out those on the window through which the escape was effected; that he has been trained to note any difference in the sound of a hammer upon a weakened joint or imperfect piece of metal such as one which had been partially cut through with a saw and he is confident the bars on that particular window were sound at that time; that if he saw had been used on them previously it had barely made an impression as his test proved its soundness. These tests he stated occur after the prisoners are returned to the cell block and the prisoners are unaware of the practice.

He stated he never saw any saw filings beneath the windows inside the building but that if they had fallen outside they would have blown away as a strong wind blows on that side of the building continuously.

PETERSEN called attention to the fact that only one guard was in charge of about 32 men in which group the two escapes were included and that these men worked in 5 different rooms, which he stated was too much for one man to watch. He also criticized the fact that the guard on top of the blacksmith shop building had to turn his back to the wall where the escape occurred in order to watch the dock crew go through the gate each day at approximately 1:00 P. M., which took him away from a position he had from which he could observe any activities on the outside of the building. PETERSEN indicated that at this time additional precautions are taken, particularly on foggy days to guard against a repetition of the escape, a guard being placed outside of the building during fogs.

PETERSEN advised that he knows ROE and COLE on sight and that he is acquainted with all of the Alcatraz inmates on sight; however that these two men have never worked for him. He agreed that men in the crew on which ROE and COLE worked must have known of the plans for escape and also must have seen it perpetrated.

PETERSEN stated he had a brother, PETER A. PETERSEN, who worked at the Wisconsin State Prison and that he has a cousin, JOHN JENSEN, who lives in Bellingham, Washington. These, he stated, are his closest relatives. He stated he was not in the service during the War and belongs to no lodges or fraternities.

PETERSEN advised that for about a year he was stationed on the boat that travels between Fort McDowell and Alcatraz and from time to time would find articles in the laundry, such as packages of cigarettes, razor blades, and sometimes single loaded or unloaded shells, but does not think these had any significance.

Asked if he knew anyone on Alcatraz who had the confidence of the inmates he replied he could give the name of one ROWAN but added that for some weeks prior to the escape and a week or two subsequent thereto ROWAN was away from Alcatraz due to a broken leg.

From his experience PETERSEN stated that in his opinion the best way to get any information about the escape from the inmates was to let the matter drag along quietly for awhile and at the proper time have a man like the Deputy Warden try and get the information from them.

PETERSEN reported the following as a peculiar occurrence: On a Saturday sometime prior to the escape one of the laundry foremen, JAMES V. HALSTEAD (whose history will be given later in this report) asked to be relieved in order to catch an early boat to San Francisco and PETERSEN was instructed to let him through the gate; that when HALSTEAD approached the gate and saw PETERSEN he changed his mind and decided to leave at the regular time. Later PETERSEN stated HALSTEAD telephoned to Lieutenant MADIGAN and wanted to know why MADIGAN had sent PETERSEN to let him out whereas it is usually SINGLETON who performs this duty. PETERSEN was at a loss to figure out what difference it could possibly make who let the man out.

In conclusion PETERSEN stated that the civilian employees are much more friendly with the prisoners than the guards and must of necessity carry on conversation with the inmates in order to instruct them in their work.

PETERSEN informed Agents he was taught his business under a man known as one of the hardest task masters in prison history, one Warden TART; that all of the guards under TART obeyed his orders to the letter and these orders permitted no liberties to prisoners, no conversation with them, and demanded the strictest discipline.

PETERSEN impressed Agents as being the type of man such a Warden would demand; he is not very well educated, speaks rather roughly, but in an honest and straightforward manner which does not leave much room for doubt. It is believed he knows nothing of the escape and nothing more than he has told Agents.

CLAUDE E. BILLINGSLEY

Special Agent WOOD obtained the following information regarding BILLINGSLEY from the Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco:

Prior to his employment at Alcatraz, BILLINGSLEY was a laundry foreman at the Christian Science Sanitarium, 2700 - 18th Avenue, San Francisco, at which place he was reported as "well regarded". BILLINGSLEY'S salary while there was \$150.00 per month. In May, 1931, two firms in Hollister, California, reported accounts with BILLINGSLEY, one for a radio, and one for some furniture, both of which were subsequently paid satisfactorily.

References given for these accounts were Dr. J. H. WEST, 60 Vincente Street, San Francisco; the Peoples Finance and Trust Company, Hollister, California, and the Black and Cooper Furniture Company, Hollister.

On January 3, 1938 this Agent obtained from Mr. J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner, San Francisco, the following information concerning BILLINGSLEY, the same representing the substance of the Civil Service investigative file:

BILLINGSLEY was born in Porterville, California, on November 13, 1898. He completed his eighth grade of schooling in 1912, and from then to 1915 was at home and unemployed.

From September, 1915 to June, 1918, he was a fireman with the Southern Pacific Railroad, and resigned to enlist in the Army. From July to December, 1918, he was in the U.S. Army at Camp Lewis, Washington, and Camp Fremont, California, and was later discharged. From December, 1918 to July, 1919 he worked as Assistant Superintendent of the Empire Laundry, owned by his father, salary \$30.00 per week. From August to December, 1919, he was again employed as a railroad fireman with the Southern Pacific. From December, 1919 to June, 1922, he was again employed as Assistant Superintendent of the Empire Laundry. From June to December, 1922, he was a switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and was dismissed over an accident, but claims through no fault of his.

From December, 1922 to August, 1928 he was Superintendent of the Empire Laundry, but the Laundry was disposed of

at that time due to the death of his father. From August, 1928 to January, 1929, he was unemployed. From January, 1929 to December, 1930, he was engineer, washerman, and wringmen in a small laundry at Hollister, California, from which position he resigned. From February, 1931 to June, 1933, he was Superintendent of the laundry operated by the Christian Science Sanitarium, San Francisco; from January, 1933 to March, 1935, he was unemployed, and resided with his mother at San Jose; from March, 1935 to September, 1935, he was doing a general laundry work with the Garden City Laundry at San Jose.

BILLINGSLEY was married to FRIEDA OLSEN at San Jose in 1919, and they still live together but have no children. His only asset is a car for which he paid \$750.00, but still owes \$440.00 on it, which he is paying off at the rate of \$30.00 per month. He has no bank account, no other debts, takes an occasional glass of beer; never uses intoxicants to excess; does not gamble and never did; hobbies consist of keeping up his mother's summer home at Boulder Creek, California.

BILLINGSLEY is 6'2" tall, weighs 170 pounds. From 1933 to 1935 he lived at 1515 Martin Avenue, San Jose. He gave the following as references:

C. L. SOUTHGATE, Proprietor, Troy Laundry, San Jose, California.  
EDSON WILLIAMS, Proprietor, Empire Laundry, San Jose, California.  
AL SANDAHL, Proprietor, Temple Laundry, San Jose, California.  
MRS. M. A. BARKER, Housekeeper, Christian Science Sanitarium, 2700 18th Avenue, San Francisco, California.  
ANTHONY ACQUACERACE, Proprietor, Hollister Steam Laundry, Hollister, California.

The following general comments are as reported by the Civil Service Examiner, San Francisco:

This man, with his father-in-law, formerly owned two laundries in San Jose, California, but they were later sold. The purchaser of the laundries said that BILLINGSLEY was honest, dependable, and in good standing; that he met his financial obligations promptly. From the owner of an Associated Oil Station, who has known BILLINGSLEY for eight years, it was learned that he paid his accounts promptly. Neighbors all spoke very highly of him. He was said to have been in the laundry business all of his life, and also to be one of the best laundry men in the locality. The owner of the Troy Laundry has known him for 20



years, and stated that he has a fine wife, no children, and that their home life is ideal; that he does not use liquor, and never has.

At the Christian Science Sanitarium, it was ascertained from the Manager and Assistant Manager that they recommended BILLINGSLEY highly, stated his entire service with them was more than satisfactory. A laundry supply company in San Francisco advises they had traded with BILLINGSLEY for 15 years, and that he was a responsible man in every way, with no bad habits, of pleasing personality, and they had no hesitancy in recommending him.

Under date of January 5, 1938 BILLINGSLEY was interviewed at the San Francisco Office by this Agent, and Special Agent W. F. WOOD, and in substance stated as follows:

He is now in charge of the Distributing Department in the laundry, and has nine men under him now, although he has had as many as fourteen. He is in contact with the prisoners all day long, and tells them what to do. He has been employed at Alcatraz since September, 1935, but in the Distributing end only for the past six or seven months.

Asked if he noticed any tension among the men prior to December 16, 1937, the day of the escape, he stated that he did not. Neither did he notice that anyone, by his actions, was trying to get into his favor. Nothing was said by the men prior to the escape that gave him any inkling that they knew what was going to happen, but since then, he thinks there is more of a feeling of doubt in the minds of his men that the escapes got away; that nevertheless, there appears to be a sort of happy feeling among them over the fact that the men actually made their escape; that for a few days after the escape, there were such comments in the Distributing Department as "Gone with the Tide", and "Gone with the fog"; that his interpretation of these remarks is that the men actually made their escape, and are not dead. He said that he could think of no remark that he overheard that might indicate some signal was given by the escapes to indicate that they made it; that he heard no remark that might have had a double meaning.

BILLINGSLEY advised that he first knew of the escape about 2:20 p.m., on December 16th; that he had gone down to

the basement to see his Superintendent, and came back in a minute or two to see his men looking out of the windows on the third floor of the laundry, where his Department is located, towards the blacksmith shop building, where the escape occurred; that there were a number of men and boats visible; that although there were windows on the other side of the laundry, yet most of his men went to the correct side, and perhaps a few drifted over to the wrong side, which might indicate that they knew where the escape would occur, although he doubts that any specific time was known; that the men continued to drift over to the windows for a period of 25 to 30 minutes, following which they remained continuously at their work.

BILLINGSLEY stated that there was no indication of a feeling of anticipation on the part of the men just prior to the escape; that he could not connect any of their actions to the escape; that he could not find out anything about the escape at all, although he did not ask any questions; that the men did not seem to know who escaped or where they went, indicating that they did not know who was going to make the break; that the men were asking one another numerous questions, which continued until supper time; that when he saw them next, which was the next day, they appeared to have found out who escaped.

He explained that the laundry crew goes in to supper in a group, but that in his opinion they are seated in the order of their location in the cell block; that conversation continued throughout the next day, December 17th, with the names of the escapes frequently mentioned.

BILLINGSLEY said that he had never been approached by the men on matters of a questionable nature; that all questions put to him have appeared to be simple, and not with a double meaning; that the only thing slightly irregular was the request of one GEORGE THOMPSON, an inmate, that BILLINGSLEY telephone his sister in San Francisco, and advise her that he would not be able to write for a while, but this was sometime prior to the escape; that THOMPSON mentioned the fact that his mother was ill, and BILLINGSLEY knew that THOMPSON had violated some rule which took away his letter-writing privilege, (Agent interviewed THOMPSON'S sister about ten days ago, and she informed Agent that she had lost both of her parents since THOMPSON'S incarceration, her mother within the past several months) but that he, BILLINGSLEY, refused to grant THOMPSON'S request. In this connection BILLINGSLEY stated that he did not know whether or not the prison authorities notified an inmate's family when his writing privilege was taken from him.

BILLINGSLEY stated that he never saw anything that indicated the prisoners were sending messages, or trying to send them, through the laundry or any other way; that he is quite sure that THOMPSON did not approach any one else to deliver his message.

He stated that last week there was some talk going around about another strike going to occur, and this always creates a scare; that Mr. SINGLETON, his Superintendent, mentioned it, and appeared quite concerned and immediately sent word up to the Deputy Warden, and the latter, he believes, stated that he already had heard the rumor; at least, SINGLETON told BILLINGSLEY that he had reported it.

Concerning SINGLETON, BILLINGSLEY stated that he was very well liked by the men; that he is a jolly fellow, an elderly man who had been quite an athlete in his youth, and he has a way with the men. SINGLETON is a civilian employee, in charge of the entire laundry. However, BILLINGSLEY stated that the men do not treat SINGLETON any differently than they do him, and in his opinion, the men treat all civilian employees alike.

BILLINGSLEY stated that in his opinion, there was no one in his department that could be classed as an underdog; says, however, that there are cliques, and they do not always mix with other cliques, but no one in particular appears to be picked on; that no inmate has ever come to him with any complaint about another person, guard, civilian, or inmate. BILLINGSLEY pointed out that the inmates are permitted to talk in his Department as much as they like, and if the work is slow, they often sit down and talk, and even walk to other departments within the laundry for this same purpose; that there is no "Silence" system in the laundry.

BILLINGSLEY said that news on the Island gets around, as his men have told him of happenings on Alcatraz that he did not know about, for instance, the episode of Capone's stabbing; that news might also get around by means of the inmates over-hearing civilian employees' conversations. He said that he is often asked about such things as the results of sporting events, prize fights, etc., and he tells them, when the news is of the character that is usually posted in the prison, that is, news that the men are entitled to; that at times, when the men have had certain information before he learned of it, and he has asked them how they got it, they would laugh at him, but do not answer.

BILLINGSLEY stated that he goes home every night; that he has never had a suspicious telephone or telegraph message delivered to him, nor has his wife. He mentioned, however, that one JACK BERMAN, a former inmate, was in his crew when he first went to Alcatraz; that BERMAN was a very friendly sort, a man of polished manners, likeable personality, and far from the criminal type; that he, BILLINGSLEY, had once told the men that he spent every available moment of his spare time on his mother's summer home at Boulder Creek, California, and when BERMAN was released, he wrote to BILLINGSLEY'S mother at that place, and told her how her son was progressing on the island, and how well he, BERMAN, liked him. He stated that he should perhaps not have discussed a personal matter of this kind before the inmates, but he was then new in the prison, and would not do it again. He also stated that he had been severely censured by the Deputy Warden for permitting an inmate to shine his shoes, but this was also early in the period of his work on Alcatraz, and would not be repeated.

BILLINGSLEY stated that he knew COLE and ROE on sight, but they had never worked for him; that he never spoke to either of them. Asked if he could think of any way to make an escape from the Island, he said he knew of none. Asked how he would go about getting an urgent message to the mainland, he answered that it would have to be through a guard or civilian employee, although he believes that every one that he has ever come in contact with is honest, and would not carry messages. The civilian employees, he stated, would be the best bet, as they have closer contacts with the men.

BILLINGSLEY advised that he and his wife reside at 1229 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, and can be reached through their landlady's telephone number, which is under the name of BOTTOMS.

Agent WOOD endeavored to get BILLINGSLEY to take a message to one of the inmates that he, WOOD, had met several years ago, in order to see what BILLINGSLEY'S reaction to it would be. BILLINGSLEY stated that he could not take the message, even though it appeared harmless enough, because it was against the rules; that he might consent upon specific approval by the Warden, but did not recommend it if the inmate might in some way connect the name of WOOD with the Department of Justice, in which event the word would get around Alcatraz that BILLINGSLEY was in touch with Agents of this Bureau.

Agents were very favorably impressed with BILLINGSLEY. He appears thoroughly honest, and told a straight forward story, without hesitation on any point. Although he appears a very friendly sort, he nevertheless impressed Agents with the idea that he is very anxious to keep his job, and do good work. He stated that he enjoyed the work, and got along well with the men.

There was nothing in BILLINGSLEY'S record or interview that indicated any complicity on his part in the escape or knowledge thereof.

JAMES V. HALSTEAD

The following information was obtained from the Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco, by Special Agent W. F. WOOD.

HALSTEAD, prior to his employment at Alcatraz, held various positions with the New Method Laundry, 467 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, and his services there were "very satisfactory - highly regarded". The records of the Association show that Mr. HALSTEAD had accounts with a department store and a men's and women's store in 1934 and 1935, and that his rating at these stores was "Satisfactory".

Under date of January 3, 1938 this Agent was furnished the substance of HALSTEAD'S investigative file at the Civil Service Bureau, by Field Civil Service Examiner J. S. HOWE, the same being taken from the report made by C. L. COOMBS, Field Civil Service Examiner, San Francisco:

HALSTEAD was born in San Francisco on March 19, 1910. In 1924 he completed his grade school education in San Francisco, and in 1924 and 1925 he attended high school, but did not graduate. During 1925 and 1926 he worked for the Caladyne Radio Company, San Francisco, as repairman and delivery man, for \$12.00 per week. From May to December, 1926, he went on a trip through the States of California and Oregon, picking fruit and working in canneries. From December, 1926 to March, 1927 he was employed as office boy in several places. From March, 1927 to September, 1935 he was employed by the New Method Laundry, San

Francisco, starting as apprentice laundryman, and working up through all Departments until promoted to Second Class Superintendent at \$30.00 per week.

HALSTEAD was married on August 15, 1931, at Reno, Nevada, to DIANA RICKENBACKER, of San Francisco. This is his first and only marriage. He has two children, three and sixteen months, respectively. He owns furniture valued at \$25.00. He has a small savings account in the Bank of America, Castro and Market Branch, also a small savings account in the Hibernia Savings and Loan Association, 18th and Castro, San Francisco. He owes a small clothing bill at Sears, Roebuck & Company, and his wife has small bills. He has never been sued, and never any judgments against him. Drinks an occasional glass of beer, but has had no hard liquor in the past two years, and very seldom used it before that. He does not gamble. His hobbies are fishing, reading fiction, history, and his family. He has never been arrested. He received one traffic tag, but paid no fine, as it was fixed up. He has never been fired from a job.

HALSTEAD is 5'7" tall, and weighs 147 pounds. Since 1930 he has always lived in San Francisco, and at 295 Dorland Street. He gave as references the following:

CHAS. P. BLACKLIAN	}	All with the New Method Laundry, 407 Sanchez Street, San Francisco.
GEORGE CAIDWELL		
ELWOOD BROOKS		
PETER BRADY		
MATT JOHNSON		

The following general comments were obtained from Examiner HOWE of the Civil Service Bureau, and were taken from that Bureau's investigative file:

HALSTEAD'S employer at the New Method Laundry recommended him very highly; said he carried out his orders cheerfully, never caused any trouble, and was not even an occasional drinker; that he did not gamble, and has handled sums of money totaling \$300.00 to \$400.00 a week, but there had never been a shortage in his accounts. Other employees at the New Method Laundry also spoke highly of him. Local merchants and others with whom HALSTEAD did business were interviewed, and all commented that he was a good, steady family man; that he paid his bills promptly. Generally, he is regarded as a good, steady

hard-working boy of reasonably clean habits, thoroughly honest, dependable, and trustworthy. He was favorably recommended for the position sought at Alcatraz.

Under date of January 6, 1938 Mr. HALSTEAD was interviewed at the San Francisco Office by this Agent, and Special Agent WOOD, and in substance stated as follows:

HALSTEAD stated that he resides at 295 Dorland Street, San Francisco, and has for some years; that he went to work at Alcatraz in September, 1935, as a laundry helper, and receives the sum of \$1,680.00 per annum in salary. He is married and has two children, six and four years, respectively. He has completed grade school, and has had two years of high school. Both of his parents are living, but they are separated, his father residing in Los Angeles, and his mother in San Francisco. He is a member of the Catholic Church, is athletically inclined, particularly towards handball and boxing. He belongs to no lodges or fraternities, and will be 28 years of age in March, 1938. He is a renter, and owns no property, nor do his parents own property. He stated that he just barely got by on his salary, although the only account he owed was one of about \$15.00 on furniture. He stated that he had no bank account, but his wife carried a small Christmas savings account.

HALSTEAD advised that he was on duty on December 16, 1937, at the time of the escape; that he first heard about it at approximately 2:00 p.m.; that he works in a more or less isolated position in a cage in the laundry, and received the information from a foreman, who in turn learned about it from one of the guards. He stated that he did not notice anything about the attitude of the men just prior to the escape that would indicate something of that nature was brewing; that after the news got out, there was a lot of talk by a few here and there; that there is only one window in his department from which one may have a view of the outside, but it fronts on the yard, and not towards the place of escape; that only one of his men was looking out of that window; that the door to the larger laundry room was closed, but quite a few men on the outside were visible looking out of windows.

HALSTEAD stated that he had six men under him, but as previously stated, they are off by themselves; that these men are not very talkative, and scarcely congenial, but if he were to be pleasant with them, they would doubtless go a step farther in their confidences with him, although he would rather not have anything to do with them. He stated that they have on numerous

occasions made comments to him about news items, asking him to disclose to them what he had seen in the papers concerning such things as baseball scores and political matters, but he has not divulged anything that was prohibited; that if he over-stepped the bounds of propriety once he would be placed in an embarrassing position from then on in declining to repeat.

HALSTEAD said he heard one inmate say to another "They are going to write another book called 'Gone with the Fog'", but he does not know the identity of the speaker, and stated there were several around at the time, and he pretended not to be interested; that he tried to show that he did not appreciate the humor; that he has often wondered what the prisoners thought of the escape, and has heard patches of conversation here and there, but largely pays no attention; that the inmates jabber like monkeys all day long, but there is nothing he has ever heard that he can connect up with the escape. He said he had heard at least one inmate say "I hope they made it", but has never heard anything to indicate that they actually made it.

HALSTEAD said he had never been reprimanded for talking out of turn, but has been called up to the Deputy Warden's office twice - once because one of his men was caught smoking, and the other time was questioned as to whether he was bringing any information in. Asked what was behind this, he stated that an inmate who normally works in another department had finished his work and come up to HALSTEAD'S department, and a guard reported it, it appearing that the man might have come up for information, or was returning a favor at the hands of HALSTEAD.

It was mentioned to HALSTEAD that Agents thought it strange that a civilian employee could be in contact with the prisoners day after day, and still not learn anything about the principal topic of conversation (the escape), to which he replied that the machines make a lot of noise at all times, and he does hear a lot of things, but they have no significance. He said he had never noticed anything irregular about the markings on the laundry; that the laundry is "shaken down" before it comes to his department, and he is positive that something of that nature would be discovered before it reached him. He stated, however, that he had been "on his toes" continually, and has never seen anything of a suspicious nature in his department.

HALSTEAD said that all of the men with whom he has worked were willing to be friendly with the possible exception of



a few who like to be off by themselves; that besides, there are always a few "nuts" around. One "nut", he says, is No. 345, one MURPHY, who is about forty years old, and "as nutty as a fruit cake". HALSTEAD said he does not think MURPHY would have much to talk about.

HALSTEAD said that no one over there had ever come to him with information; that occasionally the men have fights, and the offenders are thrown in "the hole", normally for about three days.

HALSTEAD said that on the night of escape, all of the civilian workers went down to the tailor shop and watched the uniforms and suits, and from there they walked over to the place of escape. He said he heard a rumor the next day that one of the escapes "did not get 100 feet"; that this came to him from a foreman, and he thinks the foreman got it from another, so he doesn't know the source, although he believes the remark was made in order to forestall a search for the escapes.

HALSTEAD said they are so strict in Alcatraz that a man must not even wear a smile or happy expression on his face; that he has taught himself not to smile much, but wishes the civilian employees could mingle more with the inmates, which, in his opinion, might cause some of them to "open up".

Regarding PETERSEN'S remarks about him asking for relief one Saturday, in order that he could make an early boat, he says that this never did occur; that every time he has asked to be relieved early, he has taken his leave; that he has never been searched since he has been there, and consequently it is possible for a civilian employee to leave Alcatraz with a pocket full of messages; that when he leaves, Superintendent SINGELTON merely flags the tower guard who causes the gate to open, and he leaves in that manner; that normally, on every evening, he stops and plays pinochle until the boat is ready to leave, but when he gets off early, he goes right to the boat and boards it. After thinking over this matter for some time, he recalled that some time in August, after he had received permission to leave early one day, he was called back by the Warden, who told him that he understood HALSTEAD was interested in writing, and the Warden cautioned him against writing

anything about the Island; that he assured the Warden he would not; that this information was given the Warden by the Chaplain, with whom he talked on numerous occasions; that this caused him to miss his boat, and he then took the boat that he would normally have taken by leaving at the regular time.

The substance of the foregoing was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype on January 7, 1938, and in said teletype authority was requested to interview and investigate DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, a guard, reported to be heavily in debt, and also to have been negligent in the escape of a prisoner in his charge at a Penitentiary where he previously worked; JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of the laundry, reported to have taken messages off the Island for inmates, and JAMES ALLEN, Guard, reported to have been friendly with Subjects COLE and ROE.

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