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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY.**

FILE NO. **76-244.**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-20-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/24, 27, 30/37. 1/3, 11, 15/38.	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD S. HOOVER - G.J.
TITLE 0 RALPH BOE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472, THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Barbara H. Boyatt, owner of Chrysler Coupe bearing 1937 Idaho license 7A-1079 believed presently located 194 Montana Street, San Francisco. Orris A. Beon, National Circulation Co., of New York, owner of Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1937 Wyoming license 4-1861, interviewed Salt Lake City states driver Stanley Reynock and Oldsmobile Sedan in Sacramento, California. 39 year old divorced nurse seized on streets of Reno, Nevada, evening of 12-20-37, and raped in car stolen locally by man claiming to be Ralph Boe; description and circumstances indicate her assailant neither fugitive. Ralph W. Henderson, Boulder City, Nevada, employed as electrician on Boulder Dam 12/15 & 16/37; claims never to have been in Portland, Oregon, or Seattle, Washington, since 1928 and has no knowledge of a Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1937 Washington plates U-2122.

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REFERENCE:

Telegrams from Los Angeles 12-28-37 and 12-30-37,
Teletype from Butte 12-29-37,
Conference teletype to Director, Butte and San Francisco, 12-30-37.
Conference teletype to Director, Los Angeles, Portland and
San Francisco 12-30-37.
Telegrams to San Francisco 12-30-37 and 1-11-38.
Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie Jr., Seattle, Washington,
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DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY.

Reference teletype to the Butte Field Division on the evening of December 29, 1937, requested that investigation be conducted at the Commercial Credit Corporation to determine the whereabouts of Barbara M. Boyatt, owner of a Chrysler Coupe, Motor No. C-1664617, for which car was issued 1937 Idaho license number 7A-1079.

Agent interviewed Mr. P.J. Fennell, Commercial Credit Corporation, 1114 Newhouse Building, who exhibited to Agent his file on Barbara M. Boyatt, which reflects that Boyatt purchased instant car from the Bullock Motor Company in Hailey, Idaho, on September 7, 1937, at which time her address was given as 22 River Street, P.O. Box 43.

At the time this car was purchased, Boyatt had indicated that she had formerly lived at 235 Palston Street in San Francisco, California, and that Electra Call was at the present time living at this address. It was further determined that Boyatt was supposed to own five city lots in Burley, Idaho; that she formerly worked for the Leader Store in Pocatello, Idaho, and that she carried a checking account in the First Security Bank at Hailey, Idaho, of which bank Harry Neal is President.

Mr. Fennell advised that Boyatt was delinquent on the December payment on her car, and that steps had already been taken by the corporation to ascertain her whereabouts. A letter had been directed to Boyatt at her Hailey, Idaho, address, which letter had been returned unclaimed. Mr. A.B. Clemens, landlord at the address given as the residence of Boyatt, had written the corporation on December 24, 1937, that he had seen Boyatt a few days prior thereto and indicated that he was under the impression she might be located in Pocatello, Idaho. Mr. Fennell further advised that a letter had been directed to Mr. Harry Neal, President of the First Security Bank, and by letter dated December 20, 1937 Mr. Neal had advised that the bank had transferred her account to the First Security Bank at Boise, Idaho.

Mr. Fennell stated that instant account had been referred to the Boise Branch of the Commercial Credit Corporation, as it was believed she was located in Boise. Mr. Fennell stated that in the event he received any information concerning Boyatt's whereabouts, that he would immediately communicate with the Salt Lake City office.

Upon receipt of the above information, reference conference teletype was directed to the Director and the Butte and San Francisco Field Divisions, suggesting that the Butte office contact the Commercial Credit Corporation in Boise, and that the San Francisco office conduct investigation at 235 Pallston Street in San Francisco.

On January 11, 1938, Mr. Fennell telephonically communicated with agent and advised that he had received information that Barbara M. Boyatt was presently located at 194 Montana Street in San Francisco. A telegram was immediately directed to San Francisco Division requesting that she be interviewed and questioned concerning her presence in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937, and relative to the purchase of any booklets in Portland concerning the tidal currents in San Francisco Bay.

The Butte Field Division was also advised by telegram of Boyatt's reported location.

Reference telegram from the Los Angeles Field Division dated December 28, 1937, requested that Orris A. Been of Henrietta, Oklahoma, who had left Los Angeles on December 27th, leaving a forwarding address of General Delivery, Salt Lake City, Utah, be interviewed. It was stated Been traveled with a crew for the National Circulation Company of New York, and requested that Been be located and interviewed concerning the purchase of booklets and inquiries about the tidal currents while in Portland, Oregon,

Orris A. Been was located through General delivery, and interviewed at the Hotel Moxum on December 30, 1937, at which time he advised that he was the traveling representative of the National Circulation Company, whose head office is located at 707 RKO Building, New York City, New York. Been advised that at the present time he has a crew working under him numbering 27 salesmen whose ages range between 17 and 24, and come from approximately 16 States. He stated that he had been with the National Circulation Company for about eight years, and that his home is in Henryetta, Oklahoma. He stated that his correct name is Orris A. Been, but that he is also known as Orris A. Bean. Been stated that at the present time he has five automobiles registered in his name; that he is driving a 1938 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 1220418, bearing 1937 Oklahoma license plates 523-904; that he is traveling with his wife and sister. Been stated that he also owns a 1937 Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. P4-364279 which is registered in the State of Michigan, and carries Michigan license plates; that this car at the time of the interview was located in Beaver, Utah, and was being driven by Myron J. Murphy, age about 21, whose home is in Mount Horab, Wisconsin. Been further advised that he owned another 1937 Plymouth Sedan motor No. P4-373872, also registered in Michigan, and bearing Michigan plates, numbers not known, which car at the time of the interview was located in Carson City, Nevada, and was being driven by Owen Richardson, age about 24, whose home is in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Been stated that he is also the owner of a 1937 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 426315, registered in his name at Henryetta, Oklahoma, which bears 1937 Oklahoma plates 321-978; that the driver of this car is Harold Prazier, age about 21, whose home is located in Oakley, Utah. At the time of the interview, this car was located in Sacramento, California, and the driver, together with his crew, were

registered at the Lenhart Hotel in Sacramento.

Been stated that he is also the owner of the 1937 Oldsmobile Sedan, serial No. ES 384776, motor No. F 683332, which is registered in Wyoming and Oregon, and is presently carrying 1937 Wyoming license plates, exact number not known. Been stated that the driver of this car is Stanley Raynock, age about 20, whose home is located at 650 Clearview Street in Scranton, Penn. At the time of the interview, this car was also located at Sacramento, California, and the driver, together with his crew, were registered at the Lenhart Hotel.

Been stated that the Oldsmobile and Chevrolet would remain in the possession of Stanley Raynock and Harry Frazier respectively, who were working in Sacramento, California, upon the completion of which work they would proceed to Eugene, Oregon.

Been stated that as near as he can recall, all five crews were in Portland, Oregon, from December 5th to December 12, 1937; that all left Portland, Oregon on the morning of December 12th, one car going to Salem, Oregon, for three days, three cars going to Eugene, Oregon, where the men registered at the Hoffman Hotel on the night of December 12th, and the other two cars were working small towns south of Eugene towards Medford, Oregon. Been stated that as he recalled all cars left Medford, Oregon, on December 19th, crossing the California-Oregon border that day. Been informed that so far as he can recall or knows, none of the cars crossed the Oregon-California border prior to that date, although it is possible one of them may have crossed it in connection with canvassing the various Oregon towns in that vicinity.

Been stated that upon leaving Medford, Oregon, he drove to San Jose, California, where he stayed until December 23; that thereafter he proceeded to Los Angeles, California, leaving there December 26th for San Bernardino; that he departed from San Bernardino on the morning of December 28th for Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he arrived in Salt Lake City on the morning of December 30th.

Been stated that at no time while he was in Portland had he purchased any booklets concerning tidal currents in San Francisco Bay, and so far as he knew none of the various salesmen with him purchased said booklets.

Been furnished the following list of salesmen who are divided into four crews and assigned to each of his other four cars:-

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address not known.

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As before stated. Been advised that the ages of all these boys range between [REDACTED] that they were engaged in selling magazines from house to house, and that a good many of the boys are earning their way through college and other schools in this manner. Been indicated that while in Portland, Oregon, they had had some difficulty with the

Better Business Bureau, which seems to be opposed to the methods used by the National Circulation Company in selling magazines by house to house canvass. Been stated that to his knowledge, none of the boys present working for the company had been in any trouble, although they probably drank and caroused around a good deal as young boys are prone to do when away from home. Been stated that shortly after the first of the year he was proceeding East and eventually would be in New York City. Been is described as follows:-

Age.	25.
Height.	5ft. 11in.
Weight.	170 lbs.
Hair.	Black.
Eyes.	Blue.
Nationality.	American.
Home.	Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Inasmuch as reference wire from the Los Angeles Field Division did not indicate which car Been was supposed to be in which crossed the California-Oregon border on either December 15th or 16th, reference conference teletype was directed to the Director, the Los Angeles, Portland and San Francisco Field Divisions, setting out a brief summary of the information furnished by Been, and requested that the Los Angeles office advise what car and license Been was supposed to be in, in order to determine which of the five cars registered to him crossed the above mentioned boundary.

By telegram dated December 30, 1937, the Los Angeles Division advised that the car registered to Orris A. Been, on which a check was requested, was Oldsmobile Sedan, bearing license 4-1861. As indicated in the conference teletype, this car at the time was located in Sacramento, California, and its driver, Stanley Raynock, together with his crew, were registered at the Lenhart Hotel. A telegram was immediately directed to the San Francisco Field Division requesting that Raynock and crew be interviewed with reference to the purchase of any booklets concerning tides in Portland, Oregon, on December 15th.

A telegram was likewise directed to the Bureau advising that the San Francisco Division had been requested to check on the Oldsmobile Sedan, bearing Oregon license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr.

AT RENO, NEVADA:

On December 24, 1937 agent was advised by Chief of Police L. W. Gammell that on the night of December 20, 1937 a Miss Betty E. Gambetta had been forced into a car on the streets of Reno and raped by a man who claimed to be Ralph Roe, one of the escapes in instant case. Gammell stated that from the circumstances he believed that this individual was not, in his opinion, one of the fugitives, in that prior to instant occurrence a man of the same general description as that of Miss Gambetta's assailant had molested other women on the streets prior to the escape.

Special Agent in Charge Zimmer was advised of this matter by telephone and requested photographs and descriptions of the escapes from the San Francisco Division. A telegram was also directed to the Bureau advising that investigation was being conducted into this matter. Following the receipt by agent of the photographs and descriptions of fugitives from San Francisco, Miss Gambetta was interviewed at the Police Station on December 27, 1937 and advised that she is a nurse, attached to St. Mary's Hospital, has been in Reno for ten years and resides at the Frandsen Apartments, 432 W. 4th Street. She stated that while walking toward home, at about 9:15 p.m. on the evening of December 20 at which time she was almost at her apartment on Fourth Street, she was seized around the neck from behind by a man who placed one hand, which bore a leather glove, in her mouth; that this man dragged her around the corner to a car parked approximately a block from the spot of the encounter on Chestnut Street; that he lifted her into the car, placed her head in his lap and drove at a fast pace to the outskirts of Reno to a point in a field, at which no lights were visible. She stated that this man started to tear her clothing and threatened to beat her if she did not permit him to have sexual intercourse and that through fear she consented. She advised that she spent approximately two hours in the car with this man, during which time she had sexual intercourse with him twice. She stated that during this period she asked him whether he knew her, to which he replied that he did not, but that she knew him and upon her asking his name he told her he was Roe, whose photograph had been in the papers as an escape from the penitentiary at Alcatraz Island. She stated that she asked him how he reached Reno, to which he replied that he stole the car which they were in, a new Terraplane with Nevada plates, around San Francisco Bay and had driven to Reno with the man who had escaped with him.

She stated that in answer to her questions this man advised that he and his companion had escaped on a raft and that he did not trust his pal, who was at that time in a room in Reno with a fractured rib. Miss Gambetta stated that this man asked her whether she intended to inform the police, to which she replied that she would do so. She

stated that before the first act, while she was struggling with him and endeavoring unsuccessfully to pull his hat from his head, she asked him why he didn't go to the restricted district in Reno, to which he replied that both the Federal and State officers had been looking for him there.

Miss Gambetta was shown the photographs of the escapes and advised that she does not believe that either was the man who attacked her; that she was certain that he was not Ralph Roe but that he looked slightly like the photograph of Theodore Cole. She described her assailant as follows:

Age	About 25 yrs.
Height	5' 8" to 6'
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Probably light, although hat remained on.
Complexion	Light
Speech	No accent
Nationality	Apparently American
Dress	Dark hat with snap brim; jacket with leather, at least on sleeves; light colored trousers.

Miss Gambetta stated that this man told her that he had not seen a woman in three years; that he had been sent to Alcatraz for the crime of murder, which he did not commit, and that he asked her if pictures of Roe had appeared in the newspapers, to which she replied that they had.

Agent was advised by Chief of Police Gammell that the Terraplane figuring in this matter was stolen on the same evening from the seven hundred block of University Avenue and returned later that night. He stated that on November 13, 1937 there was an attempted rape perpetrated in the same manner as this one and in the same neighborhood, by a man fitting the description of Miss Gambetta's assailant; that in this case also a car was stolen and returned after the job. He added that on the same evening a woman's purse was snatched by an individual with the same general description as Miss Gambetta's assailant and that the woman in the case was dragged between two houses by the man; that on the evening of December 16th an old woman's purse was snatched at 6th and University Avenue and on the same evening a man, fitting the description of Miss Gambetta's assailant, followed a girl from the Wigwam Theater to her home, in Cottage Court, where he grabbed her but immediately released her and ran when she screamed. Chief Gammell stated that this individual also wore leather gloves. Mr. Gammell added that on the evening of December 24 a woman was accosted by a man fitting this description on California Avenue, but that she screamed and the man ran, but was later picked up by the police and identified as

of [] a local boy of [] who has been in trouble before. Gammell stated that none of the various women who have been accosted as above has positively identified this boy, but that from all indications it appears that he may be the guilty person. It is noted that [] bears a slight resemblance to the photograph of Theodore Cole.

In consideration of Chief Gammell's information and that furnished by Miss Gambetta, who is thirty-nine years of age and divorced, it appears that her assailant was not one of the fugitives in this matter.

AT BOULDER CITY, NEVADA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Galen N. Willis, pursuant to telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge Val C. Zimmer, on January 15, 1938, as predicated on the lead set forth in reference report of Special Agent Daniel Currie Jr., Seattle, Washington, 1-7-38.

On the same date agent, with the assistance of W.H. Trimble, Chief of Police, contacted Ralph W. Henderson, 324 Nevada Highway, who informed agent that he was employed by the Mason-Kelsh, Atkinson and Kier (MNAK) Company, Mason City, Washington, from May 2, 1937 to October 20th or 21st, 1937, on the Grand Coulee Dam, and that following the termination of his employment, had arrived in Boulder City, Nevada, on or about November 15, 1937, coming directly from Spokane, Washington, by train. Henderson informed agent that verification of his present employment on the Boulder Dam during the time in question might be made of C.H. Baird, timekeeper, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Interior. Henderson informed agent that he had resided in Klamath Falls, Oregon, from February 22, 1930 as he recalled, to December 1, 1930, at which time he was employed in a grocery store. Henderson also stated that during this time he owned a 1927 Ford Roadster, but that he has not owned a car since that time, and that he has no knowledge of a Chevrolet Sedan, bearing 1937 Washington plates of U-2122. Henderson also informed agent that he had never been in Seattle, Washington, or Portland, Oregon, since 1928, as he recalled.

It should be stated that subsequent to the above interview with Mr. Henderson, agent discussed the information given by Henderson with Mrs. B.G. Suher, who affirmed the information previously given by Henderson relative to his not owning a Chevrolet Sedan, and the fact that he had been residing in their home since the middle of November 1937.

At the office of C.H. Baird, timekeeper, agent was exhibited time book, where on page 37, it reflected that Henderson was employed as an electrician on both December 15th and 16th, 1937. It should be noted that a search of the employment records in the Bureau of Reclamation failed to reflect any other Ralph Henderson being employed on the Boulder Dam.

At the Boulder City Postoffice, agent contacted Mr. Pat Delittle, Postmaster, who from his record informed agent that Henderson had maintained a General Delivery address until July 1, 1936, at which time he rented a Box #862; that he left in January 1936, but upon his return had re-rented the box as of November 27, 1937; that such box was presently registered to him.

The following is a description of Ralph W. Henderson as obtained by observation and questioning.

Age.	32.
Height.	6ft. 4in.
Weight.	165 lbs.
Build.	Slender.
Complexion.	Medium.
Eyes.	Gray.
Teeth.	White and regular.
Hair.	Brown.
Beard.	Smooth shaven.
Marital status.	Single.
Occupation.	Electrician.
Peculiarities.	Ears protrude noticeably.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION: At SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, will interview Stanley Raynock and crew, who are traveling for the National Circulation Company, of New York, and who are presently stopping at the Hotel Lenhart, concerning the purchase of any booklets relative to tidal currents in San Francisco Bay while in Portland, Oregon.

At SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, will locate and interview Barbara M. Boyatt, 194 Montana Street, concerning the same matter.

REFERENCE UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-19-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-18-38	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 PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Credit Department, A. Harris & Company, Dallas, Texas, cannot identify photographs of Roe and Cole, nor Harold Zack Thompson, as being identical with two men who attempted to cash Cashier's check in store about 1-6-38.

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Details:

This investigation is predicated upon news item appearing in the Dallas Morning News on January 7, 1938, in which it was stated that Mrs. J. C. Rogers, an employee of a downtown department store had seen pictures of Roe and Cole in a news reel at one of the local theatres and that their pictures answered the descriptions of two men who attempted to cash a check in the store where Mrs. Rogers is employed.

Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Credit Department, A. Harris & Company, Dallas, Texas, upon interview, stated that about January 6, 1938 two men appeared at her window and wanted to cash a Cashier's check in the amount of \$50.00, drawn on the Union Bank & Trust Company, Borger, Texas, and made payable to E. O. Thompson. Mrs. Rogers stated that the man who stated that he was E. O. Thompson presented a "Collect" card issued by the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company as identification. This card gave Thompson's address as Continental Gin Company, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Rogers stated that she checked a bank Red Book and that the name of the bank, on which the check was drawn, did not appear therein; that she refused to cash the check and the men left the store.

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Mrs. Rogers stated that Mrs. H. C. Peltz, the day following the visit of these two men to the store went to one of the local theatres and saw a news reel, which showed pictures of Roe and Cole; that Mrs. Peltz thought there was some similarity between the two men who had visited the store and Roe and Cole, since Mrs. Rogers had described the men to Mrs. Peltz; that she remembered Mrs. Peltz stated that one of the men had large nostrils and had had his hair cut high at the temples and that these peculiarities had caused her to believe that Roe and Cole were probably identical to the men who came into the store and attempted to cash the check; that Mrs. Peltz went to the Police Department and tried to secure photographs of Roe and Cole and there encountered a newspaper reporter, who after questioning Mrs. Peltz wrote the article appearing in the paper and had entirely misquoted the facts.

Mrs. Peltz was interviewed and stated that she did not see the two men who came in the store but that she did see the news reel of Roe and Cole and that there appeared to be some similarity with the descriptions given by Mrs. Rogers of the two men who had been in the store; that she did go to the Police Department and inquire for photographs of Roe and Cole and while there was questioned by a man, whom she later learned was a newspaper reporter, who wrote the story appearing in the Dallas Morning News concerning the incident.

Mrs. Rogers stated that A. Harris and Company had ascertained that the Postal Telegraph Company did not know E. O. Thompson and that he was not employed by the Continental Gin Company of Dallas. Mrs. Rogers had the Postal Telegraph "Collect" card, which E. O. Thompson had exhibited and she stated that he dropped this card as he walked away from her window. The signature of E. O. Thompson appears on this card in the space provided for identification signature.

Photographs of Roe, Cole and Harold Zack Thompson were shown to Mrs. Rogers and she stated that the two men who came to the store were not identical with Roe and Cole, but there was a little resemblance of one of the men to the photograph of Harold Zack Thompson, but was not identical.

A description of E. O. Thompson, as furnished by Mrs. Rogers is as follows:

Name	E. O. Thompson
Age	45
Height	5 ft 6 inches
Weight	150/155 pounds
Hair	Brown (cut high around temples)
Complexion	Dark
Dress	Very neat

A description of the other man, who accompanied E. O. Thompson is as follows:

Age	34 to 37
Height	6 ft
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Features	Thick lips- wide nostrils
Appearance	Well dressed

The writer telephonically communicated with Mr. J. S. McNulty, office manager, Continental Gin Company, Dallas, Texas, who advised that they did not have an E. O. Thompson employed there and that he is unknown to the company.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company "Collect" card was obtained from Mrs. Rogers and is being retained in the Dallas file.

Miss Helen Sloan, Superintendent's office, Postal Telegraph Company was contacted telephonically and she advised that they had a record of an E. O. Thompson of the Continental Gin Company, Dallas, Texas, having been issued one of their "Collect" cards, #69505, which is identical with the number appearing on the card obtained from Mrs. Rogers of A. Harris & Company. Miss Sloan stated that these cards are issued when the recipient has an account with them or is employed by a company who has an account; that she does not know who waited on the E. O. Thompson who received card #69505.

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FBI LITTLE ROCK DECEMBER 22, 1937 5-30 PM AN

DIRECTOR

RALPH⁰ ROE WITH ALIASES FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE WITH ALIASES FUGITIVE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY WITH MISTER TAMM HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM HILDA HATLEY ASSISTANT PROBATION OFFICER EASTERN DISTRICT ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK THAT BILL~~X~~ BRANDENBERG FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS NOW A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AT LITTLE ROCK AND MRS ELIZABETH~~X~~ GALATAS ADVISED HER ABOUT OCTOBER THIRTY ONE THAT THEY WERE PROCEEDING TO LEAVENWORTH RETURN RICHARD TALLMAN~~X~~ GALATAS TO HOT SPRINGS. ON NOVEMBER SECOND GALATAS REPORTED TO MISS HATLEY IN LITTLE ROCK IN PERSON AND EXECUTED ARRIVAL NOTICE SHOWING DATE OF ARRIVAL NOVEMBER FIRST AND THAT HE REPORTED THAT DATE AT HOT SPRINGS TO HIS PAROLE ADVISOR C FLOYD~~X~~ HUFF. THIS NOTICE IS ATTESTED BY HUFF WHO ACCOMPANIED GALATAS TO PROBATION OFFICE.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Laughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS OF RECEIPT OF SUCH RELEASE
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LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY AND PROBATION OFFICER AT
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI TO SECURE NECESSARY DATA CONCERNING
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1,7,8,9,10/38	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:

Interviews conducted of additional guards and civilian employees at Alcatraz, who were in a position to have known of escape, or to have seen it perpetrated, with negative results. Credit ratings obtained, and disclose no signs of sudden prosperity on the part of these men. Civil Service records obtained where available, and indicate all persons interviewed were recommended for their positions by the Civil Service Examiners, and also highly recommended by former employers, associates, and merchants. Consensus of opinion is that Subjects obtained no outside help, and were drowned in escape attempt.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau telegram dated January 8, 1938.
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DETAILS:

Pursuant to telegram of reference, this Agent communicated with Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, who has been located on Alcatraz Island for the past several weeks, in connection with this case, and suggested that he arrange for JAMES J. ALLEN, laundry worker, JOSEPH SINGLETON, laundry Superintendent, and DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, substitute officer, to call at the San Francisco Office for the purpose of interviews.

It was also suggested to Agent FARLAND that he ascertain which of the employees at Alcatraz, civilian or guard, were located in positions at or about the time of the escape that might indicate some knowledge of the same, or who, by virtue of their positions, might have overheard some comments relative to the methods used in the escape, or whether the Subjects herein had succeeded in their venture.

Agent FARLAND thereupon conferred with Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz, and the Warden suggested the following persons: VIRGIL W. COCHENOUR, tower guard on the building from which the escape was made; KENNETH C. CURRY, Junior Officer, HORACE DILSCH, tower guard, EMIL RYCHMER, laundry helper, GREGORY F. BOYD, laundry helper, and JOSEPH B. STEERE, Junior Officer in charge of the group of inmates in which COLE and ROE were included.

So far as is known at this time, the foregoing, together with the four persons interviewed, as set out in the report of this Agent, dated 1/7/38, constitute all of the official or civilian employees at Alcatraz whom the Warden believes might have some information about the case, or were in a position to receive it, and also those who have been suggested by others as possibilities for having some information in connection with the escape.

JAMES JOSEPH ALLEN

At the Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco, Special Agent W. F. WOOD made inquiry concerning Mr. ALLEN. The record on him is rather brief, but contains no information that is at a variance with that obtained from him in a personal interview, and stated below. He is reported to be a man who pays his debts, but is sometimes slow in paying.

At the Civil Service Commission, Agent OLSON was allowed to examine the Civil Service files pertaining to JAMES J. ALLEN, Junior Officer, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island. This file reflected that ALLEN was interviewed by J. S. HOWE, Civil Service Examiner, at San Francisco, California, on 11/2/37, at which time ALLEN, in substance, furnished the following information:

That he was born April 27, 1903, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he attended school between 1909 and 1920, completing two years in high school; that from August 30 to December, 1932, he attended school at the Humboldt and Commerce Evening High Schools, receiving high school credits, but not graduating; was employed from June, 1916 to June, 1917 at odd jobs around Milwaukee, Wisconsin; from June 1917 to June, 1920, was employed as an apprentice at Huebsch Laundry, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; that from June, 1920 to October, 1921, he was unemployed, and residing at Milwaukee; from October, 1921 to November, 1922, he was employed as a washman, Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco, California; from December, 1922 to December, 1924, he was employed at the Crystal Laundry, San Francisco, California; from January, 1925 to December, 1928, he was employed at the Stanford University Hospital, as Assistant Superintendent of the laundry, San Francisco, California; that from January, 1929 to May, 1933, he was employed by A. J. RICKEY, San Francisco; from May, 1933 to October, 1933, he was unemployed, and visiting relatives in Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio, and Huntington, West Virginia.

That from October, 1923 to June, 1924, he was Superintendent of the laundry in the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, California; from June, 1934 to October 15, 1937, he was employed at the LaGrande Laundry, San Francisco, and from October 16, 1937 to the date of interview, he has been employed as a laundry helper, Alcatraz Island.

The file reflected that ALLEN had informed the Civil Service Examiner that he was married on July 1, 1923, to JOSEPHINE ~~SAN~~ FILIPPE, San Francisco, California; that she obtained a divorce from him on February 23, 1934, the final decree being granted in 1935; that he pays his wife \$30.00 a month alimony for the support of his two sons; that on April 27, 1935 he married ANNA C. TROUBERG ~~BREDEAHL~~, who was a widow, and had one son; that he owns no real estate, or stocks and bonds, and has no bank account. He carries \$500.00 worth of insurance, and the only income he had was that derived from his salary; that his wife carries a current account with Nathan Dohrmann, and the Swiss Diamond Palace, San Francisco, California; that in November, 1936 he was sued by CATHERINE ~~MCCARTHY~~, for damages over a flat at 342A - 27th Street; that judgment was rendered against him in the amount of \$25.00, and he paid this judgment at the rate of \$5.00 a month; that he did not use intoxicating liquor or tobacco in any form, and never gambled. Also that he had never been arrested.

J. S. HOWE, Civil Service Examiner, stated to Agent that he had made a detailed investigation relative to ALLEN. However, the results of his investigation had been sent to Washington, D.C.; that he had interviewed former employers, friends, and associates, and had conducted a neighborhood investigation relative to ALLEN; that everyone he had contacted had spoken favorably as to ALLEN'S reputation and character, and that he had found nothing against the character of ALLEN to identify him as being dishonest.

Mr. ALLEN was interviewed at the San Francisco Office by this Agent, together with Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSON, under date of January 8, 1938, and in substance stated as follows:

He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 27, 1903. He completed the eighth grade of school at that place, and later completed what he considers equivalent to a high school education in San Francisco. On July 1, 1923 he was married to his first wife, and has two children by this marriage. However, he and his wife were divorced on February 23, 1935, she being given custody of the children. ALLEN stated that the principal reasons for the divorce were that he and his wife's nationalities did not mix, she being an Italian, while he is of English and French extraction; that her family interfered in their relations

and his wife embarrassed him before his friends, and consequently it was impossible for them to get along amicably; that the suit for the divorce was brought by him, the charge being cruelty, but she brought a counter-charge, in which she also alleged cruelty. He stated that he re-married on April 27, 1935, and now lives with his second wife, and her five-year old son, at 438A Guerrero Street, San Francisco, telephone Underwood 4670.

ALLEN stated that San Francisco had been his home for approximately seventeen years; that during the working period of his life he has been employed at the Stanford University Hospital, the St. Francis Hotel, the LaGrande Laundry, the City Rough Dry Laundry, and the Fairmont Hotel, performing laundry work at all places mentioned; that he has never been discharged from a position in his life, and changed from one place to another merely for additional experience, or for betterment.

ALLEN stated that he commenced work at Alcatraz on October 16, 1937, as a laundry helper, and receives \$140.00 per month; that he works in the laundry building, and must be able to do anything that is asked of him in connection with laundry work; that at the present time he is "shaking down" the transport laundry shipments, which involves the examination of all linen that comes off the transport ships, to see that there is nothing of a suspicious nature included; that when he is not so employed, he does marking and distributing work, making frequent changes, the marking being the placing of the identifying laundry marks on the same, and distributing meaning to place the laundry in the proper pigeon holes for distribution. He stated that as a transport laundry man, he gets the laundry in hampers, opens them, examines the contents, and then sorts it to its proper place; that from time to time he has found small articles in the laundry, such as razor blades, chewing gum, cigarette butts, tobacco, matches, etc.; that all useable items, such as razor blades, are turned in immediately to Superintendent SINGLETON, of the laundry, but as to articles which have no value, such as cigarette butts, tobacco, etc., he has authority to destroy them, and does so.

Mr. ALLEN advised that at the time of the escape he was in the distributing room in the laundry, which is near the large room; that he noticed men running to the windows about 2 p.m., and when he went to look out, he noticed the Government

boats close to the place of escape, and heard prisoners here and there comment to the effect that someone had gotten away; that he made inquiry of an inmate, and the latter said "I think someone got away"; that he made no further inquiry, as he did not think it was his business to do so; that this flurry among the prisoners lasted until about 3 o'clock, to the best of his recollection, and the men were then taken from the laundry building, and placed in the cell blocks; that it appeared that the men were quite concerned about what had happened, but in his opinion they did not know, and they were as much in the dark as he.

He stated he made no attempts to quiz the inmates, as he is instructed not to carry on any unnecessary conversation with them, and besides he is not very much in love with them, and consequently has as little as possible to say to them.

ALLEN stated that he can state positively that there was nothing in the attitudes of the inmates on December 15th, the day prior to the escape, or at any time prior thereto, that was suspicious; that their actions were normal as usual; that he recalls the day after the escape being a very foggy day, and that the men were not brought out until almost noon time; that at that time the men were laughing at the civilians, and making such remarks as "Who said no one could escape from Alcatraz", and "Gone with the Fog", and "Gone with the Tide", and appeared to feel particularly jovial, and in good spirits over the escape, and continued to rub it in to the civilian foremen at every opportunity; that some of the inmates remarked that the Subjects had gone home for Christmas, and that at that time, in his opinion, everyone in the laundry knew of the escape, and who had perpetrated it.

ALLEN stated that it was not until a considerable time after the escape occurred that he learned who had escaped, or where they had broken through the fence. He stated he did not know the Subjects on sight, and never worked with them. (Agent showed ALLEN the photographs of Subjects COLE and ROE, and after inspecting them, ALLEN stated that he never saw them during the entire time he was at Alcatraz).

ALLEN stated that he has three sisters, two in San Francisco, and one in Los Angeles; that he has four brothers in San Francisco; that the members of his family do not come to

see him and his family very often, but one brother lives with him, and eats his evening meal at ALLEN'S residence; that he is on very friendly terms with all of the members of his family, and has been at all times throughout his life; that he and his wife sometimes go out together, but never to visit others; that they never have people come to visit them; that at the present time his mother-in-law and father-in-law are visiting him, and have been with him about two months; that he does not discuss any of the goings-on at Alcatraz, although several of the members of his family, and lots of friends have tried to get information from him; that according to their conversation they know more about what occurs at Alcatraz than he, but of course they get all of their information from the newspapers.

ALLEN stated that the inmates at Alcatraz address him as "Mr. ALLEN", and always in a polite manner; that there is no inmate on the Island who has ever asked a favor of him, but since the escape, one man had asked him if he had heard "from the men", and he answered in the negative; that the only unusual occurrence at Alcatraz since his employment there was an incident wherein he was watching the work of one MACHOT, No. 88, and MACHOT later approached ALLEN, and asked him to refrain from watching him, MACHOT, too closely, as it disturbed him; that ALLEN replied that he had not been watching MACHOT closely, and besides it was not MACHOT'S place to tell him, ALLEN, what to do; that a guard overheard their exchange of words, and cautioned ALLEN against a repetition of the occurrence, advising him that it was not a civilian's duty to argue with the men, but that if any altercation occurred, the closest guard was to be advised.

ALLEN advised that this was not reported by the guard to his superiors, and he is positive that MACHOT held no grudge, and the entire matter has blown over.

ALLEN advised that an inmate once asked him how things were in San Francisco, and ALLEN replied he did not know; that the inmate replied "Hell, you live over there don't you?", whereupon ALLEN merely turned his back, and walked away; that one inmate once asked him about the weather in San Francisco, and he replied that it was probably the same as it was in Alcatraz.

He stated that since the escape occurred he had been watching things pretty closely, but can truthfully say he has never, at any time, seen or heard, or noticed anything

of a suspicious nature that he can now, by looking back, see had any connection with the escape, or with the plans leading up to it.

ALLEN advised that besides his salary, he receives \$10.00 a month (\$5.00 per month up to December 31, 1937) for being Sergeant at Arms for the Laundry Workers' Union, Local 26, San Francisco; that these two items comprise his entire income; that he pays \$18.00 a month as rent, but does not know what his telephone, light, and gas bills amount to, as these items are handled entirely by his wife on a budget system; that she gives him a dollar from time to time, but he does not spend much money; that he pays \$30.00 per month alimony to his first wife; that his step-son's expense amounts to about \$20.00 per month; that regarding obligations to stores and other accounts, etc., he knew that there were some debts, but they were small and few. However, he was unable to state how large they were, because these items are also handled by his wife; that recently his mother-in-law and father-in-law, together with his wife, figured up what the ALLEN family's monthly expenses were, and arrived at a figure almost exactly approximating the amount of ALLEN'S income; that therefore he was unable to save any money, although he believed his wife had a small savings account of \$25.00; that, however, he was not concerned with the fact that he could lay aside no savings, was happy to be making a living, and hoped that by his connection with the Government, in his present position, he would be able to improve himself later.

ALLEN advised that he has seen Mrs. ELIZABETH SAUNEUF, his sister, only once since he has been employed at Alcatraz, at his mother's house, which occurred about two weeks after he received his appointment; that his brother, who resides with him, is ALBERT ALLEN, who is a maintenance man for the Altamont Hotel, San Francisco; that his brother earns approximately \$60.00 per month. He stated he is on the best of terms with this sister and brother, and always has been; that he has never discussed with them any of the affairs of Alcatraz, and does not intend to do so; that they have never spoken to him of any matters concerning Alcatraz which he considered of a confidential nature, and he does not believe that they would do so, and that neither his brother nor sister have ever spoken to him concerning Subjects ROE and COLE, and he can see no reason

why they would do so, as he was not even aware of their being inmates at Alcatraz before he read of their escape in the newspapers.

ALLEN stated that he has never been arrested, does not drink or smoke, and never has, at any time, in his life; that he has never been in any trouble in his life; that at one time he and his present wife were sued for damages to a home where they had previously resided, and he was forced to pay \$25.00, although he claims he was not responsible for the damage; that he has had a little difficulty with creditors, but only because he was financially distressed, at the time, but that these matters never reached a court, and he has long since paid off the accounts in full.

Asked what he would do if he were incarcerated in Alcatraz, and desired to get an urgent message to the mainland, he stated that he simply would not attempt it. Asked as to what method he would employ in the event he were incarcerated in the prison, and wished to escape, he stated that if that were his situation, he would make no attempt to escape, but would serve his time. He stated, however, that messages could be taken from inmates by persons who were dishonest; that, however, he knows of no one who might do so, from his dealings with the guards and civilians, and, in his opinion, they can all be trusted, and would not betray their trust in any manner.

He added that in his opinion the Subjects in this case did not get away, and were at the bottom of the ocean.

ALLEN is a man who creates a good impression. He answers questions readily, appears to have had a good record, and speaks sincerely. He appears to be a man of firm convictions, and one who has absolutely no fear of, or respect for the inmates at Alcatraz, believing that the Island is a good place for all of the inmates, as he believes them all to be cowards.

In the opinion of this Agent, and Special Agent OLSON, ALLEN is not guilty of any complicity in the escape, and knew nothing of the plans which led up to it.

It is not believed that any of the information obtained by Special Agents L. D. WILK and CHARLES H. OLSON, from GEORGE C. BILL, at Calistoga, California, was truthful. It will be noted that same has not been corroborated by Mrs. SAUNDERS, nor by ALLEN, both of whom impressed Agents more than Mr. BILL.

JOSEPH SINGLETON

On January 10, 1938 J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner, United States Civil Service Commission, 119 Federal Building, San Francisco, allowed Special Agent C. H. OLSON to examine the Civil Service records relative to JOSEPH SINGLETON, who is employed as Superintendent of the Laundry at Alcatraz Island.

The records in substance reflected that JOSEPH SINGLETON, 1337 Pearl Street, Alameda, California, was interviewed on July 31, 1934 by W. L. STAYTON, Field Examiner for the Civil Service Commission, at which time SINGLETON supplied information to the effect that he was born March 1, 1879, at Preston, Lancashire, England, where he completed the eighth grade of public school, and the ninth grade on a college scholarship, coming to the United States in 1893, and since that time has had the following employment:

- 1893 - 1895 unemployed.
- 1895 to 1905, employed as a weaver by Mark Edge, Fall River, Massachusetts.
- 1905 to 1912, Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles, California.
- 1913 to 1919, Sanitary Laundry Company, San Francisco, California.
- 1919 to 1920, New San Francisco Laundry, San Francisco, California.
- 1920 to date of interview, Quartermaster's Corps, in laundry, Alcatraz Island, starting at a salary of \$1600, which was increased to \$1920.

In November, 1899 he had married ELLEN HORNBY, at Tiverton, Rhode Island, and at the present time has three daughters, and one son, and resides in his own home at 1337 Pearl Street, Alameda, California; that he owes a balance of \$1400.00 on the home; that he had no bank account, and his only income

was from his salary; that he carried \$3,000 life insurance; had never been involved in any law suit or bankruptcy proceedings; did not use intoxicating liquors or narcotics, and had never been arrested.

The file reflected STAYTON, the Examiner, had interviewed a number of persons in connection with the reputation, character, and ability of SINGLETON, which reflected SINGLETON as honest, and of good reputation and character; had no criminal record, and his credit rating was good.

In connection with SINGLETON'S ability and actions on the Island, the file reflected J. MINER, 334 Noe Street, San Francisco, California, an employee on the Island, had furnished information that SINGLETON was very friendly, and had talked with the prisoners more than anyone else, as SINGLETON was very sympathetic, and inclined to believe "cock and bull stories". Also that SINGLETON bought tobacco for the prisoners, and placed bets for them on dog races; that SINGLETON, MANNING, and GORDON would play poker for money at noon in the laundry room, but not with the prisoners; that he believed SINGLETON leaned over backwards to help prisoners, and also carry messages for them. However, he did not believe SINGLETON was dishonest, or crooked in any manner.

Captain W. D. CANDLER, Quartermaster, Alcatraz, had informed the Examiner SINGLETON was dependable, and there could be no question as to his conduct with the prisoners and civilian employees.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chief Engineer, Alcatraz, also recommended SINGLETON favorably to the Examiner, but stated SINGLETON'S only fault was he had talked too much.

C. J. MANNING, Superintendent of the Prison Laundry, Alcatraz Island, at the time, had informed the Civil Service Examiner that SINGLETON was of good character and reputation, and had sufficient ability to handle the position he was seeking, and relative to the gambling between himself, SINGLETON, and GORDON, he stated he did not consider that they were violating any rules, and there were no large sums of money involved, and they were playing merely as a matter of simple pastime.

The file reflected that Examiner STAYTON had conducted a detailed investigation, and had interviewed a number of neighbors, as well as employees on Alcatraz Island, and that all in substance had recommended SINGLETON favorably, and all stated there was no question as to his honesty and integrity.

JOSEPH SINGLETON was interviewed at the San Francisco Office by this Agent and Special Agent W.F. WOOD, as well as Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSON, on January 8, 1938, and in substance advised as follows:

That he was born in Preston, Lancashire, England, on March 1, 1879; that he completed the ninth grade of schooling in England, won a scholarship for college for one year; took part of this year's training, but did not complete it, and sailed for the United States about the year 1893. He stated he has been a physical director for quite a number of years; that he has been employed on Alcatraz Island since 1920, having been employed there while it was an Army prison; that during this period he has served in the laundry, and has also been physical director on the Island, in addition to holding the title of physical director for the Grace Athletic Club, 21st and Capp Streets, San Francisco.

Prior to 1920 SINGLETON was employed for a period of five years by the Sanitary Laundry in San Francisco, and for approximately one year thereafter he was in charge of the marking and distributing room of the New San Francisco Laundry. Upon arrival at Alcatraz to take up his duties there in 1920, he was assigned first to the marking and distributing department, while at the present time he is Superintendent of the laundry, and has held that title ever since the prison was taken over by the Department of Justice.

SINGLETON resides with his wife, her crippled sister, and a twenty year old son, at 1337 Pearl Street, Alameda, telephone Alameda 6921W. He has three married children. He does not indulge in intoxicating liquors, and never has throughout his life.

SINGLETON advised that his salary at Alcatraz is \$1920.00 per year, which constitutes his entire income, with the exception of approximately \$14.00 per month, which he receives as rental for a cottage immediately behind his home. He owns

his own home, and although the title to same is clear, he owes \$1,000 to a brother-in-law, which was advanced by the latter in order to clear said title. He stated he had been making payments on the home for approximately seventeen years, and so far as the \$1,000 due to his brother-in-law is concerned, he makes small payments towards its liquidation, but is not required to pay any specified sums per month.

He stated that the support of his wife, son, and crippled sister-in-law has so far consumed his entire income.

SINGLTON advised he has never been arrested, never been through bankruptcy, nor has he ever been a defendant in a suit; that his hobby has always been athletics, particularly basketball and handball, as well as tennis and swimming.

As to his duties in the laundry, he stated that he first counts the prisoners as they come in in the morning; at noon, and at night, and sees that his count is correct; that he keeps a watch on all supplies, and sees that they are opened in the basement, examined for guns, messages, dope, etc.; that he must watch the various lots of laundry that come in, attend to the regulation of the work as it is going through the laundry; that he keeps the different heads of all departments in line with their work; gets the work completed at the proper time; that he listens to all of the "grief" of all prisoners, such as change of duties, fixing of wearing apparel and shoes, and personal injuries, and sees that they are properly attended to; that he supervises the shipping of the laundry that has been completed; that he watches to see that there will be sufficient supplies on hand for the needs of the laundry; takes care of repairs to the machinery, and supervises all of the civilian employees in the laundry, as a Superintendent would in any other business, in which connection he mentioned he also approves such civilian employees' leaves of absence.

He stated he has ten civilian employees under him, as follows:

BILLINGSLEY, in the Distributing Room.

LOOSLI, in the Offices Department.

PHILLIPS, in the Ironing Department.

WEBSTERFIELD, in the Mangle Room.

OLSON, in the Wash room.

Messrs. WOODS, ERNEST, HALSTEAD, and ALLEN, whom he switches around to various posts.

McDERMOTT, in Renovating plant, which handles the dry cleaning.

These men, he stated, together with the inmates who work in the laundry, take up all matters, no matter what the nature, with him, SINGLETON, but only so far as they pertain to the work of, or happenings in the laundry building.

Mr. SINGLETON stated that he did not know there was an escape until about 2 p.m., on December 16, 1937, and even then he would not have known if it were not for the actions of one prisoner; that he was in the basement of the laundry building at the time, just finishing trucking the transport laundry to the wash room upstairs, and a prisoner came down for the last truck, at which time SINGLETON saw this man whisper to another inmate; that the latter, who had been working with SINGLETON, then went to the window, and appeared to be looking out upon the water, as far as he could tell; that SINGLETON went over also, and inquired if there had been some trouble, and the prisoner said "There is somebody gone"; that this prisoner was one WOLF, Alcatraz No. 175; that he, SINGLETON, thereupon directed everybody in the basement to go upstairs, and the basement was closed, as he did not know whether or not there would be a rush, or what disturbance might follow the escape. He stated he anticipated some trouble, and wanted to be in a position to work with the guards, if there was; that he noticed that additional guards were placed in the positions where all the industries are.

He added that, in his opinion, all of the prisoners in all the positions knew that two men were going to get away, but, of course, he cannot say so for sure; that he remembers thinking to himself "I'll bet they all knew about this before", although he cannot state why this thought entered his mind.

SINGLETON advised that after the men returned from the mess hall for work, at about 12:40 p.m., on December 16th, he noticed that many of them were looking back over their shoulders towards the machine shop, but at the time he thought nothing of it,

as he had often seen them do this before.

He stated that whenever there is a fog, he is always somewhat troubled, as he feels that if anything is going to happen, that would be the best time for it; that he keeps an extremely close watch over things during fogs; that, however, up to instant escape, he knew of no previous attempts since Alcatraz has become a Government prison; that he and other civilians and guards have often discussed the fact that if an escape were to be made, the same would be attempted during a heavy fog; that at 12:40 p.m., on said date, the blacksmith shop was plainly visible from the laundry building, more so than shortly thereafter, that is that shortly after 12:40 p.m., visibility was extremely poor; that he believes there was a time between 12:40 p.m., and 1 p.m., on December 16th when one could not see one hundred and fifty feet, and is positive there was a time between that period when the blacksmith shop was not visible from the laundry.

He stated that at times the fog sets down heavily over the prison in as short a time as thirty seconds, as he has seen this happen.

He stated that at approximately 1 p.m., on said date, although he does not remember looking towards either of the two closest towers, nevertheless he feels that they were completely enveloped in the fog at that time, and that the guards in the towers could not have seen any object in the water, even had they looked directly toward it.

SINGLETON stated that although he does not feel that he should make any suggestions or criticisms regarding Alcatraz to anyone but the Warden, upon assurance by Agents that the same would be properly treated, he stated that since Alcatraz has been taken over by the Department of Justice, he has seen the Island become gradually worse, getting "deeper all the time"; that he has told some of the civilian employees that the "place was going to get worse, and not better, and more dangerous because the men are practically going insane".

SINGLETON explained that what he meant by this was that the confinement under the present rules at Alcatraz would bring about this condition. He advised that he is in a position shared by no one else on the Island, due to his length

of service there, and numerous inmates confided in him where they will not to others, although he certainly did not hear anything about the break, and can safely say that no other civilian knew anything about it; that some of the inmates have told him that they have seen others among the inmates going insane, and that they had gone as far as they could; that he has told them to try and study some subject, in order to take up their time, when they were not at work. He stated that, in his opinion, the inmates should not be curbed in their reading privileges, and also that while he feels that the inmates are not entitled to any privileges, nevertheless everyone will eventually go insane, and he feels that the Department of Justice does not desire such a situation.

He stated that it takes very little to please the inmates, but naturally the Warden must feel that if the inmates are given a little at the time, they will ask for more later, and consequently his, SINGLETON'S opinion regarding the privileges coincides with that of the Warden.

He stated that he anticipated that Alcatraz will soon become a "desperate place"; that Machine Gun KOLLY told him one time "JOE, this place is getting terrible! You can't even see your folks."; that another inmate, one RED BERR, said that he would not even let his sister come to see him. Asked what possible objections these men could have to their relatives visiting them, at Alcatraz, SINGLETON stated that there had been numerous objections to the physical set-up of the visitors' room, wherein it was necessary for both the visitors and prisoners to shout at one another in order to make themselves heard, and that, in addition, when they are conversing, they were not visible to each other.

He stated that, in his opinion, Alcatraz was a "very deep problem"; "that it was really distressing" the things he sees; that the inmates must be "cased along".

SINGLETON advised that prior to the last strike, a prisoner named ANDY (last name unknown) came to him and said "JOE, watch out, there is going to be a hell of a strike!", and SINGLETON said "O.K., thanks". SINGLETON stated ANDY had told him the men were going to strike the following Monday, and the strike occurred as predicted; that, of course, he reported this to the Deputy Warden immediately, and all possible precautions were taken.

It was suggested by Agents to Mr. SINGLETON that he endeavor to ascertain from this man "ANDY" what the latter might know about the instant escape, and he promised to make an effort to do so.

SINGLETON stated that several inmates have said to him, especially "Machine Gun KELLY" that when they were ready to go, they would not commit suicide, but had not enlarged upon these statements; that KELLY had once said that when he was ready to go (meaning escape) he would take someone with him, indicating he would kidnap the Warden or some guard, and use him as a shield.

He stated that he anticipates that if things go on as they "are, there will be a lot of people killed".

SINGLETON advised Agents he did not detect anything before the escape that caused him to suspect a move of that kind, and he is sure that no one on the Island among the civilians knew it, as it struck him as a thunderbolt. He stated that the inmates have confided in him to such an extent that he feels that if something is about to leak out, he will hear about it from someone, and will relate it to the San Francisco Office. He is confident that the men in the blacksmith shop and in the mat shop must have known all about the escape, and also the men in the plumbing shop.

It was stated by Mr. SINGLETON that inmate WOLF, previously mentioned herein, had told him that the two escapes could stay up indefinitely, but he could not find out what the men who escaped carried with them to cause this rumor.

SINGLETON said, of course, some of the prisoners saw the men as they reached the water, and are reported to have said that they had something around them to hold them up indefinitely; that in spite of this, he feels at this time that the men have drowned; that his belief is caused largely by the fact that no clues have been developed.

SINGLETON stated that another bad feature at Alcatraz is that the guards do not confide in the civilian employees when something "is up", and he is afraid that eventually the civilian employees will keep their silence also, and not disclose important information when they have it; that recently he addressed three new civilian employees at

Alcatraz, and instructed them in their duties, cautioning them against the taking of any messages off the Island for the prisoners, or making any promises to the prisoners; that if the prisoners made any promises as to payments for advice, the same were valueless, as the prisoners could not be expected to keep their word, and that the taking of messages for the prisoners could bring nothing but trouble for the civilians or guards.

In this connection he stated that sometime ago he heard one prisoner state to another that he wished there was some way he could get a letter out of Alcatraz, but SINGLETON stated he believed this rumor was made purely for his benefit; that he turned and found several inmates in a group, and informed them that he assumed the remark was made for his benefit "but that they could rest assured he would not be a party to such an act"; that it was his desire to make life worth living for the inmates, and he would do so so far as the prison rules permitted, but that he would go no farther; that this was the only time that he can remember any comment being made by an inmate relative to having a message delivered on the mainland.

SINGLETON stated that at the time of the last strike at Alcatraz, he told all of his civilian employees to leave the laundry immediately, telling them that if anyone was to be killed in the disturbance, he would rather it be he than any of his employees; that he faced approximately sixty-five inmates, who were striking, and asked them to appoint a spokesman, and he, SINGLETON, would "have it out with him"; that before this could be done, Lieutenant MILLER, now Deputy Warden, came dashing into the room, and had all of the striking inmates taken to the cell block.

He stated that prior to the time the Department of Justice took over Alcatraz, a few of the former Army prisoners who had been released from that place, came to visit him at his home, but that this has not occurred since, as all of the civilian employees had instructions not to mingle with anyone released from Alcatraz, and he has followed these instructions strictly.

SINGLETON stated that while he considered "MACHINE GUN KELLY" (GEORGE KELLY), as a dangerous character, nevertheless KELLY is the most perfect prisoner that he has seen at Alcatraz; that he is always pleasant in his conversation, and has confided in SINGLETON at times; that, in his opinion, KELLY will be taken from Alcatraz "in a box"; that he does not believe KELLY will start any trouble, but is positive that in trouble KELLY would "put up a fight".

Asked by Agents whether, in his opinion, any information could be obtained from KELLY relative to the escape, SINGLETON replied that he was sure that it could not while KELLY was an inmate of Alcatraz.

He suggested that since Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE was in charge of the crew on which both ROE and COLE worked, he felt that something of interest relative to the escape might be obtained from him.

This Agent, together with Agents OLSON and WOOD, are convinced that Mr. SINGLETON spoke honestly and truthfully. He is a man well along in years, and one who depends almost entirely on his salary for a living. So far as is known, he has never been involved in any scandal during the seventeen years that he has been employed at Alcatraz, and Warden JOHNSTON has advised that he trusted SINGLETON implicitly, and had every faith in his honesty and integrity.

It is not believed that he is guilty of any complicity in the escape of the Subjects in this case.

VIRGIL W. COCHENOUR

J. S. HOWE, Civil Service Examiner, United States Civil Service Commission, advised Agent OLSON that he was unable to locate any Civil Service record in his files under the name of VIRGIL W. COCHENOUR.

At the Retailers' Credit Association, Special Agent W. F. WOOD made inquiry of Mr. GREENBERG, relative to VIRGIL W. COCHENOUR, and was informed that it appeared that Mr. COCHENOUR had no charge accounts in the San Francisco Bay area, not that any credit information had ever been requested on him.

On January 8, 1938 Mr. COCHENOUR was interviewed by this Agent, and Special Agents W. F. WOOD and CHARLES H. OLSON, at the San Francisco Office, and in substance advised as follows:

That he has been employed on Alcatraz Island since June, 1934; that he started as Junior Officer, and was later promoted to Senior Officer, which indicates that he is one of the Senior Guards. He stated that he was born in the State of Ohio on October 15, 1899; that he went to school there, and completed only the first year of high school; that this was about 1915; that for the first few years after quitting school, he worked at numerous odd jobs, jumping from one thing to another, as opportunity offered; that in 1924 he joined the United States Navy, and remained with the Navy until 1928, when he was honorably discharged, and at that time was performing the duties of Fireman, First Class; that during the next two or three years he had nothing in the way of steady work, and resided with his mother in Bainbridge, Ohio; that his step-father had died a few months before his discharge from the Navy, and he left a small amount of property, and a small garage business; that the affairs of this business were very much involved, but that he, COCHENOUR, assisted his mother in straightening them out, and then he and his mother moved to Chillicothe, Ohio.

He stated that his mother at that time had no means of support, and also that he had a sister in school; that he and his mother rented a house, and kept roomers, and he worked at miscellaneous jobs.

COCHENOUR stated that about 1931, having taken the examination, he was appointed by the Department of Justice as a prison guard, and sent to the Federal Jail at New York City for three months training; that following this training he was assigned to duty at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York, at the Prison Camp in the capacity of a guard; that he remained there until the camp was abandoned a few months later, and was then moved to Fort Eustis, Virginia, to the Federal Correctional Camp there, where he had the same duties; that he remained there until it also was abandoned in the summer of 1934, and was then transferred to Alcatraz, by way of McNeil Island, remaining at the latter place for five days only; that

he came to Alcatraz as a guard, but is now classified as a Senior Officer, and receives an annual salary of \$2,000.00.

COCHENOUR advised that he has never been married, but still supports his mother; that he lives in the bachelor quarters on Alcatraz Island; that he has no real estate, and about the only asset he has is his automobile; that, however, he has no obligations; that he has never been sued, or been through bankruptcy; that he has never been arrested; that he takes an occasional drink, and an occasional glass of beer; that he does not gamble, and never did; that he does not go to dances, or night clubs, but lives quietly; that he likes to go to shows, sometimes by himself, and sometimes with friends.

COCHENOUR stated he has had no regular post of duty at Alcatraz for quite a while; that for about three years he was in charge of the policing and gardening detail, which covers also the cleaning of the main offices, and a certain portion of the streets, and taking care of the lawn, flowers, and shrubbery, etc., and the landscaping in general.

However, under a new arrangement now in effect at Alcatraz, a few of the guards were made Senior Officers, and it was required that they circulate around, and cover all posts in the institution, in order to become familiar with institutional work in general; that as a result, he has something different to do almost every day; that at the time of the escape he was in the guard tower on top of the model building, which is the building that houses the machine shop, plumbing shop, and mat shop, and that he held that post for approximately three days, both prior to, and after the escape; that the "watch-list" is made up every day, and the officers are posted at roll call, and given their posts for the day by the Day Lieutenant; that it is required that all tower guards spend three days in each tower, and he had already performed his duties in most of the other towers on Alcatraz.

COCHENOUR stated that about 12 o'clock on the day of the escape, December 16, 1937, he was eating lunch, and finished about 12:10 p.m.; that after luncheon, he usually travels his post until it is time for the prisoners to come out of the mess hall; that they generally come out into the yard of which he has a full view, at about 12:30 p.m., and it takes about twenty minutes for them to reach the various buildings in which they work; that the dock crew, upon leaving the mess hall, is taken to the plumbing shop, where they await word that

a boat, which is due at the dock at 12:50 p.m., each day, has cleared; that this boat is usually a few minutes late, and it is usually approximately 1 p.m., when the boat clears, and the dock crew comes out of the plumbing shop to go down to the dock; that the plumbing shop is in the large prison enclosure, and is separated from the dock by two large gates; that a second tower guard, upon signal, pushes a button, which opens the first gate, whereupon the prisoners enter the enclosure between the two gates, and are shaken down, or searched, for any prohibited articles; that as soon as the guard who has made the search has completed same, he signals the tower guard to open the second gate, and the dock crew passes through this gate to the dock; that during this period he, COCHENOUR, or any other person in the tower on the model building, must stand watch over the dock crew, with his back towards the water, and consequently toward the place of escape; that as a result there are times when he is able to pay little or no attention to any activities on the water-side of the model building, between approximately 12:30 p.m., and 1:10 p.m., a space of forty minutes.

COCHENOUR advised that on the top of the model building are cat-walks along the outside edge of the building, and also walks that criss-cross; that a guard should never make it a practice to walk back and forth along the outside walk, but should make a practice of approaching the edge of the building from as many different directions as possible, and that he usually follows this procedure; that in the model building are the mat and blacksmith shops on the first floor; that the tailor shop and shoe shop is on the second floor, and the model shop, where woodwork is done is on the third floor; that the portion of the second floor, which fronts on the water-side, or directly above the place where the escape was effected, is fenced off as an office, and the inmates seldom enter this enclosure; that normally no one is in the enclosure, but at times when any work is being done there, the only occupant is a civilian who does the bookkeeping for the tailor shop and the shoe shop; that the portion of the third floor, which fronts on the side where the escape was effected, is covered with benches, and in order for any of the inmates to look out upon the water, it is necessary for them to climb over numerous of these benches, to get to the windows. (So far as is known, there was no flurry of excitement or disturbance on the second or third floors, due to the inmates rushing towards the windows prior to, or about the time of the escape.)

Mr. COCKROU advised Agents that, in his opinion, there was not a single moment on the date of the escape when visibility was restricted to a distance of less than fifty yards, and that at times he could see the bell buoy, which, it is understood, is approximately three hundred yards from the shoreline; at other times, he stated, however, the bell buoy was not in sight.

He advised that when not occupied in watching the various crews come out of the mess hall, or go down to the dock, the tower guard keeps in motion continuously; that this guard's attention is directed particularly to the shoreline; that when he criss-crosses over the model building, and around the building, he leaves the water's edge for approximately five or six minutes.

He stated that one of his principal duties as a tower guard is to watch for, and listen to passing boats; that on the day of the escape he heard the ferry boats throughout the day, and perhaps saw a few of them, but did not see a single small boat; that he is positive no small boat approached to within several hundred yards of the prison.

Agent inquired whether it would be possible for a boat to have approached to within one-half mile or so, and killed its motor, then leaving the current to carry it past Alcatraz about one hundred or two hundred yards from the shoreline, but it was explained to Agent that the current was not running in a direction which would have permitted such a maneuver.

Asked if he noticed anything peculiar, or out of the ordinary on the day of the escape, COCKROU stated that he desired to report that when he returned to his post after watching the dock crew go through the gates, he noticed that a flood light, which is on the model building, and which faces towards the laundry, was turned on; that this light should not have been turned on, and he called to a guard in the yard to turn it off, which was done; that had this light been on before noon that day, he would have noticed it; that normally the tower guard who comes on duty at approximately 4 p.m., turns on this light, the switch of which is in an elevator shaft, on the ground front of the model building, next to the plumbing shop.

He stated that this light would absolutely not have been turned on due to the fog; that in his opinion it could have been a signal to someone in the laundry that the escape had occurred; that anyone of the mat-shop detail could have "ducked in" and turned on the light as they passed by the place where the switch is located, on their way to their post, and were close to the switch at all times.

COCHENOUR stated he noted nothing in the attitudes of the prisoners before they escaped that in any way aroused his suspicions; that he first knew of the escape about 1:30 p.m., when the guard who has charge of the crew in which COLE and ROE worked, informed him that the two men were missing at the 1:30 count; that about the same time the Deputy Warden called also, but all that he, COCHENOUR, could do was to rush over to the edge of the roof towards the water, and keep a close watch; that he could not recall anything bobbing up and down in the water, and saw nothing of a suspicious nature; that he covered every inch he could see, but saw nothing; that there was not a single thing to indicate that the escapes had had any outside help.

COCHENOUR stated that he knew COLE and ROE on sight, but never worked with them in the yard; that he was never in charge of any detail upon which they worked. Upon looking at the photographs of Subjects, he said he did know COLE, but would not be able to identify ROE. He stated that for approximately three years he did not come in contact much with the inside details, meaning those who worked in the shops.

COCHENOUR stated that while on policing duty, he had three to five inmates assigned to him; that he never encouraged them to give any confidences on their part, and certainly never got familiar with them, and has never become familiar with any inmate as long as he has been in the service.

He advised that the men on his detail, of course, change from time to time, and that some were more talkative than others, but that no inmate has ever approached him at any time for any kind of a favor.

COCHENOUR states that one thing is certain, and that is that the escape occurred between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Also, that there is no doubt but that a number of men working with Subjects COLE and ROE know about the escape; that when the

escapes went through the gate in the fence, they must have pulled it to, because when he looked down upon it, it appeared to be closed and locked as usual.

He advised that the model building is so irregular that there are about five blind spots; that the tower guard can never see these spots at the same time, as men would have to be in all five positions to be able to see what transpired below them.

COCHENOUR stated that, in his opinion, all of the guards at Alcatraz are honest, and he does not believe that any of them would take messages off the Island for the prisoners. As to the civilian employees, he stated he knows very little about them, as he has never had to work with them. As to outside help, in assisting Subjects to get away from the Island, he stated that, in his opinion, it is absolutely impossible; that any boat acting in any way suspiciously, would be reported to the Deputy Warden at once, and if he too was in doubt as to the purpose of the boat's close proximity to Alcatraz, the Deputy Warden would immediately leave the Island in a launch provided for this purpose, and investigate.

He repeated that no boat could have approached to within several hundred yards of the Island without him knowing about it.

While COCHENOUR does not appear particularly bright, nevertheless this Agent, and Agents WOOD and OLSON are of the opinion that he is a very strict disciplinarian, and of a type that would be very cold in his contacts with the prisoners. He is a quiet, unsmiling type of man, rather hesitant in his speech, but nevertheless it is not believed that he is guilty of any complicity in the escape of the Subjects in this case.

It was not believed that his hesitating manner of speech was caused by the type of questions asked of him, but that that is his regular manner of speech.

JOSEPH B. STEERE

From the Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco, Special Agent W. F. WOOD learned that Mr. STEERE had been

in the radio business in Oakland, California for approximately ten years; that his record for paying bills was good, and he was highly regarded by all of the people with whom he did business.

On January 10, 1938 Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSON interviewed Mr. J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner, San Francisco, and obtained from him the following information from the Civil Service investigative file, concerning Mr. STEERE:

JOSEPH B. STEERE was born at St. Marys, West Virginia, on December 19, 1893. He completed his eighth grade of schooling at St. Marys, in 1907, and in 1911 graduated from the St. Marys High School. In 1917 he took a nine months' Naval Electrical School post-graduate course, at Columbia, University, and for a period of sixty days was an electrician, third class, in the United States Navy.

From 1907 to 1909 STEERE was employed at the school as a messenger for the Bell Telephone Company in St. Marys; from 1909 to 1911 he worked after school as an apprentice machinist, with the R. W. RUSSELL Machine Shop, at St. Marys; from 1911 to 1913 he was employed as a machinist with the Vinita Refining Company, Vinita, Oklahoma; from 1913 to 1917 he held various positions with, and was wire chief for the Citizens Telephone Company, St. Marys; from June, 1917 to September, 1922, he was in the United States Navy as Chief Electrician, receiving an honorable discharge on September 5, 1922. From 1922 to 1924 he was an electrician with the Pioneer Electric Company, Richmond, California, and from 1924 to December 7, 1934 was in business for himself.

On December 7, 1934 he received his appointment as guard - mechanic, at Alcatraz Prison, and at the present is employed at that place in the capacity of Junior Officer, at an annual salary of \$1920.00.

On October 15, 1921 STEERE married JOSEPHINE KOESELL, Oakland, California. They have two children, a boy nine years old, and a girl ten. His dependants are his wife, his two children, and his mother-in-law.

When employed at Alcatraz, STEERE had no real estate, stocks, or bonds, owned an automobile valued at \$100.00, and

gave his net worth at approximately \$300.00. At that time he stated that his wife expected to inherit property valued at \$6,000.

His salary constitutes his sole income. His wife works at times, but is not presently employed. He carries a bank account in the Bank of America, N.T. & S.A., San Francisco, which, at the time of his appointment, was reduced to a balance of \$5.00. At that time he carried no insurance, and was indebted only to the extent of \$25.00.

He uses intoxicants moderately, but has never indulged in the use of narcotics, nor gambles since his discharge from the Navy. He has never been arrested.

General comments by the Field Civil Service

Examiner:

At the conclusion of the Civil Service investigative report, the Examiner has stated that he interviewed seventeen persons in connection with JOSEPH B. STEERE, they being former employers, neighbors, business firms, and a credit bureau, the result of which indicated STEERE'S reputation, character, morals, and credit rating as good. It was found that he had no Police record, and he was favorably recommended for the appointment.

Under date of January 10th, Mr. STEERE was interviewed by this Agent at the San Francisco Bureau Office, and in substance stated as follows:

He commenced work at Alcatraz as a guard - mechanic, on December 7, 1934, and is at present a Junior Officer. He now has charge of the machine shop and the mat shop. In view of the fact that he is a mechanic and an electrician, he is able to repair any defects in the machinery in his shops, and, of course, he has charge of the inmates who work in the shops mentioned.

Mr. STEERE stated that his normal day's work is as follows: 6:45 a.m., roll call. He then goes into the cell house for the prisoners count, following which the prisoners are taken to the mess hall for their breakfast. As soon as the prisoners have eaten, STEERE prepares the metal detectors to warm them up, as the men have to pass before the detectors everytime they go in or out of the mess hall, or in or out of the cell block.

He stated that ROE was in the hospital being treated for some stomach trouble, which he believes to be either cancer, or ulcers of the stomach; that when a man is relieved for confinement in the hospital, his, STEERE'S, only duty is to check them out to that place.

STEERE stated that on the date of escape he had thirty-two men in his two details in the blacksmith shop, and twenty-six in the mat shop; that COLE was on the blacksmith detail, and ROE in the mat shop; that ROE was an assembler of rubber mats.

On December 16, 1937 Mr. STEERE stated his routine was just the same as that outlined above, until noon; that the men were counted back from mess at approximately 12:50 p.m., and he again counted them at one, and found the count correct; that at his 1:30 p.m., count, he found COLE and ROE were missing, and hurriedly re-counted, to assure himself there was no mistake, and he then stepped out from the room to a telephone outside, away from the prisoners, and called the Deputy Warden; that he looked around the six rooms under his jurisdiction, thinking COLE and ROE had merely hidden themselves, but, of course, still found them short, and then discovered the broken window from which they had escaped; that he then immediately turned in a general alarm, which does not warn the prisoners; that by dialing twenty-two on the telephone, the same indicates a general alarm; that this consists of a loud bell which rings in the executive offices, and the same is heard by all the executives who are in their offices at the time; that the bell continues to ring until someone answers the telephone; that one of the clerks in the executive offices answered, and was informed by STEERE that two men had escaped from the model building, following which STEERE immediately hung up, and rushed back to his post.

He advised that he then dialed all of the towers, with the exception of the dock tower, because that one was too far removed from the work buildings; that Deputy Warden MILLER then came down, and took charge from then on; that thereupon the blacksmith shop and mat shop details were taken into the cell block, and he understands that all of the details were also made to stop their work, and be locked up.

When the men are ready to pass before the detectors, he operates them himself. When this has been completed, he proceeds to the yard where his men are lined up, and he checks the charge-out sheet, which shows where every inmate in the institution is to be located for the day. He then signs the charge-out sheet that he has that number of men, and the men are then marched down to the various shops.

He stated that as soon as the men are counted into the shops, he goes to the telephone and reports to the armory, and gives the armory the count as to how many men he has; that from then up to 9:30 the prisoners, under his direction, do whatever work is to be done, and at 9:30 the men have a ten minute smoke-up period.

He has no further special duties until 11 o'clock, a.m., at which time the tools are checked up, and the men are prepared to return to the cell block for the purpose of mess. He then checks his men through the gate, and signs them in on the charge-out sheet. He then goes up to run the metal detectors again. The prisoners, in addition to their morning smoke-up, are also permitted to smoke at 2:30 p.m. Subsequently, throughout the day, he makes a count of his men every thirty minutes.

Mr. STEERE stated that on the day of escape, December 16, 1937, the prisoners, under his direction, had returned from the mess hall, and had been checked in by him at approximately 12:50 p.m.; that since it is his duty to count them every thirty minutes, on the hour and the half hour, he made another count at 1:00 o'clock, or one or two minutes before or after the hour; that his record showed all the men present at that time; that in addition to checking the men as to number, he is familiar with their names and faces, since a good number of the men in the machine and mat shops have been assigned to him for quite some period of time.

Mr. STEERE stated that Subject ROE has been in the mat shop several different times, the first time about one and one-half years ago; that on the last occasion he had been in the mat shop for approximately four months; that during the last four-month period ROE was away from the mat shop approximately one week, during which time he was confined to the prison hospital. He stated that COLE has been under his direction for approximately six months, and assigned to the blacksmith shop, although as COLE has had no experience in that type of work before, his duties were more or less those of a janitor.

Mr. STEERE advised that the blacksmith shop detail, normally consisting of five to six men, works in two of the six rooms mentioned, while the mat shop detail works in the remaining four rooms.

He stated that the mechanics in the blacksmith shop take care of all the machinery in the mat shop, which would occasionally place COLE in the mat shop, but COLE, due to his inexperience, is called upon for this duty less than any other member of the blacksmith shop detail; that his, STEERE'S, duties take him back and forth through all of the six rooms, and he thinks he would have noticed the absence of the men on walking through, but is not sure. He also thinks that he would be very apt to see the open space in the windows, particularly had he entered that room.

He advised that the three windows through which the Subjects had escaped had the glass broken out in them previously, and the inmates had fashioned pieces of light wood that fitted the apertures perfectly, the same measuring approximately 6" x 9".

Mr. STEERE stated that COLE, by being in the room of escape, was in the room where he might normally be, but that ROE had no business in the blacksmith shop at that time of day, that is between 1 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.; that ROE should have been in the mat shop where he belonged; that it therefore appeared that ROE, with the escape in mind, either slipped by behind STEERE, and went into the blacksmith shop unnoticed, or as STEERE was coming into the mat shop he, ROE, slipped out of a second door in the mat shop, into the room of escape in the blacksmith shop; that if he had seen ROE on his way to the blacksmith shop at that time, he would have stopped him, and inquired of him where he was going, and the purpose therefor.

As to the place from which Subjects escaped, Mr. STEERE advised that none of the thirty-two men under his direction on the day of escape had any business in that room at the time of the escape; that it is a tool room, and a store-room, and a room not used by the men except to change their clothes. Mr. STEERE stated there was a work bench in the room, but no one in his group had any business in there at that time, unless it was to get a tool, or a piece of steel, or something like that; that STEERE would not necessarily know that the men

needed such pieces of equipment, and that ROE had no business back in the room in any event, and would not have been permitted to go there if STEERE saw him; that therefore he cannot tell whether anyone saw the men actually escape, but as a supposition, he states that even if the men under his direction knew that COLE and ROE were going to escape, they would have purposely left the immediate vicinity of the place of escape, just so they could later say that they did not see the men go.

STEERE said that prior to the time of the escape, there was not a single item or occurrence that aroused his suspicions in any way, nothing out of the ordinary having occurred on the day of the escape, or on the day previous; that things in his department had been running very smoothly; that outside of the constant danger of fights among the prisoners in his department, which did occur from time to time, due to the character of the men, he had nothing happen which caused him to feel any alarm or anxiety theretofore.

STEERE advised that on the day of escape there were six men in the blacksmith shop, as follows: BERTA, CHASE, BARTLETT, LLOYD, COLE, and BROWN; that among these men, BERTA and CHASE were easily the most desperate and vicious, and he thinks if anyone had any definite knowledge of the plans for the escape, these two did.

Mr. STEERE stated that, of course, shortly after his discovery of the two missing prisoners, all of the remaining thirty-two in his department gathered what had occurred, but not one single remark was made by them at the time. However, on the next day, or the second day, following, CHASE was heard to remark that "The week's best seller 'Gone with the Fog' by JAMES A. JOHNSTON".

Mr. STEERE stated in his group is a man named GROUKER, No. 156; that of all of his men, he considers GROUKER the most reliable; that GROUKER has but a short term left to serve, and works in the mat shop in a sort of foreman's capacity, and in addition is the closest man to the officials of the Penitentiary in connection with the work of the mat shop; that GROUKER informed him, STEERE, that he did not know that COLE and ROE had effected their escape until he saw STEERE looking for someone; that although he did not see the escape, he was told by one of the convicts that "ROE was floundering, and just about all in", and that "COLE was swimming quite easily, but staying right with ROE", which STEERE interprets as meaning that COLE was remaining with

ROE, in order to assist him.

STEERE stated that he asked GROUKER if the men had taken anything with them to keep them afloat, and GROUKER had replied "No, not a God damm thing!"; that he, STEERE then said "Do you mean to say that they started out in that water without anything?", and GROUKER replied "By God, that is what they did."

STEERE advised Agent that that was pretty hard to believe; that about the day following the escape, BERTA made a sound like a drowning man, that is, a sort of a gurgle, and laughed, and said "Maybe that is the best way." STEERE adds "That is as much as BERTA would say even if you cut his eyeballs out."

On the other hand, STEERE advised, that BERTA might have been acting a part just to throw STEERE off his guard; that even though he believes that GROUKER heard the remarks which he thereafter repeated to him, STEERE, it is also possible that since some of the inmates in the mat shop know that GROUKER does not have many more years to serve, and might be more or less on friendly terms with STEERE, it is possible that they commented as above-quoted, knowing that GROUKER would inform STEERE, and throw him off guard that way. This, Mr. STEERE states, is not probable, although quite possible, because he is of the opinion that if the men knew definitely that GROUKER was repeating some of the things he heard, they would kill him.

A day or two after the escape Mr. STEERE advised inmate BROWN approached him on some matter, and STEERE asked him "Well, what do you think? Did they make it?", and Brown replied "Well, we would like to believe they did" and that was all BROWN would say.

Mr. STEERE advised that after the escape, when the details of the prisoners were taken back to the cell block, he remembers that "Little Alcatraz", a portion of Alcatraz Island, which juts out in the water approximately one hundred yards from the prison Island, in low tide, was visible; that about 6 p.m., that night, a Coast Guard cutter brought STEERE to Fishermen's Wharf, in San Francisco, and the current was running so strong then, although perhaps not as strong as it was running at the time of the escape, that the cutter missed the pier at which it

intended to dock by about four piers, due to the strong tide.

He stated that right at the time of the discovery of the escape, he looked out upon the water, and could see the bell buoy which is reported to be about three hundred yards from the shoreline; that under these conditions the tower guards could easily have seen the bell buoy also, if they had looked in that direction, and further the tower guards would have seen or heard any boat that might have come close to the Island, in order to assist the Subjects in making their escape.

As to the escapes trying to grab hold of one of the large ferry boats that transverse the Bay, Mr. STEERE stated that it was entirely out of the question; that some of the ferries are propelled by side wheels, and they would have torn the men to pieces; that other ferry boats are driven by screw propellers; that these propellers create a terrific suction, and if the escapes had gotten anywhere close to the boat, this suction would have drawn them into the propellers, and "ground them into mince meat"; that there is approximately a six foot "free board", meaning the distance between the surface of the water and the deck of the boat, and that he, therefore, is of the opinion that it was an utter impossibility for the men to have effected their escape in that manner.

Mr. STEERE stated that no one has ever asked him for a favor of any kind that was in the slightest degree irregular or suspicious; that none has ever asked him an improper question.

Mr. STEERE advised that if the escapes got into the water, the persons in the blacksmith shop could not have seen them, due to the peculiar shape of the model building, but that the men in the mat shop were in a position to do so; that STEERE walked back and forth among the men between one and one-thirty p.m., on the day of the escape, but did not see a single man look out of the mat shop windows.

STEERE stated that the windows are just above the level of his eyes, and if he wants to see out upon the water from the mat shop, he must raise himself on his toes. He stated that he is 5'8" tall, indicating, of course, that taller members of his crew could easily have gazed out upon the water at the time of the escape; that even if the men in the mat shop knew of the escape, they would be too smart to arouse suspicion by looking

through the window, while STEERE was close by, and all that would have been necessary was for one man to have seen the escape, and have advised the others.

In this connection Mr. STEERE stated that he is certain that the escapes failed in their attempt, and were drowned, especially in view of ROE'S poor physical condition, as STEERE stated he was approximately twenty pounds underweight. He stated that if one of the two was to have been successful in the escape, it would be COLE, as he believed COLE to be in fairly good shape.

Mr. STEERE is a quiet, unassuming man, who impressed Agents with his frankness. He appears to be a man of quite some ability in the electrical and mechanical field, and the type of man with whom the inmates at Alcatraz would take few, if any liberties. It appeared that he is extremely anxious to assist in every way, but, of course, this is only natural due to the fact that the escape occurred among the men in his charge. He is also a man in whom Warden JOHNSTON has every faith, and it is believed that he is not guilty of any complicity in this case.

KENNETH C. CURRY

At the Retailers' Credit Association, nothing of an unfavorable nature was found relative to Mr. CURRY. There have been no inquiries made of the Association relative to his credit standing, and it is not believed that at any time during recent years has he incurred any obligations which he failed to liquidate in a proper and satisfactory manner. He is reported to be a good credit risk, and his mother is estimated to be worth thirty thousand dollars.

Mr. CURRY'S Civil Service record is not available at San Francisco, according to Mr. J. S. HOWE, Field Civil Service Examiner. An effort will be made to obtain his Civil Service investigative file, and any pertinent contents thereof will be reported at a later date..

Under date of January 10, 1938 KENNETH C. CURRY was interviewed at the San Francisco Bureau Office by this Agent. He stated that he was born in Los Angeles, California, on April 28, 1906; that he finished three years of high school in Burbank,

California, in 1924; that he then enlisted in the Navy at Los Angeles, and remained in the service for approximately two years, as a hospital apprentice, first class, earning his honorable discharge at the end of that period.

He advised that he then started working with E. F. HUTTON Brokerage House, and stayed with them approximately two years as file clerk and commercial clerk; that he then resigned, and from then until July, 1932 he worked in numerous brokerage houses in various capacities, resigning from most of them to accept more remunerative employment, but that he had never been discharged from a position.

He advised that he received his appointment as a Federal prison guard on August 2, 1932, and was assigned to McNeil Island, where he took up his duties; that he remained at McNeil Island until he was transferred to Alcatraz in July, 1934. At the present time Mr. CURRY is a Junior Officer at Alcatraz, and receives an annual salary of \$1920.00.

Mr. CURRY stated he has never been married, has never been a defendant in a suit; has never been in bankruptcy; takes a drink on rare occasions, but feels he can truthfully say he does not drink; does not gamble, and never has. He states that at this time he owes approximately \$10.00 on a store account, which is his only liability.

As to arrests, he advised that when in high school a companion of his stole a watermelon, and accused CURRY of the theft; that he, CURRY, was arrested, but in the courtroom his companion confessed that CURRY had nothing to do with the theft, and the charge was therefore dismissed.

CURRY advised that on the date of the escape, December 16, 1937, he was at his post in the road tower, from which place he can see the side of the building from which Subjects ROE and COLE escaped. He advised that he has control of a gate from which trucks exit, but do not enter; that these trucks, however, always contain at least one guard, and this guard signals him that it is O.K. to open the gate; that upon opening this gate from the control in the tower, it is still necessary for the guard on the truck to open a second gate with a key which he carries, in order to leave the truck out of the large enclosure; that there is also another gate almost directly beneath his tower, but there is little traffic through the same,

and all who go through it are either well known to him as Officers, or properly identified.

CURRY advised that at the time of the escape he was in the road tower; that at 1 p.m., his only duty is to patrol his regular beat; that he saw nothing suspicious; that visibility when he looked towards the place of escape was very poor, at best, but nevertheless, whenever he looked in that direction, he believes he could see along the side of the building where the escape was effected. He states, however, that the fog shifts at times, and his visibility might be cut down to twenty-five yards, and then in a moment or so the fog may lift so that he could see as far as three hundred yards.

He advised Agent that the tower guards are responsible for everything within the range of their guns, and naturally he tries to cover everything within his vision, including the side of the buildings, the shore-line, and into the water. He is also responsible for an inmate who works at the incinerator about fifty yards from the tower, and another inmate who works on the lawn to the right of the road tower, and also responsible for all the activities in the prison yard, that is, whenever there are prisoners in the yard for any purpose. It is his duty to watch them to some extent until they are either placed in their work buildings, or returned to the cell block.

In connection with the escape, CURRY states that, in his opinion, the men came out of the blacksmith shop head first, and he believes they jumped immediately to the cat-walk which slants down towards the water, and is about four or five feet away from the outside of the model building; that then the men slid down the cat-walk on their stomachs; that from his position CURRY can see about one-third of the cat-walk, the remainder of same being concealed by a thickly-knitted wire fence, this fence containing the small gate through which Subjects escaped.

CURRY stated that he has been assigned to the road tower for approximately two months, and that prior to that time he has worked at about every post in the prison.

CURRY stated that he knew ROE by sight, and COLE by name; that he was in charge of the labor crew one day, and COLE was on that crew; that men on the labor crew were supposed to be trouble-makers, and less trustworthy than others. He stated that

never at any time did any prisoner try to incur his favor; that, in his opinion, an officer would be responsible for an offer of that nature, as it indicated to him, CURRY, that the officer had let himself open for an offer of a favor.

He stated that he has never shown any partiality, nor favoritism towards the prisoners, and has treated them all alike. He stated that, in his opinion, all of the Officers at Alcatraz are absolutely trustworthy, and he knows of no one, either among the guards or the civilians, who cannot be trusted. He stated, however, that his contacts with the civilian employees were few.

Regarding the bell buoy which is reported to be about 300 yards away from Alcatraz, he stated that he does not remember seeing it at all on the day of the escape, but did see the buoy which is at a point approximately 200 yards distance from Alcatraz, and that at times he was able to see a short distance beyond this buoy. He advised Agent that he was confident no boat could have, or did, approach to within two or three hundred yards of the Island; that he would have seen or heard the boat if it did; that he does not believe the escapes could have made contact with a boat.

However, he stated that he felt that the Subjects herein were successful in their escape, and made their get-away; that he has often watched wood drift past Alcatraz, and that usually it goes through the Golden Gate from between two hundred feet to two hundred yards from Sausalito; that at other times he has noticed drift wood swept to the opposite or San Francisco side, depending, of course, upon the currents at the time; that he therefore feels the men would not have had to exert themselves but just let the current carry them along until they reached a point close to the Golden Gate Bridge, from which they could swim to either Sausalito or San Francisco.

He stated that while he believed that the men were successful in their escape attempt, nevertheless, he hopes that they were not. He feels that they carried something along with them to hold them up out of the water. In this connection Mr. CURRY stated that he feels confident that no one in Alcatraz at this time knows whether COLE and ROE were successful in their escape, as he states this would immediately be reflected in the attitude of the men.

Mr. CURREY impressed Agent with his frankness, and appeared to be disposed to give Agent the benefit of any information he had. However, he has had very few contacts with the inmates at the prison, and had very little to offer.

It is not believed he is guilty of any complicity in the escape of the Subjects in this case.

GREGORY FRANCIS BOYD

BOYD, Junior Officer, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, was interviewed at the San Francisco Division Office, on January 10, 1938, by Special Agent C. H. OLSON.

BOYD stated he was born September 9, 1902, at Valley Falls, Kansas, where he completed three years in high school; that he is married, and has three children, and is residing at Alcatraz Island, where he has been a guard since April 1, 1935; that prior to the time he was employed at Alcatraz, he was employed as a Special Agent by the Western Pacific Railway, at Sacramento, California, and prior to that was employed as a Special Agent by the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railway, at Salt Lake City, and as a Federal Probation Agent at Salt Lake City.

Between the years 1925 and 1929 he was a Police Officer on the Police Department at Topeka, Kansas. He stated the only debts he owes are small current bills; that he has no bank account, has been in no law suits, and has never been through bankruptcy.

He stated at Alcatraz he is regularly assigned as a guard at the laundry, where forty to forty-five convicts work, but that on December 16, 1937 he had been assigned to the cell house, where his work consisted of opening and closing cell doors, counting prisoners morning, noon, and night, also checking the prisoners in and out of the prison proper through the rear gate, as the prisoners went out on their various details.

He stated that because of the nature of his assignment on this particular day, he has no knowledge as to the manner

in which ROE and COLE left the Island; that he knows both ROE and COLE by face, prison number, and names.

BOYD stated since returning to his regular post of duty at the laundry, he has overheard remarks made by the convicts, indicating COLE and ROE had some sort of a life preserver, possibly in the form of a life belt; that he believes it was possible that ROE and COLE could have come into possession of an innertube, or pieces of innertube, which in some manner they had made into a life belt; that the mat shop at the prison has been in operation for three years, during which time tons of used auto tire casings have been brought to the Island; that when the tire casings are unloaded at the dock, they are inspected by a guard before being loaded on to a truck, and hauled to the prison proper; that he believes it possible an innertube could have been overlooked.

In addition, he stated rubber cement is used in the shoe shop, and that by arrangement with some other convicts working in the shoe shop, ROE or COLE could have obtained rubber cement in this manner, and the convict in the blacksmith shop would have had access to heat, and also to air, as there is an air hose in several of the buildings; that he does not believe either ROE or COLE would have attempted to enter the water in the Bay without some form of life preserver. However, he does not believe they were successful in reaching land, or being picked up, and does not believe that they had any outside help.

He stated in the laundry, besides prisoners, there are eleven civilian employees, who act as supervisors, but who work alongside of the prisoners, naturally coming in closer contact with them than the guards, and as a result of this association, on possibly friendlier terms; that they are in a position to overhear any remarks made by the convicts. He stated he is of the opinion that both the guards and civilian employees would report to Warden JOHNSTON any remarks overheard that might be of value in instant investigation.

Efforts to obtain a Civil Service record on BOYD, at the United States Civil Service Commission Office, San Francisco, California, were unsuccessful.

Mr. GREENBERG, Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco, California, 6th floor, 15 Stockton Street, exhibited to Agent OLSON the Credit Association's files relative to GREGORY FRANCIS BOYD. These files reflect BOYD is married; his present

address is Alcatraz Island, with the former address 4033 - 32nd Street, Sacramento, California; former employment, Special Agent, Western Pacific Railway, from August 1934 to 1935.

The Association's files reflected that they had obtained information from a credit rating bureau at Ogden, Utah, reflecting that BOYD had dealt with three different houses, having accounts ranging from \$4.00 to \$167.00, which were paid on due date.

The Association's files also reflected that they had received information from a credit association at Sacramento, California, reflecting that BOYD had dealt with three houses, and had accounts ranging from \$60.00 to \$634.00, which were paid on due dates, and before.

The file contained no information reflecting any trade accounts, or bank accounts at San Francisco, California, and it was reflected that this information was obtained by the Credit Association on December 11, 1936.

The above information was taken from the confidential files of the Retailers' Credit Association of San Francisco, and is to be treated as confidential information.

HORACE DIESCH

DIESCH, a Junior Guard, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, was interviewed on January 10, 1938, at the San Francisco Division Office by Special Agent C. H. OLSON. DIESCH stated he was born December 27, 1895, at London, England, and with his parents came to Canada in 1912; that he enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1914, and was discharged in 1919, at which time he went to Detroit, Michigan, and worked for various automobile manufacturing concerns for over a period of three years; that he then obtained a position at the Detroit House of Correction, and held this position until he was appointed as a guard at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated he had taken the Civil Service examination in 1932, and was appointed as a guard in 1934; that on September 5, 1935 he was transferred from the United States

Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to the United States Penitentiary, at Alcatraz Island, where he is stationed at the present time.

He stated that he applied for citizenship papers at Detroit, Michigan, and his final papers were received in 1929; that in September, 1937 he married a woman at San Francisco, California, who has four children by a former marriage, and is now living at San Francisco, and is commuting back and forth to Alcatraz.

He stated he has no bank account, and has never been involved in any law suit or bankruptcy matter; that he borrowed \$200.00 from the Morris Plan Bank in October, 1937, to pay bills his wife owed prior to their marriage, and this is the only bill he owes. He stated on December 16, 1937 he went to work at 6:40 a.m., and worked until 5:10 p.m., and was stationed as a guard on what is known as hill tower at the Island; that from this position he could not see the outside of the blacksmith or mat shops, and could not see the shoreline, but could see out into the Bay.

He stated he was first notified that two men were missing by Junior Officer STEERE; that this was approximately 1:30 p.m.; that he was requested to keep a close lookout for two missing men, and as a result of this request, he had maintained a lookout over the tops of the buildings, and out into the Bay; that he had not observed any boats around the Island, nor any other suspicious circumstances. He stated he did not know at the time who had escaped, and did not learn of their identity until after 5:10 p.m.; that he knows ROE and COLE both by sight, particularly COLE, because of his nose; that neither of the men have been assigned to details under him; that at the present time, and since the escape, he has been stationed on the tower, and has not overheard any conversations, and has no knowledge as to the manner ROE and COLE attempted to leave the Island. He stated, in his opinion, they did not have any outside assistance, because if they had, other prisoners would have undoubtedly gone with them; that he is of the opinion ROE and COLE had received inside convicts' assistance, and was possibly encouraged in their attempt by other convicts.

He stated he believed it possible, but not probable, that ROE and COLE could have come into possession of an

innertube, or tubes, while working in the mat shop, or through the assistance of the convicts assigned to the outside detail, who may have found innertubes around the Island, and brought them into the yard. He stated vulcanizing patches, and rubber cement could have been secured by the outside convict detail while they were working around the trucks, or repairing tires. He stated he does not believe either COLE or ROE were successful in their escape, and believed they are undoubtedly drowned.

J. S. HOWE, United States Civil Service Examiner, 119 Federal Building, San Francisco, California, was unable to locate any Civil Service file in his office for DIESCH, and stated this file would be located in the district in which DIESCH was examined, which, in this case, would be Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. GREENBERG, Retailers' Credit Association of San Francisco, California, exhibited to Agent the Credit Association's file relative to HORACE DIESCH. However, this file did not contain any information reflecting that DIESCH had opened any trade accounts, or carried any bank accounts.

Mr. GREENBERG stated that in view of their record, and that DIESCH was steadily employed, they classified him as a favorable credit risk.

Mr. GREENBERG could furnish no additional information concerning DIESCH.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
W. F. Wood:

DOUGLAS ROBERTSON, who was employed as a substitute officer at Alcatraz Island from April 16, 1937, to January 1, 1938, at which time he was made a regular officer, was contacted and he stated he is a married man with six children, but that he has been separated from his wife, MRS. RUTH ROBERTSON, 3204 Washington Street, Kansas City, Missouri, since November, 1930.

ROBERTSON stated that the separation was due to marital difficulties, but that no suit of any kind had been brought to obtain a divorce. ROBERTSON did state that in 1931 his wife sued him in the 4th Division of the Circuit Court at Kansas City, Kansas, charging him with desertion and non support. ROBERTSON stated the outcome of this action was a dismissal by the court when his wife failed to prove the allegations in her complaint.

ROBERTSON stated that he has no intention of getting a divorce from his wife and in fact intends, when he is able to arrange it, to have her come and live with him but that due to financial conditions and the crowded condition of the homes on the Island used by the officers of the Island he is unable to have her with him at the present time.

The following information was obtained from ROBERTSON to complete his employment record, the first portion of which is set out in the report by the Civil Service Commission up to 1924.

ROBERTSON stated he was employed five or six years for the Western Auto Company of Kansas City, Kansas between 1925 and 1930. During the year 1930 he reported that he was employed a period of a few months by the Metropolitan Insurance Company of Kansas City, Kansas and the Manor Baking Company also of Kansas City, Kansas. He reported he was employed a period of about two months in 1931-1932 by the Phillips Petroleum Company of Kansas City, Kansas.

ROBERTSON'S next place of employment was the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas in 1934 where he worked intermittently for periods totalling not more than two or three months. ROBERTSON advised he was released from this work but no cause was given for his dismissal. This is the only work performed by ROBERTSON since 1932 with the exception of a few days work during 1936 when he was employed during the Christmas season in the Post Office at Leavenworth, Kansas.

ROBERTSON reported that at the present time the maximum of the debts owned by him would be under \$2,000.00; that he thinks that most of them have been outlawed by the Statute of Limitations. ROBERTSON was asked

whether he intended to pay them and he said that if he got enough money together he would like to pay them all, but that he was not paying anything on any of these debts.

It is noted that most of the obligations making up the total of debts owed by him are for hospital and medical attention.

ROBERTSON advised that he has a savings in the Postal Savings Account, San Francisco, the total amount of which is \$375.00.

ROBERTSON advised he is employed at the present time as a guard in the tower located on the west side of Alcatraz Island on the watch beginning at 4.00 in the afternoon. He stated that on December 16, 1937, he was in a physical training class about 1.30 P.M. when all of the members of the class were called to duty, at which time he learned of the escape of COLE and ROE.

ROBERTSON advised he did not know either of the inmates who escaped as his duty as guard never took him inside of the work yard. He advised that after being called for duty about 1.30 PM he went to the opening in the fence located in the rear of the tailor shop where MR. ORDWAY and the Deputy Warden were making a search. The opening referred to is that made by the prisoners in escaping. ROBERTSON stated that he searched the rear of the buildings adjacent to the opening in the fence as far as the signal station located at the outer corner of the plumbing shop.

ROBERTSON recalled that during the time he made this search he observed two or three men looking out of the windows of the tailor shop towards the searching operations being conducted along the shore. He called this to the attention of the Deputy Warden who motioned them away from the window.

ROBERTSON advised that most of his time is spent on the island and he has little occasion to visit San Francisco, but that at no time during his visit to the city has he ever been approached in any way to do any favors for an inmate or relative of any inmate. ROBERTSON pointed out that his work as a guard does not bring him into contact with the inmates on the island and that he has never received any requests to deliver any messages while on or off duty on the island.

The following incident was related by MR. ROBERTSON which might indicate one possible manner in which saw blades might come into the possession of inmates on the island.

MR. ROBERTSON stated that about January 5, 1938, MR. WARREN, the Armorer, a civilian employed on the island, approached him about the time he was going on duty, handed him a package which had a dozen or so saw blades in it wrapped up in paper which were, he stated, old saw blades and asked him to throw

them in the bay for him. ROBERTSON took these blades and went to his superior officer, LIEUTENANT STARLING and told him what WARREN had asked him to do. STARLING then asked ROBERTSON if he thought he could throw them as far as the bay and he answered in the affirmative. ROBERTSON stated he took these blades to the tower and threw them towards the bay, but he heard some of them hit the rocks and began to wonder whether the blades might have come lose while sailing through the air and scattered about.

ROBERTSON stated that a short time later he called the east island patrolman one MR. SHELDON and asked him to have a look between the gates. SHELDON made a search and located one of the blades.

ROBERTSON stated that this worried him considerably so he went to LIEUTENANT STARLING again and told him what had occurred and the lieutenant told him that he had better go down in the morning before the inmates came out of their cells and make a further search. ROBERTSON stated that between 4.00 A.M. and 7.00 A.M. the following morning he did go down to the gates and made a search but did not find any saw blades inside of the fence, although he did notice a couple of saw blades, four or five feet outside of the fence which he stated were too far away for him to reach and he consequently made no further effort to get them.

Later this same morning following the search, Deputy Warden D. J. MILLER called him by telephone and reprimanded him severely for complying with the request of the Armorer to dispose of the saw blades and pointed out to him that material of this kind is taken out into the center of the bay and dumped.

ROBERTSON stated that this was the only time he was ever approached by any civilian on the island to do any favor of a similar nature.

ROBERTSON reported that between 1.30 PM and 2.30 PM On December 16, 1937, the fog was exceptionally thick; that at times he could not see more than twenty feet into the water and at other times he could see as far as little Alcatraz. It is noted that this is a small projection of rocks about 150 yards from the place where COLE and ROE made their escape.

The following is a report obtained from the U. S. Civil Service Commission at San Francisco, California, concerning the investigation made of MR. ROBERTSON:

"DOUGLAS ROBERTSON - Substitute Officer,
Alcatraz Penitentiary
Born - Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - May 1, 1900

Schooling - 1906 to 1913 attended Grammar School, Leavenworth, Kansas.
1913 to 1916 - Barcelod, and Manila, P.I.
1919 to 1920 - Graduated High School at Leavenworth, Kansas
1920 to 1923 - Student at the University of Kansas
attending the University off and on, carrying
pre law course, did not graduate, approximately
50 hours.
1924 - Student at Leavenworth Business College, stenographic
course, did not complete the course.

Employment.

Record not complete as the typewritten report has not been received from the Commission.

1918-1919 - Manila, P.I. Salesman to Department Manager, Heacock Jewelry Co.
\$87.50 per month, resigned from this position.

1923 to 1924 - Leavenworth Kansas unemployed at home with mother.

Employed for 7 or 8 years with the Western Auto Co., Kansas City, Kansas.
Salesman to Assistant Manager. Lost this position due to a change in
Managers and a general shake up in the organization.

Leased a service station in Leavenworth, Kansas for some time, was not
successful and lost money.

Employed as a guard at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.
His story is he resigned from this position, or it was only temporary. Claims
he was not discharged. He let a prisoner escape during the time he was here.
His statement regarding this is as follows:

A gun tower was under construction, brick and cement construction, material
was stored in the tower. I was on guard duty in a shack across the road from
the tower. I stepped into the shack to obtain a drink of water. I had just
drawn a cup of water from the faucet and started drinking when a prisoner
grabbed my gun out of the holster and another gun at my side when I whirled
around he started to run towards the railroad tracks. I called the tower man
who turned in an alarm. The prisoner made good his escape, but was captured
three or four days later. I did not take after the prisoner. I stayed at my
post. The other guards with the prisoners were unarmed. A half hour later I
reported to Lacey Simpson, Warden. He reprimanded me. I do not think that it
was my fault that the prisoner escaped. They have a ruling that prisoners are
not allowed to approach the shack or the tower. The Guard who was unarmed, in
charge of the prisoners, had allowed this prisoner to wander off from where he

was working. This shack was a very small building, only room enough for one man inside. I was standing there getting a drink of water with my back to the door, the prisoner stepped up to the door reached in and grabbed my guns. It was very hot weather, probably 115 or 117 that day. I did not hear the prisoner approaching the shack as the road was covered with a heavy layer of dust. First I knew was when he grabbed my gun out of the holster and picked up my rifle which was standing beside me.

The Warden never asked me to resign or quit. I was only working one day out of three. This was in July, 1934.

From about February, 1936, to some time in February, 1937, I was working for MRS. K. L. COON in Leavenworth. Her husband was formerly in the insurance business. He died and she was trying to run the business. I assisted her a few months. I was handling the accident and health, as a collector. I averaged about \$5.00 or \$6.00 per month.

guard

April 16, 1937. Appointed substitute/at Alcatraz.

Married. October 1920 to Ruth Hartnett at Atchinson, Kansas. We separated in 1930 due to the depression. Reason for separation, due to finances. Friction due to her parents. We were living in Kansas City at the time we separated. She remained with her mother in Kansas City, Kansas and I went home to my mother in Leavenworth, Kansas. She swore out a warrant for my arrest in Kansas City on the grounds of non support. I was operating a filling station at 7th and Quindaro Boulevard; this was about Christmas 1930. She thought I was making money. I accompanied an officer to the Kansas City jail where my mother put up bail for \$300.00. The case was tried a year later in District Court Wyandotte County, Division No. 4, case was dismissed.

My attorney was WILLARD PHILLIPS of Kansas City, Kansas. My wife and I have been separated ever since. We are on friendly relations, we correspond. I have asked her to join me here in California.

Children. Six - ages 15-13-10-9-8-7 - 3 boys and 3 girls. The three youngest children are with my wife. The three oldest are with my wife's sister, Miss N. HARTNETT, 506 Vine Street, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dependants. - Wife and children. I assist in the support of my children whenever I have any money or employed. Some time in 1930 I inherited about \$2,000 from an aunt in Germany. I gave this money to my wife at the rate of \$200 per month. I used about \$600 of this money in my service station. This venture was not successful and I lost the money. Receiving this money is probably the reason my wife had me arrested for non support. She thought I had received a lot of money. I produced cancelled checks in court. My wife had been ill for some time and was in a highly nervous condition.

Income. The only income I have is from my work. I will not receive any inheritance from my mother.

Debts. I have no legal debts, all are outlawed. I owe the Providence Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, \$175 or \$200. DR. RESEITE, \$200. Note to K.P. SNYDER for rent \$275.00. Note to the Western Auto Supply Co., \$168.50. The company loaned me this money to pay my debts and moving expenses from Leavenworth to Kansas City, Kansas. This was in 1928. Ryan Coal Company, Kansas City, \$52.00 or \$58.00. Catholic Hospital, Leavenworth, \$200.00. A doctor whose name I have forgotten about \$175.00. Most of my debts are due to illness of wife and children. I probably owe about \$1500.00.

Never sued or entered bankruptcy.
Intoxicants. Never used, total abstainer.

Hobbies - Stamp collecting.

Physical condition. Height 5-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - weight 160, health - good. I have never had any serious illness or operations.

There is nothing I know of which might be developed during an investigation of my past life that would reflect on my character or reputation, except that I have been unable to meet my financial obligations.

(NOTE: IT is not unusual since the depression to find persons who are financially involved. This case seems to be due to sickness in the family, according to his story.)

Under close questioning this man becomes very ill at ease, hands and forehead sweaty; I was unable to determine that he was withholding information or endeavoring to conceal something in his past. This is the first steady position he has had for several years and no doubt is quite anxious to hold it. He gives the impression of being a poor financial manager where his own funds are concerned. He gives the impression of a young man who has led a rather sheltered life, in that he might have had his mother to fall back on when the going was too rough. Some indication is lacking in back bone, inclined to give up and drift with the tide. He is serving his probationary period and no doubt if he is weak it will be discovered and the warden will drop him.

No investigation made in San Francisco."

EMIL E. RYCHNER who is employed as a Junior Officer at Alcatraz Island since June 4, 1935, was contacted by Agent Wood and he stated that during all of this time he has worked the morning watch in the prison laundry with the exception of the first twenty one days, at which time he was employed as a night patrolman.

MR. RYCHNER was working as a guard on the second floor of the laundry on December 16, 1937, the day of the escape of ROE and COLE.

RYCHNER stated he looked out the window of the laundry about 2.15 P.M. on the day of the escape and saw two extra guards. GEORGE KELLY BARNES was also looking out the laundry window and turned to him and said "How many got away?" RYCHNER told BARNES he did not know. BARNES then said to RYCHNER "Well, I'll tell you, there were two. It was COLE and ROE." As soon as BARNES said this he stopped, like someone who had spoken out of turn and had said something he did not mean to say.

As soon as BARNES made this remark he started back to the job he was working on in the laundry and said nomore. MR. RYCHNER was positive that BARNES had remained on the second floor of the laundry from the time of his return to work after lunch, about 12.45 PM until 2.15 PM at which time the above conversation is reported to have taken place.

It was MR. RYCHNER'S opinion therefore that he had no chance to contact anyone in the blacksmith shop or machine shop and his information appeared to be based on previous knowledge substantiated by some sort of signal.

It is noted that in an interview with one of the guards located on the top of the building where the escape was made that a spot light on top of the building was on during the period the escape is reported to have taken place. This spot light could be seen from the second floor of the laundry and it is possible the same may have been a signal, indicating that the escape of ROE and COLE had been successful.

RYCHNER stated that BARNES is one of the best behaved inmates he has to deal with; that he is always courteous and tries to do his work in the best manner. MR. RYCHNER stated that about this time several other prisoners in the laundry had come to the windows, taken a look and gone back to their work.

He stated that no other person in the laundry made any remark to him the rest of the day, nor has he heard any remark since this time concerning the escape other than a casual statement that they hoped they made it.

RYCHNER stated that prior to the time of the escape he noticed nothing unusual nor was there any tenseness in the air or feeling of expectancy such as sometimes happens when a break or strike is about to take place.

MR. RYCHNER advised he knows COLE and ROE by sight and has often observed COLE. MR. RYCHNER pointed out certain characteristics of COLE which, it is noted, do not appear in his description. ROE stated that COLE walks with his arms held rather stiffly by his sides and does not appear to swing them as he walks as people normally do. He also stated that COLE has a peculiar way of holding his head back so that the opening in his nostrils show clearly.

MR. RYCHNER also stated that COLE in spite of his age, looks like a kid of eighteen years. MR. RYCHNER also pointed out that one JOHNSON, Alcatraz Number 289 appeared to have formed a close friendship with both COLE and ROE during the short time he was on an outside detail, although this friendship appeared to have broken up due to the transfer of the parties to different occupations.

MR. RYCHNER is a married man with no children and lives on the island. His salary is \$1860 a year. RYCHNER advised that he has no debts of any kind. He advised that in 1937 he had purchased a Ford V 8 car and paid cash for it.

MR. RYCHNER furnished the following employment record for himself:

1914-1927 - employed as an electrician by E.C. SYKES at 12 Front Street, Rochester, New York.

1927 - 1928 - In business for himself at Rochester, New York.

1929 - 1934 - employed as an electrician for E. J. MEAGHER, 17 Franklin Street, Rochester, New York.

MR. RYCHNER advised he served two years in the army and saw over seas service.

Records of the U. S. Civil Service Commission at San Francisco, California, do not contain any report of investigation conducted of MR. RYCHNER.

Mr. GREENBERG also exhibited to Agent C. H. OLSON the Association file relative to EMIL E. RYCHNER, a Junior Officer at Alcatraz Penitentiary. The file reflected that RYCHNER was married, and had been employed at Alcatraz Island for three years; that it contained no information reflecting that RYCHNER had opened any trade account or had a bank account.

Mr. GREENBERG also advised that RYCHNER, according to their record, is carried as a favorable risk, due to the fact he is steadily employed.

OWEN KENNY, Postmaster at Calistoga, California, addressed a letter to the San Francisco Field Office dated December 23, 1937, advising that one MR. BILL of Calistoga had said he had some information of value relating to instant case.

Special Agent Louis D. Wine interviewed OWEN KENNY, Postmaster at Calistoga, California, on December 27, 1937. He related that one GEORGE C. BILL had called on him and stated he had some information relating to this escape. MR. KENNY stated that he has known MR. BILL for a long time; that BILL is a laborer by occupation but is retired and seems to be honest and trustworthy.

Agent located GEORGE C. BILL, who stated that he was 74 years old, is not working at the present time, and lives in an unnumbered house between Myrtle and Main Streets in Calistoga, California, and gets his mail at Post Office Box 325, Calistoga, California. He was very shabbily dressed but seemed to be sincere in his statements. He was not very clear as to the dates and was unable to furnish any further detailed specific information. He was questioned very closely and related that during the summer of 1937 he was engaged in picking fruit at Calistoga, and while engaged in this work became acquainted with GEORGE I. and MRS. ELIZABETH SAUNEUF, who were also working in the fruit orchards there. He stated that he visited the parents of MRS. SAUNEUF, who are MR. AND MRS. JOHN ALLEN and reside at 468 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco. He stated he was living at their home for a few days during the fall of 1937 but could not remember the exact or approximate dates, except that it was several months ago.

MR. BILL further stated that MRS. ELIZABETH SAUNEUF had paid him occasional visits in Calistoga and that she came to Calistoga a few days after the escape of ROE and COLE and visited him. He was unable to furnish the exact date of this visit but he stated at that time she told him that her brother, JAMES ALLEN, a guard at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, had told her that he was well acquainted with ROE and COLE and knew of their proposed plans to escape a week before their actual disappearance; that he considered them nice men and that they were good friends of his and he wanted to see them get away. MR. BILL stated that MR. ALLEN, according to MRS. SAUNEUF, had made this statement to MRS. SAUNEUF immediately after the escape of these prisoners, and at the time a brother of MR. ALLEN, whose first name was unknown to him, was present.

MR. BILL further stated that MRS. SAUNEUF stated that JAMES ALLEN had also remarked to his brother in her presence that ROE and

COLE were good friends of his and that the brother remarked, "If they were such good friends of yours, why didn't you give them a key?" and MR. ALLEN replied to his brother, "If I did you would be the first one to squeal on me." According to MR. BILL, MRS. SAUNEUF further stated to MR. BILL, "I wonder if my brother isn't at the bottom of this." MR. BILL stated that MRS. SAUNEUF intimated to him that her brother, JAMES ALLEN, the guard at Alcatraz, may have hidden these men in his apartment. He stated he did not know where JAMES ALLEN lived but had visited his home on one occasion accompanied by MRS. SAUNEUF; that he lived with his wife somewhere in the Mission District in San Francisco. He said that MRS. ELIZABETH SAUNEUF now lives with her husband, GEORGE SAUNEUF, at 680 - 30th Street, San Francisco, and that her husband is now on relief. MR. BILL was questioned very carefully but was unable to furnish any further information. He did not know anything about the background of JAMES ALLEN, the guard at Alcatraz, but did know he had several brothers, one of whom is called Billy and whose name is probably William, who works in some hotel in San Francisco near the Post Office. He has another brother called Wally whose name is probably Walter, who is employed in some laundry in San Francisco, and he has a brother CLARENCE ALLEN whose place of employment is unknown to MR. BILL. He states that their parents live at 468 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, and that he, MR. BILL, roomed with the parents, MR. and MRS. JOHN ALLEN, for a short time during the fall of 1937.

MR. BILL stated that he expects MRS. SAUNEUF to again visit him shortly in Calistoga, California, and at that time he will question her closely in an effort to obtain more comprehensive information from MRS. SAUNEUF. MR. BILL stated that he had been having secret meetings with MRS. SAUNEUF and that for this reason he did not want her interviewed in the presence of her husband, in order that the latter may not have any knowledge of the secret visits of MRS. SAUNEUF and MR. BILL.

Special Agent Louis D. Wine, accompanied by Special Agent Charles E. Olson, located MRS. ELIZABETH SAUNEUF at her home, 680 - 30th Street, San Francisco, where she was interviewed. She seemed to be honest and straightforward in her statements. She stated that she was married to GEORGE J. SAUNEUF; that she had three children who were in school; that her husband was on relief; that they were in very straitened circumstances and that she does not own an automobile. She stated that she has a brother, JAMES ALLEN, who is a guard at Alcatraz and who has been working in this position for about three months. She stated that she did not recall his exact address but

she believed he resided near 18th and Guerrero Streets, San Francisco, at 461 or 481 Guerrero Street; that he has been married about a year and a half and that his wife's name is MRS. ANNA ALLEN; that JAMES ALLEN has one child, a boy about five years old, as a result of a former marriage. She stated that JAMES ALLEN used to work in some laundry in San Francisco. She advised that she was not friendly with her brother JAMES as he had accused her of going with other men and tried to make trouble.

MRS. SAUNEUF stated she is positive that the last time she saw her brother was on Halloween, at which time he and his wife were at the home of her parents, MR. and MRS. JOHN ALLEN at 468 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, where they were joined with a group of relatives and had dinner together. She stated at that time there were present at the home of MR. and MRS. JOHN ALLEN her sister, MRS. J. HULSE, who now lives somewhere in Long Beach, California and has been since divorced and has assumed her maiden name of MISS JENNIE ALLEN; a young man who was the escort of MISS JENNIE ALLEN, who was also from Long Beach and whose name was unknown; her brother, ALBERT ALLEN, who is totally deaf; and a man who lived downstairs, whose name she did not know.

MRS. SAUNEUF stated that JAMES ALLEN, her brother, had recently been appointed guard at Alcatraz and that there was some discussion relative to Alcatraz, and those present were interested in his work. She said that he remarked that he felt sorry for some of the prisoners and had commented how downcast some of them were and how tough they were. She said he did not make any remark that he knew ROE or COLE or that they were friends of his. She states while she does not personally like her brother, JAMES ALLEN, she believes him to be honest and dependable. She denied she made any remark that she thought that JAMES ALLEN might be hiding these prisoners in his apartment. She stated positively that she had not contacted MR. BILL since the escape and denied emphatically that she had been out of town at any time during the month of December. She stated the last time that she saw MR. BILL was in San Francisco and that he was present during a Thanksgiving Dinner at the home of her parents, MR. and MRS. JOHN ALLEN, 468 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, and that MR. BILL was there visiting WALTER ALLEN, brother of JAMES ALLEN, at the time. She stated that MR. BILL was entirely mistaken if he stated that she had visited him in Calistoga during the month of December and particularly shortly after December 17, 1937.

Special Agent A. E. Farland is making a further investigation at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, relative to the position occupied by JAMES ALLEN, the guard, and whether there is any possibility that he may have had any contacts with Subjects.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938, to the San Francisco Division, reflecting that JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, with aliases, was interviewed on October 29, 1936, at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, by a Bureau Agent, BUTCHER supplying information reflecting TED COLE, Subject in this case, had given him a note to be delivered to COLE'S mother, the note reflecting information concerning an individual by the name of FLOYD, believed possibly to be FLOYD HILL, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas No. 49762; also information that ROY JOHNSON, a prisoner at Alcatraz Island, had given him a note which was found in his pockets a few minutes later by one of the guards.

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, on January 10, 1938, ascertained from the records of the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, that JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, Alcatraz No. 287, was given a conditional release on October 9, 1936, and at that time was furnished transportation to Kentucky; that BUTCHER, on June 14, 1937, was received at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, as a parole violator, and has five hundred and seventy six days to complete his sentence; that ROY JOHNSON, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 287, is still confined on Alcatraz Island, where he is serving four years for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; that the note found in the possession of BUTCHER on October 4, 1936 reads as follows: "LEE JACOBS, Miami, Okla., his old man is a Doctor. Everyone knows him. Tell him who sent you." On the reverse side of the note was the following: "JESS HILL, Lakewood, California, c/o TED COLE'S mother."

Information contained in the San Francisco file indicates that JAMES HUGH BUTCHER has been re-interviewed, and therefore no further leads are being set out in this report, leaving that to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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

FILE NO. **76-297**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/24/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/22-25, 28/37	REPORT MADE BY W. R. LORRY VK
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. Lydia McFadden, mother of Richard C. Galatas, residing with daughter, Mrs. Lee (Elsie G.) Cady, 12772 Monica Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Paid informant advises that Galatas and wife arrived at Cady home about 11 A.M. November 24, 1937 in a Plymouth sedan bearing 1937 Arkansas license number 58-460 possibly prefixed by the letter D. Large family gathering at Cady home Christmas day attended by Galatas and wife, have not been seen in neighborhood subsequently.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge Chapman Fletcher dated December 21, 1937 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. T. Delavigne and the writer.

The investigation reported herein is predicated upon a telephone call received on December 21, 1937 by Special Agent in Charge Chapman Fletcher of the Little Rock Office, who stated that a check was desired of the activities of Richard Galatas, who is presently on conditional release from a United States Penitentiary and is required to report to a probation officer at Little Rock, Arkansas.

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A check of the 1937 City Directory for Detroit, Michigan showed one Lee M. Cady and wife, Elsie G. Cady, 12772 Monica Avenue, and indicated that Cady and Bourke were in the piano business at 15 East Grand River, Detroit, Michigan. In an effort to determine whether this person was the sister of Galatas, a telephone call was made to Mrs. Cady under pretext, and she advised that her mother was Mrs. Lydia McFadden, who was then residing with her, but was ill.

Agents made a surveillance of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 12772 Monica Avenue and could see no automobile resembling the description given by Mr. Fletcher of Galatas' car. It was observed that the houses in this vicinity are two family houses or two story flat buildings and the premises immediately to the south of the Cady's home was 12764 Monica Avenue.

The City Directory reflected that Perry D. Quinlan occupied the first floor of these premises, and that he is a householder. Mr. Quinlan was contacted and after casual conversation was had with him, he was advised of the identity of Agents and requested to assist in a routine investigation. He indicated his willingness, whereupon he was advised that a formal check was being made of a parolee who had been given permission to spend the holidays in Detroit, merely to determine that he had gotten to Detroit with out difficulty. Mr. Quinlan was requested to call the Detroit Office immediately upon the appearance of the individual mentioned, and the Plymouth car which he would probably be driving was described to him.

The informant advised that he knew the Cadys very well, but did not maintain too cordial relations with them because the Cadys were somewhat snobbish. He also advised that Mrs. Lydia McFadden was blind and probably ill, and that the Cadys had three children, and that with Mrs. Cady's mother and the Cady's children, they probably did not have sufficient room to put up any guests.

It was determined that Mr. Quinlan worked at the Ford Motor Company for approximately one year, and that he has lived at his present address for about five years. He is married and has three children, ages respectively, eight years, four years, and eight months.

The Bureau was advised of what had been done by teletype dated December 23, 1937. On December 24, 1937, informant telephonically advised Agents that a man and woman had arrived at the Cady home that day at about 11 A.M. in a Plymouth sedan bearing 1937 Arkansas license plates 52-430, possibly prefixed by the letter D.

The photographs of Galatas and his wife taken from Detroit file #62-690 in connection with the Hanko case were produced and shown to Mr. Quinlan who identified them as somewhat resembling the people who had gotten out of the Plymouth car and gone into the Cady flat. Mr. Quinlan stated further that Mrs. Cady's brother, Mr. McEldan, had later called at the Cady home and taken Mrs. Galatas away in his automobile, and that thereafter various members of the family visited throughout the day.

Mr. Quinlan was again contacted the morning of Christmas day and stated he had not seen Galatas, his wife, or their car in the vicinity and he assumed that the lack of room in the Cady home probably caused them to stay somewhere else. The Bureau was advised by teletype of this information on December 25, 1937.

Subsequently Mrs. Quinlan was contacted at her home and advised that later on Christmas day a large family gathering had taken place at the Cady home, which had been attended, as far as she could see, by Galatas and his wife, and that subsequently thereto; neither she nor her husband have seen them or their car in the vicinity. Surveillance of the neighborhood at the time of each visit by Agents failed to reveal the presence of the Plymouth car used by the Galatases.

Copies of this report are being sent to the San Francisco Office in accordance with Bureau instructions, and the Little Rock Office in view of the fact that this information concerning Galatas may be helpful in any subsequent investigation conducted by that office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan will cover the leads set forth in the report of W. E. Listerman dated December 23, 1937 at Kansas City Missouri.

Will also cover any leads suggested by the report of Special Agent M. L. Gurnea dated December 28, 1937 at San Francisco, California.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-329

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-24-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-21-38	REPORT MADE BY A. C. SCHLENKER --- MSK.
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:

Robert S. Rix, owner 1937 Washington license C-44214, passed through Portland, Oregon, 12-15-37, made no inquiries re tides and currents in San Francisco Bay; passed through San Francisco 12-16-37, enroute Charleston, S. C., from Seattle, Washington.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., dated January 7, 1938, at Seattle, Washington; and report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated December 28, 1937, at San Francisco, Calif.

DETAILS:

At Charleston, South Carolina.

Robert S. Rix, interviewed at his residence, Apartment #8, Dock Street Theatre Building, stated that he owned a Pontiac Coupe on which he had 1937 Washington State license number C-44214; that for about twenty months prior to December 15, 1937, he had worked as a welder on the Grand Coulee Dam and exhibited an employment card of the Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier Company, signed by J. A. Murray, Personnel Manager; that he had left this job on the Friday preceding December 15, 1937, in order to come to Charleston, S. C., to engage in a projected newspaper syndicate with several other young men. Mr. Rix stated he had left Seattle, Washington, in his Pontiac on the morning of December 15, 1937, and had gone through Portland, Oregon at 10 o'clock the same morning, stopping there just long enough to obtain gasoline and oil; that he reached San Francisco the next day,

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December 16, 1937, late in the afternoon where he stopped for dinner and then proceeded South. He arrived in Charleston, S. C., on December 23, 1937. Mr. Rix consulted a diary he had maintained of the trip for the above details and added that when crossing the San Francisco bridge it was so foggy he could see only a few yards ahead of him and also remarked, not knowing the purpose of Agent's visit, that he had passed through San Francisco the same day the "boys jumped off the rock" and had talked about this with a State policeman at some place South of San Francisco called, he believed, Santa Maria where he had stopped for gasoline. Rix stated he had been accompanied as far as Austin, Texas, by Ted Fawcett who had worked with him at the Coulee Dam and who could now be reached in care of General Delivery, El Centro, California, if contacted in the immediate future. Fawcett was described by Rix as an upright person of good character whose home was in North Dakota as he recalled and who had gone back to California upon failing to obtain the work he had sought in Texas. Rix added that he had not inquired at the United States Lighthouse Service in Portland for any information concerning tides and currents in San Francisco.

Mr. Rix appeared to be a clean-cut young man and answered all questions directly and unhesitatingly although he was very nervous at the beginning of the interview and confessed later he had been somewhat alarmed at receiving a visit from an Agent of the F.B.I. He gave his age as twenty-four, his home address as 2251 Crescent Drive, Seattle, Washington; and stated he had been arrested once in his life when he was 16 in Electra, Texas, where he was picked up for investigation as he was making his way across the country; that he was released.

No undeveloped lead is being set out to locate and interview Ted Fawcett, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin, inasmuch as it appears that the interview with Robert S. Rix has accomplished the purpose of the undeveloped lead set out in reference report on the basis of Washington License #C-44214.

The lists of released and transferred prisoners, as well as the list of visitors and correspondents of prisoners on Alcatraz Island as set out in reference report of Special Agent Curnea have been reviewed and inasmuch as there are no further leads in this Division this case is being

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15, 16/37 1/7, 8, 10, 11, 12/38	REPORT MADE BY Daniel Currie, Jr.
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. W. Lea, 1937 Washington license B15282; Belton Belue, 1938 Washington license A14235 and H. H. Grafmyre, 1937 Washington license D19997 advised made no inquiry at U.S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, nor purchased pamphlet on tides and Currents San Francisco Bay. Adelaide Fickles, 1937 B. C. license 3-134; R. C. Phillipson, 1937 B. C. license 89-838; F. J. Wood 1937 B. C. license 57-030; W. T. Burnham, 1937 B. C. license 83783; E. G. Alexander, 1937 B. C. license 82382; V. L. Overton, 1938 Washington license B21598; James Walker 1938 Washington license B5467; R. B. Boggs 1937 Washington license I 6546; Desmond Odum Bicans, 1937 B. C. license 16830 and William C. Honeywell, 1937 B. C. license 42728, all above listed now in California; R. J. Paquin 1937 Wash. license A59272 returned to Billings, Montana. 1937 Wash. license B29943 not issued for Reo Sedan; no 1938 license of that number issued. 1937 Wash. license B5469 issued to Warren Rateliff who has not been out of state. 1938 license by that number covers Cadillac Coupe, whose owner advises has not left state; 1938 Wash. license A18164 issued to R. J. Robinson, who likewise has not left State of Wash.; 1937 license by that number covers Chrysler Coupe, owner not yet located. Licenses T5149 and V3998 not issued.

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REFERENCE:

Portland Letter to Seattle dated 12/23/37.
Report of Special Agent in Charge C. G. Spears, Portland, Oregon dated December 22, 1937.

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DETAILS:

It was ascertained that 1937 Washington license B15282 was issued to C. W. Lea, 434 Borough Road, Tacoma, Washington for use on a Buick 1936 Sedan. At that address, Mrs. Lea stated that her husband could be contacted at the Hewitt Land Company, 917 Rust Building, Tacoma, Washington. In addition, she informed that Mr. Lea had recently taken a trip into the southern part of Oregon in connection with a deal concerning purchase of timber and that in doing so she recalled he mentioned driving into California and then back into the Southern part of Oregon.

Mr. Lea was interviewed at his office in the Rust Building as above designated and he stated that he had recently entered the State of California while proceeding to southern Oregon on business. On inquiry as to whether he had contacted the United States Lighthouse Service at Portland, Oregon or had purchased pamphlets covering the tides and currents of the San Francisco Bay, he answered in the negative.

Belton Belue, 1938 Washington license A14285, called the Seattle office upon his return from Texas and he was contacted immediately. Mr. Belue stated that he had proceeded directly through Oregon on his way to visit his folks in Texas and that while he had stopped at Portland for a short rest, he had not made any inquiry at the U. S. Lighthouse Service nor had he purchased any books concerning tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. L. Welch:

With reference to 1937 Washington License D-19997, the records of the County Auditor's Office, Everett, Washington reflected that this license was issued to C. L. Clemans, 315 Ave C., Snohomish, Washington. Interview with Mrs. Clemans developed that her husband was presently in California but that he went via train; that her husband owned a 1937 Oldsmobile Coupe bearing license D-19997 but that he turned this car in on another car several months ago. She believed this transaction was made with the Ashe Motor Company, Granite Falls, Washington. Agent then telephonically contacted Mr. Frank Ashe, Ashe's Oldsmobile Garage, Granite Falls. He stated that Mr. Clemans turned his 1937 Oldsmobile Coupe in at Ashe's Garage in Bellingham, Washington.

On January 4, 1938 it was learned from Mr. Fred Ashe of the Ashe Motor Company, Bellingham that Mr. Cleman's Oldsmobile, bearing license D-19997 was later sold to Mr. H. M. Grafmyre, 111 High Street, Bellingham, Washington. Mr. Grafmyre was then located at 911 High Street, Bellingham. He stated that he and his wife left Bellingham on December 15, 1937 and entered California on December 16, 1937. He stated that they drove to Rio Vista, California and visited Ted Young and then drove on to Sausalito, California, where they visited an aunt, Esther Cooper, 370 Glen Drive South. Mr. Grafmyre stated that he and his wife returned to Bellingham on January 2, 1938.

Mr. Grafmyre stated that he did not contact the U. S. Lighthouse Service in Portland, Oregon and that they stopped for only a few minutes in Portland. He stated that he has been employed by the Bloedel-Donovan Company at Bellingham, Washington for the past 9 years and that his work is that of driver. In view of the fact that Mr. Grafmyre is a man 33 years of age, stands five feet six inches, weighs 175 pounds and is dark complexioned, agent obtained his permission to take his photograph. This photo was secured and it is suggested that the same be forwarded to Portland for exhibit at the U. S. Lighthouse for possible identification. Mr. Grafmyre was positive he did not purchase any tide or current books en route to California.

With reference to British Columbia License 3-134 for a 1937 Studebaker Sedan, which passed through Dunsmuir, California on December 15, 1937 it was learned through the Motor Vehicle Department, Vancouver, B. C. that this license was issued at Victoria, B. C. Through the cooperation of the B. C. Police at Vancouver in sending a radiogram to the B. C. Headquarters in Victoria it was learned that this license was issued to Adelaide Pickles, 378 Newport Avenue, Victoria, B. C. Agent then secured the cooperation of Mr. Fred Swanson, B. C. Police at Vancouver in having his Department at Victoria attempt to learn the whereabouts of the Pickles family in California if they had not returned from California and also something concerning the family. On January 5, 1938 Mr. Swanson received the following reply via radiogram from the B. C. police in Victoria, B. C.:

"OUR INFORMATION IS THAT PICKLES FAMILY PROCEEDED WITH TRAILER TO CALIFORNIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL BROKE UP WITH THE IDEA OF RETURNING IN APRIL. FURTHER UNDERSTAND ONE BOY IS TO BE ENTERED IN CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THEY HAVE LIVED HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND ARE WELL OFF, WELL LIKED AND RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY. PICKLES WAS A WELL KNOWN AUSTRALIAN AIRMAN. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THIS OFFICE TO ADD TO THE FOREGOING UNLESS REPLY WITH REASON FOR YOUR INQUIRY".

Previous inquiry at Vancouver, B. C. by the writer developed that the Pickles family, considered reputable people, had left for California and were not expected back before April, 1938.

On January 12, 1938 the following additional information was secured:

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison, who are taking care of the Pickle residence at 378 Newport Street, Victoria, B. C., while the Pickle family is in California, stated that the family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pickles, [redacted] and a daughter, 17, left Victoria on Sunday, December 12, 1937 for Pasadena, where [redacted] is enrolled in the California Technical College. When they left they had a trailer behind their car marked "Siesta 3rd" and the Morrisons understood

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that the trip to Pasadena was to visit the [] and also for vacation in California. They are not expected back to Victoria before April, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison advised that they had forwarded all mail to General Delivery, Pasadena and that they had no address more definite. They said that they heard from the Pickles and understood they were staying at some attractive tourist camp in Pasadena, surrounded by orange trees. The name of the Camp is unknown to the Morrisons.

It is noted that the Pickle's residence in Victoria is in a very exclusive district and from the appearance of the home it would seem that the family is well off financially. The Morrisons stated that Mr. Pickles was a retired Civil Engineer and that they believed he was employed as an Inspector of Air Licenses in British Columbia at one time.

With reference to British Columbia License 89-838 for a 1937 DeSoto Coupe which passed through Dunsmuir, California on December 16, 1937 it was learned that this license number was issued to Mr. Robert C. Phillipson, Rural Route 2, Chilliwack, British Columbia, telephone number 3039.

Mr. Fred Swanson, British Columbia Police, Court House, Vancouver, B. C. advised that Chilliwack was about 70 miles Southeast of Vancouver and that the Department had a man in Chilliwack who could find out something about Mr. Phillipson. On January 5, 1938 Mr. Swanson received a radiogram from the B. C. Police in Chilliwack, which read as follows:

"RE: ROBERT C. PHILLIPSON. THIS MAN PROPRIETOR MEADOWLANDS GOLF COURSE ON HIGHWAY TWO MILES EAST OF CHILLIWACK. CAME HERE SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR. WAS IN PUREBRED DAIRY BUSINESS AT FIRST. APPARENTLY WELL TO DO FINANCIALLY AND WAS IN ENGLAND LAST YEAR RETURNING WITH A VERY EXPENSIVE CAR. WAS IN MOTOR OFFICE ABOUT TWO WEEKS PAST ASKING HOW TO OBTAIN NEXT YEARS LICENSE WHILE IN CALIFORNIA. STATED HE WAS GOING TO A PLACE TWENTY MILES NORTH OF SAN DIEGO BELIEVED TO BE NAMED LA JOLLA AND IS THOUGHT TO HAVE LEFT FOR THAT POINT ALREADY. GENERAL REPUTATION GOOD BUT WIFE ADOPTS SOMEWHAT A SUPERIOR AIR."

On January 6, 1938 Agent contacted Officer Thompson of the B. C. Police at Chilliwack in an effort to learn Phillipson's address in California. No one could be found at his home 2 miles East of Chilliwack. Mr. Thompson then inquired at the Post Office at Chilliwack and found that Mr. Phillipson left the Windansen Hotel, La Jolla, California as his address.

Agent was unable to locate Mr. R. Neill, Route 2, Chilliwack, B. C. who is caretaker at the Phillipson home and golf course. However, inquiry of neighbors indicated that Mr. Phillipson did not intend to return from California before March or April, 1938.

With reference to British Columbia License 57-030 for 1937 Ford Roadster, bearing two passengers which passed through Dunsmuir, California on December 16, 1937, it was learned through the Motor Vehicle Department, Court House, Vancouver, B. C. that this car was registered to Fred J. Wood, 2777 E. 54th Street, Vancouver, B. C. Agent was unable to find anyone at home at 2777 E. 54th Street. However a neighbor, Mr. R. B. McPherson, 2779 54th Street, East, Stated that Fred J. Wood and his wife departed for California sometime in December, 1937 and that he understood Mr. Wood went there to participate in some gold tournaments. Mr. McPherson advised that Mr. Wood was a professional golfer connected with the Fraser Golf Course in Vancouver and that he believed inquiry at this course would develop Mr. Wood's address in California.

Mrs. A. Insley, Fraser Golf Course, was then contacted and she stated that Mr. Fred J. Wood and his wife left for California in their Ford Roadster on December 14, 1937. She stated that he intended to enter some golf tournaments in California and would not return to Vancouver before March or April, 1938. Mrs. Insley stated that Mr. Wood could be reached at 756 Marengo Avenue South, Pasadena, California, where he and his wife are stopping with a Mr. L. Walsh.

Mrs. Insley described Mr. Wood as :

Age	About 28 years of age
Height	5' 9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Fair.

She showed agent a snapshot of him and it appeared that his description is considerably at variance with the description of the person who inquired at the lighthouse at Portland.

With reference to British Columbia License 83-738 for a 1937 Oldsmobile Sedan which passed through Dunsmuir, California on December 16, 1937 the following investigation was conducted to determine the owner of this car. At the Police Department it was learned that this license was issued to William T. Burnham, 3115 Waterloo Road, Vancouver, B. C. This was verified through a check with the office of the Motor Vehicle Department, Court House, Vancouver. The Vancouver, B. C. Telephone Directory listed Mr. Burnham's telephone number as Bayview 9476-L.

Agent was unable to find anyone at home at the Burnham residence. Neighborhood inquiry developed that a Mrs. T. T. Rutherford, 3016 Waterloo was in possession of the keys to the Burnham home and could probably furnish

the whereabouts of the Burnham family. Neighborhood inquiry disclosed that Mr. Burnham was connected with some electrical company as either an agent or salesman and that the family enjoyed a splendid reputation in the community; that there were [redacted] who attended school in Vancouver but at present were with their mother in California.

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Mrs. T. T. Rutherford, 3016 Waterloo Street, stated that Mrs. Burnham and her [redacted] left Vancouver, B. C. on December 14, 1937, 1937 for Alhambra, California to visit Mr. Henry Collis, Mrs. Burnham's father. His address is 317 East Linda Vista Street, Alhambra, California. According to Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. Burnham did not accompany his family but intended to join them in California and return to Vancouver with them in the car. She stated that Mrs. Burnham told her she would send her word when they left California for home but that to date she has not received any word. She said Mrs. Burnham might wait until arriving at Seattle before sending word ahead that she was on her way home.

Mrs. Rutherford stated that Mr. Burnham was connected with some electrical company and was agent for this company, the name of which she did not know; that his work took him into the middle of Canada but that she did not believe he worked in any of the States. She stated he was a man about:

Age	42 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160 lbs.
Complexion	Dark

Mrs. Rutherford described the Burnham family as splendid neighbors.

Inasmuch as Mrs. Rutherford is of the opinion that the Burnham family will ^{not} return to Vancouver, B. C. prior to January 15, 1938 it is suggested that a lead be set out to contact the family at Vancouver after January 15, 1938 for interview.

With reference to British Columbia License 82332 for 1937 Packard Coupe, which car passed through Dunsmuir, California with two passengers on December 15, 1937, it was learned through the Police Department and Motor Vehicle Department, Court House, Vancouver, B. C. that this license was issued to Edward G. Alexander, 3999 Blenheim, Vancouver. The telephone directory shows Mr. Alexander's number as Bayview 5129.

Agent was unable to find anyone at home at the Alexander residence. Neighborhood inquiry directed agent to the home of Mrs. Alexander's sister, Mrs. J. D. Dennard, 3955 Blenheim Street. Mrs. Dennard stated that her sister and Mr. Alexander drove to California about the middle of December but that she did not know definitely where they could be reached in that state. She stated that she expected them to return to Vancouver within the next week. Mrs. Dennard seemed very hesitant to furnish any information

about Mr. Alexander and stated that she did not care to furnish any facts and would much prefer having an Agent talk directly to Mr. Alexander upon his return to Vancouver, B. C.

It is suggested that a lead be set out to interview Mr. Alexander after January 15, 1938 at Vancouver. Agent was unable to learn what type of business Mr. Alexander is in but Mrs. Dennard indicated that he was a man over 50 years of age and gray haired. The Alexander home is very attractive and is located in a nice residential district.

The records of the Motor Vehicle Department, Court House, Vancouver, B. C. did not show the registrations as to these tags. However, this Department radiogrammed the main office in Victoria, B. C. and learned that the tags were issued as follows:

1937 License 16830 to Desmond Odium Vickers,
Battle Street, Kamloops, British Columbia
for 1938 Dodge Sedan, motor number P65274.

1937 License 42728 to William C. Honeywell
Keremeos, British Columbia for 1937 Dodge
Sedan.

It is noted that Kamloops, B. C. is approximately 200 miles East of Vancouver, B. C. and the road there is mountainous most of the way. Keremeos, B. C. is approximately 300 miles Southeast of Vancouver, B. C. and the road there is also through the mountains and in poor condition. Mr. Fred Swanson, B. C. Police, Vancouver, B. C. stated that he did not believe these towns could be reached by car unless approached from the State of Washington by going North from Wenatchee or Spokane. He also pointed out that to reach these towns by train from Vancouver, B. C. would take approximately three days for a round trip from Vancouver. In view of the isolation of these towns from Vancouver, agent secured Mr. Swanson's cooperation in sending a radiogram to the B. C. Police in Kamloops and Keremeos to determine if the owners of the above cars were still in California or back and if still in California to endeavor to obtain their California addresses. Mr. Swanson sent out these radiograms and also asked some information as to the reputation of the car owners.

On January 5, 1938 the following radiograms were received in reply to Mr. Swanson's communications:

Kamloops, B. C.
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"Your #1 Desmond Odium Vickers well known here. He is a bona fide citizen and bears a good reputation as far as I know. He is Colonel of the local Regiment Rocky Mountain Rangers. Constable Smith, who is associated with Militia here knows this man personally and it is thought he is at present in California."

Nelson, B. C.
1-5-38

"RE: your #32 Following from Penticton quote:
RE W. C. Honeywell, Constable Stewart, Kerameous
advises he has gone to California. It would take
some time to get his address but it can be ob-
tained if necessary. Honeywell is an American
and has been a highly respected citizen of Kere-
meous for a number of years. He is also reported
to be in good financial circumstances, unquote."

Mr. Fred Swanson of the B. C. Police, Vancouver, B. C. stated that
a letter directly to the Postmaster at Kamloops and Kerameous, not Keremeos,
B. C. might develop the present California address of the above persons.
However he pointed out that again the Postmasters might not cooperate in
furnishing the same. Mr. Swanson stated that in his opinion the best
thing to do to secure the California addresses for these people would be
to direct a letter to the Commissioner, B. C. Police, Victoria, B. C. re-
questing that he have his officers at Kamloops and Kerameous secure this
data.

The communication suggested by Mr. Fred Swanson has been directed
to the Commissioner of British Columbia Police at Victoria, B. C.

1938 Washington license B21598 issued to Victor L. Overton, 946
Fawcett Street, Tacoma, Washington for use on a 1928 Nash Sedan. At
that address Mrs. G. G. Curry advised that Overton was a son-in-law of
hers and that he had recently returned to California where he was going
back in the Navy. Mrs. Curry stated that Overton was about 26 years old
and that he had served in the Navy for approximately six years. She
gave his address, so far as she knew, as 1424 East Cherry Street, Long Beach,
California.

1938 Washington license B5467 was issued to the Walker Construction
Company, 4540 South Adams Street, Tacoma, Washington for use on a Chrysler
Sedan. The building occupied by the Walker Construction Company being
closed, it was ascertained through the Tacoma City Director that Mr. James
Walker was the president of that organization and his residence was desig-
nated as 301 North Tacoma. At the latter address, Mr. T. E. Nelson,
Superintendent, stated that James Walker and his wife had left for an
extended trip to New Orleans and Cuba around the middle of December and
that he did not think they would return until February 15, 1938. Mr.
Nelson advised that the Walkers did not leave a forwarding address and that
their mail is being kept at the office of the Walker Construction Company
until his return. Nelson suggested, however, that he had received several
cards from Mr. Walker and that it was possible that in the future he might
request that he obtain his mail and forward it to him. In that event, he
was requested to contact Special Agent W. H. Hoffman at the Tacoma Hotel,
furnishing the forwarding address of the Walkers.

1937 Washington license B5467 was issued to Harry P. Wang, 1465 South Pine Street for use on a 1925 Oldsmobile Coach. Mrs. Wang stated that her husband had not been out of the State. In this connection, it will be noted that the list submitted with the letter of reference reflects that 1938 license by this number was carried by a Chevrolet Sedan; however, in view of the information developed as to the southern trip taken by the Walkers, it is thought that that designation is in error.

1937 Washington License I6546 was issued to one Robert B. Boggs, whose residence was designated as Port Orchard, Washington. Through the Post Office Inspector's Office, it was ascertained that Robert B. Boggs had moved to 1622 Boren Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Mrs. E. Gardner, manager of the apartment at the latter address, stated that Boggs and his wife had left for California during the middle of December and had given their forwarding address as 130 West 58th Place, Los Angeles, California, care of Mrs. E. Gardner.

Mr. Roy Hawkinson, Secretary to the Post Office Inspector, upon being contacted again with reference to Rolfe J. Paquin, a Post Office Inspector whose car carried 1937 Washington license A59272, stated that he had not returned to his post at Billings, Montana by way of Seattle and for that reason he did not contact the Seattle Field Office.

At the Pierce County Court House, License Division, it was ascertained that 1937 Washington License B29943 was issued to E. L. Currier, 6525 Pacific Avenue for use on a 1937 Buick. Mr. Currier stated that he was a salesman and quite often covered the territory of California and advised that he had not been out of the State of Washington during the month of December. He was very cooperative and desired to cooperate in every way possible in this matter. It will be noted in this connection that this license, according to the lists submitted, was supposedly carried by a Reo sedan. In view of this discrepancy, it is thought that there was an error in the designation.

Mr. L. W. Brubaker, Pierce County Auditor's Office advised that a 1938 license number B29943 had not been issued.

1937 Washington license B5469 was issued to one Cecil H. Tompkins, Kippers Korner on the outskirts of Tacoma, Washington for use on a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe; through the State Division of Motor Vehicles it was ascertained that this car and registration had been transferred to Warren Ratcliff, Rainier, Washington.

At Rainier, Washington at the home of Warren Ratcliff, Mrs. Fred Ratcliff, his mother, was interviewed concerning any recent trips taken by her son. She stated that her son had not been out of the State of Washington for some time and that she was very positive that during the month of December he was working as a logger for the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company.

Mr. Fred Ratcliff, father of Warren Ratcliff, was in the yard working on a car at the time and he confirmed the information furnished by Mrs. Ratcliff. While talking to him, he stated that a young man, just passing on the street, had taken their son to work during December. Accordingly, this party, who stated his name was A. C. Larson, was contacted and confirmed the information given by the father.

An effort was made to check the work record of Ratcliff at the office of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company at Vail, Washington, but as the offices closed at 12:00 noon on Saturday, and all of the office help had left the community, this check was not effected. It was thought, however, that in view of the information given, this check would only serve as confirmation. As the acts of these parties were not of a suspicious nature, it definitely appeared they were earning a legitimate living as laborers.

1938 Washington license B5469 was issued to A. O. Lustie, 914 North M Street, Tacoma, Washington for 1937 Cadillac Coupe. Mr. Lustie, upon being interviewed, stated that he had not been out of the state for several months for a very good reason, at the time owing to a three month old child lying on the crib. This information was confirmed by Mrs. Lustie, who stated that the baby had kept them rather close to home in recent months.

Lustie's car is not identical with the type of car registered at Hornbrook, California on December 16, 1937 carrying this license number, and it is thought that an error in this licence number was made.

1938 Washington license A18164 was issued to Rex J. Robinson, 520 East 59th Street, Seattle, Washington for use on a 1937 Chevrolet Sedan. Mr. Robinson, who is a professor of chemistry, at the University of Washington on interview, informed that he had not been out of the state since school started last year.

1937 Washington license A18164 was issued to Clark Hallan, for use on a 1933 Chrysler Coupe. At the address given on the registration certificate, it was ascertained that Hallan had moved and that his residence there had preceded the residence of the present occupants. They were not, therefore, in a position to give any further information concerning his whereabouts.

Through the office of the Post Office Inspector, it was learned that Hallan had requested his mail be forwarded to 208 Boylston Street, North, Seattle. At this address, Mr. L. F. Smith, present manager, stated that he had taken over the apartment during the middle of last summer and that all of his tenants were new. He suggested, however, that Miss Margaret McGarvy, the former owner, might be able to provide information concerning Hallan's whereabouts.

Miss Margaret McGarvy, 1217 Belmont Avenue, stated that at the

time Hallan left her apartment, he did not leave a forwarding address. In this connection, she mentioned that the telegraph company had contacted her with reference to delivery of a telegram, but that she had been unsuccessful in trying to assist them. Miss Margaret McGarvey was of the opinion that Hallan's occupation was that of a salesman. She pointed out, however, that she was getting rather old and that her memory at this time was not the best.

At the State Motor Vehicle Division it was ascertained that the car was purchased by Hallan under date of January 30, 1935 from Podolar Motor Company, South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. A stop has been placed in the files of the Chief Revenue Deputy of King County, Seattle, Washington requesting that the transfer of title or new license plates not be issued but that Hallan be held for the King County Treasurer's Office.

At the King County Auditor's Office, it was ascertained that they had no additional information in their files as to the whereabouts of Hallan. Mr. Ed S. Streeter suggested, however, that before a 1938 license was issued on the car, settlement would have to be made with the King County Treasurer and that in that way his present address would be probably learned in the immediate future. Mr. Streeter pointed out in this connection that not only was the stop notice placed in the state office effective in the State of Washington, but that it would also be honored in the State of California.

1937 Washington license J2531 was issued to William H. Faulkner, Route 2, Box 166, Olympia, Washington for use on a Buick sedan. It will be noted that the list submitted with the letter of reference reflects that this license number was carried by Plymouth Sedan, being registered at the Dunsmuir, California checking station.

1938 Washington License J2531 was issued for a Plymouth Sedan to Harry T. Redick, Route 4, Arlington, Washington. Prior investigation has reflected that Mr. Redick entered California at Hornbrook, the license number being given as M9756. As this license also covers a Plymouth sedan, it was thought that possibly on the occasion of the latter registration, he furnished his 1937 registration card.

Miss I. Meldrum, State Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, advised that their records reflected that neither 1937 or 1938 licenses T5149 and V3998 had been issued.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE PORTLAND OFFICE: One
photograph of H. M. Grafmyre.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PORTLAND OFFICE at Portland, Oregon will show the photograph of H. M. Grafmyre to interested witnesses to see if he can be identified as the party purchasing pamphlets concerning the tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay

THE BUTTE OFFICE at Billings, Montana, will contact Rolfe J. Paquin, Post Office Inspector, whose car carries 1937 Washington license

A59272 and ascertain from him if he had occasion to make any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon concerning tides and currents in San Francisco Bay and also whether he purchased pamphlets concerning the tides and currents at that point. It is desired to point out for the information of the Butte Office that the registration number covering Mr. Paquin's car was registered as entering Dunsmuir, California on December 16, 1937.

At Moscow, Idaho, will contact William Loyear who formerly operated a garage at Grand Coulee Dam and ascertain from him the person to whom he sold an Overland car carrying 1937 Washington license D729. Upon ascertaining this information, appropriate lead will be set out in order that the owner can be interviewed as to whether he purchased a book on tides and currents in San Francisco Bay or made inquiry at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Pasadena, California, will endeavor to locate Adelaide Pickels. His family is now supposed to be staying at a trailer camp at that point. However, it perhaps will be quicker to contact their son Arthur Pickels, who is enrolled in a California Technical School as to their exact whereabouts. Mrs. Pickels should be interviewed concerning the purchase of the pamphlets on tides and currents in San Francisco Bay and also as to the inquiry at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon.

At Pasadena, California, will interview Mr. Fred J. Woods, who can be contacted at 756 Morengo Avenue, South, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, or purchased the pamphlets regarding tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At La Jolla, California at the Windansen Hotel, will interview Mrs. Robert C. Phillipson regarding the inquiry made at the U. S. Lighthouse Service Portland, and also as to the purchase of the pamphlets on the tides and currents of San Francisco Bay.

At Long Beach, California, will interview Victor L. Overton, 1424 East Cherry Street, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service or purchased pamphlets on the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At Los Angeles, California, will interview Robert B. Boggs, 130 West 58th Street, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, or purchased the pamphlets regarding the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At San Diego, California, at the time the lead set out in the report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle 1/17/38 for an interview with Mrs. Harry T. Redick, 4476 Oregon Street is covered, will inquire as to the registration in his name of 1937 Washington license M9756 and 1938 Washington license J2531, in order to determine if both of these registrations could have been listed by the California State

Checking Stations.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE at the California State Vehicle Division, will check to determine the registration of the cars covered by permit numbers 268285 issued December 15, 1937 at Dunsmuir, California purportedly on a Reo Sedan, license B29943, 1937 Washington to see if they correspond with the information set forth in the list submitted with the letter of reference.

Will make similar check with reference to permit 268276 covering the registration of 1937 Washington licence A18164 for the entrance of a Chevrolet Coupe at Dunsmuir, California issued December 15, 1937.

Will endeavor to ascertain if the license V3998 as listed by the California State Checking Station, Dorris, California, covering the entrance of a car from Grand Coulee Dam carrying four passengers, is correct.

Will make a similar check with reference to temporary California permit 157251 issued against 1937 Washington licence T 5149 for a Chevrolet Coupe entering Dunsmuir, California December 15, 1937.

Will make similar check as to the correctness of the information to the effect that a Washington license B5469, was registered covering a Chevrolet Sedan entering at Hornbrook, California December 16, 1937 from Tacoma, Washington.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE at Seattle, Washington will on or about February 15, 1938 contact James Walker, 301 North Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington to determine if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service Portland, Oregon or purchased any pamphlets regarding tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At Seattle, Washington will again contact the King County Treasurer's Office in order to ascertain if application for 1938 license has been made by Clark Hallen whose car formerly carried 1937 Washington license A18-164. While it appears this registration is incorrect, it will be obtained and held pending information showing confirmation of the registration as given by the California State entrance registration by the San Francisco Field Office.

At Vancouver, B. C. will interview Edward G. Alexander, 3999 Blenheim and William T. Burnham, 3115 Waterloo, Vancouver, B. C. in order to ascertain if either of these parties made inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, or purchased pamphlets concerning tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

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January 31, 1938.

Mr. Warren E. Madeley,
Rural Free Delivery Box 93,
Newcastle, California.

Dear Mr. Madeley:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 25, 1938, in which you request that you be furnished with information and circulars concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, escaped Federal prisoners.

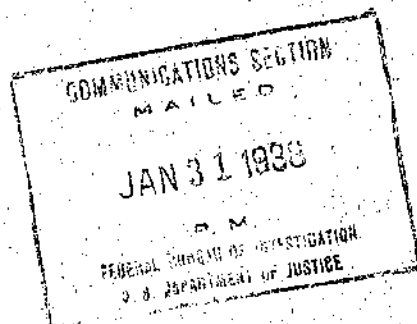
In accordance with your request, I am transmitting herewith a copy of each of the identification orders issued by this Bureau for these individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

cc San Francisco



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[Handwritten initials]
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Newcastle, California

Jan. 25, 1938

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

Dear Sirs,

Would you please send me some information and circulars concerning the two felons who escaped from Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay some time ago. I would appreciate that very much. If you have some finger prints and photos also, I would like them if possible.

Yours very truly,

Warren H. Madeley
Warren H. Madeley

P. O. Address:

R.F. D. Box 93

Newcastle, California

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January 22, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
San Antonio, Texas.

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

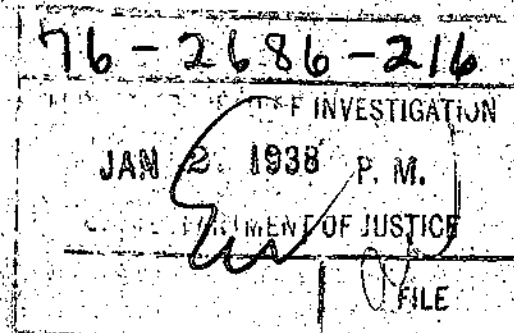
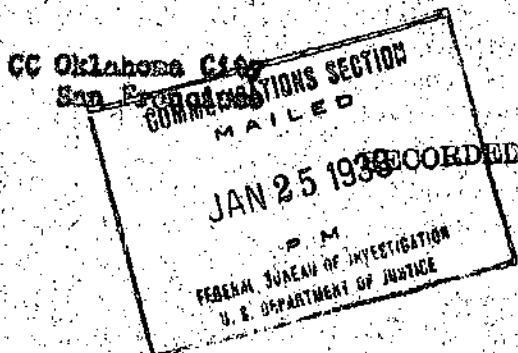
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a letter received from Mr. Stanley Ruse, Post Office Box 1081, Brownsville, Texas, in which he stated that Identification Order 1471, the subject of which is Theodore Cole, disappeared from the bulletin board of the Post Office at Brownsville, Texas, about January 2, 1938.

The Bureau desires that you determine if this Identification Order is on the bulletin board at Brownsville, and if not that you determine if there is any information available at the Post Office as to the reason it was removed from the bulletin board. In the event it is not posted thereon, another copy of this Identification Order should, of course, be supplied to the Post Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Floyd A. Hill, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, interviewed but no definite information concerning whereabouts of Roe and Cole obtained. Herbert Farmer and Frank B. Mulloy, former inmates Alcatraz, and Mrs. Wallace Callen, sister of Francis Harper, present inmate Alcatraz, interviewed, with negative results. Inmate Van Gorder, Minor, and Phipps, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, interviewed, with negative results. Mrs. Ella Phillips and son, Lawrence Phillips, interviewed, with negative results. J. M. Nielson, who passed through California checking station, Oregon, California, is well respected farmer, who has resided vicinity of Marysville, Kansas, for lifetime. Informant, Convention Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, advises Lillian MacMahon is friend and correspondent of Wanda Stuke, concubine of James Roe. Subjects have never been at Convention Hotel and James Roe has not returned there since approximately three days after release from Leavenworth.

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REFERENCES:

Reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-22-37 and 12-29-37; letter from Los Angeles Office, dated 12-31-37; report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37; letter from Oklahoma City Office, dated 1-15-38; conference teletype from Portland Office, dated 12-24-37; and teletype from El Paso Office, dated 1-21-38.

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DETAILS:

With reference to the undeveloped lead for the Kansas City Office at Leavenworth, Kansas, set forth in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 29, 1937, to check the correspondence records of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, a letter was addressed to the Oklahoma City Office under date of January 5, 1938, with copies to the San Francisco Office, pointing out that, upon transfer of any prisoner from one penal institution to another, his entire file at that institution follows him to the second institution and that in this case a record of any correspondents while at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth would be contained in their respective files at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, and it was suggested that, if the San Francisco Office had not previously given consideration to that angle, the same be done, in accordance with the request contained in the report of Agent Murphy.

With reference to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937, setting forth a list of released and transferred prisoners from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, with the names and addresses of their relatives, and requesting that such persons be located and interviewed, a letter was addressed to the Omaha Field Division under date of January 5, 1938, inviting attention to the fact that Henry Hayk, #333-AZ, was apparently taken into custody upon his release at Alcatraz for the purpose of being returned to the Nebraska State Penitentiary to serve a life sentence.

In the same letter, referenced to hereinbefore, a copy of which was forwarded to the Little Rock Office, attention was invited to the fact that Richard Galatas, #331-AZ, was released conditionally from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on November 1, 1937, and presently resides at 18 Dell Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With further reference to the report of Special Agent Gurnea, the Philadelphia and Atlanta Offices were notified by letter dated January 6, 1938, that it had been determined at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, that E. J. Edwards, #349-AZ, was retransferred to the U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1937, and that Leo McIntosh, #74-AZ, was retransferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on July 19, 1937. The Philadelphia and Atlanta Offices were requested to interview the foregoing prisoners in accordance with the lead contained in Agent Gurnea's report.

At Leavenworth, Kansas.

With reference to the letter dated December 31, 1937, from the Los Angeles Office, the following investigation was conducted at the U. S. Penitentiary:

The file of Floyd A. Hill, register #49762, reflects that Hill was received on October 26, 1936, from the Northern District of Texas, for the burglary of a Post Office perpetrated at Loraine, Mitchell County, Texas, to serve a term of eight years, his maximum term ending October 12, 1944, minimum term ending September 5, 1942, and being eligible for application for parole on June 12, 1939. The record also reflects that a detainer has been filed by the district attorney of Sweetwater, Texas. Hill's criminal record reflects that on 5-14-31, he was received, as #23838, at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to serve a term of five years for larceny of an automobile; that on February 24, 1934, he was discharged. On October 11, 1934, as #30475, he was again received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, to serve a term of two years on a charge of burglary, the record containing a notation that on June 28, 1931, as Don Barnett, #8370, he was received at the State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, to serve a sentence of 75 days on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and was discharged on August 17, 1931.

According to the file, Hill's most recent addresses were at Fort Worth at 3321 Burton, 704 West Second Street, and 2729 West Fifth Street.

The file on Hill reflects the following relatives:

John Hill, father, deceased.
Mrs. E. N. Stevens, mother, Conlen, Texas.
Arthur Hill, brother, 1000 East Belknap,
Fort Worth, Texas.
Ira Stevens, step-brother, Conlen, Texas.
Lois Inez Hill, sister, 704 West Second
Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
Robbie Hill, wife, no address given.
Mrs. N. J. Martin, grandmother, 3321
Burton, Fort Worth, Texas.
Charlie Burnside, uncle, 3321 Burton, Fort
Worth, Texas.

There is a notation in Hill's file briefly stating that information was received that one Lois Knight, 704 West Second Street,

Fort Worth, Texas, had reported herself to the authorities to be the wife of Floyd Hill for purposes of correspondence and visiting him.

The mail sheet of Floyd Hill reflects the following individuals with whom he desired to correspond or who did, as a matter of fact, correspond with him:

- Bobbie Lou Hill, wife, Box #657, 3321 Burton Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
- E. N. Stevens, mother, Conlen, Texas.
- A. Hill, brother (no mail received or transmitted).
- N. J. Martin, grandmother, 3321 Burton Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
- C. Burnside, uncle, 3321 Burton Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Malcolm Massey, friend, 2414 Leo, Fort Worth, Texas (no mail received or transmitted to him).
- T. W. Whitfield Davidson, U. S. District Court, Dallas, Texas.

The mail sheet reflects that during the month of December, 1937, Hill sent mail on December 4, 9, and 23, to his wife, and on December 18, to his grandmother. On December 7, 9, 20, and 30, he received mail from his wife; on December 2, 7, and 20, from his mother; and on December 24, from his grandmother. On January 3, 1938, he received mail from his grandmother and on January 4, 1938, sent mail to his grandmother.

From the foregoing, it will be noted that at no time, according to the mail sheet, did he correspond with the relatives of Cole or Roe.

Hill's file also reflects that Hill was visited on November 26, 1936, by his wife, Ruby Hill, 704 West Second Street, Fort Worth, and by N. J. Martin and wife, grandfather and grandmother of Hill, of 3321 Burton, Fort Worth.

With respect to the communication received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole from Floyd Hill, Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden, advised that prisoners could not correspond with anyone on the outside unless such correspondence were on the approved mailing list, unless, of course, any communications were smuggled out unknown to the prison authorities, but he added that Christmas cards were on

sale to inmates at the prison commissary and that the inmates could send as many as they pleased of these Christmas cards to persons not on the approved mailing list, but that they could only place their names on the Christmas cards and were not supposed to write any additional message thereon. Obviously, the personal message written on Hill's Christmas card to the Cole family at Woodlake, California, was contrary to the prison rule.

Floyd A. Hill, register #49762, upon interview, stated that he knows Ted Cole better than any other person since they were cell mates together. He advised that he received a letter about 22 months ago from Mrs. Fred Cole at Woodlake, California, while he, Hill, was located at Fort Worth, Texas, but that he does not communicate with the Cole family since they are not on his approved list of correspondents, but that he did, as a matter of fact, send her a Christmas card with the message, "Please don't worry, Mother, I think he is safe", adding that he included this on the card for the sole purpose of cheering up Mrs. Cole. Hill continued that he had not seen or heard from Ted Cole since Cole left the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and that he, Hill, helped Cole to escape by placing Cole in a laundry bag which was about to be taken from the penitentiary, this being done at the request of Cole.

Hill at first stated that he believed both Cole and Roe were drowned in their escape from Alcatraz and that everyone in the penitentiary believed the same thing, but later, during the course of the interview, Hill admitted to the reporting Agent that he originally believed Cole and Roe successfully made their getaway and that they probably used the crude raft, a picture of which he had seen in a daily newspaper. Hill continued that Ted Cole is not crazy, as many persons believe, but that he is a smart individual; that he is quiet, reserved, and does not particularly associate with women, while on the other hand, Ralph Roe is universally known as a drunkard and likes the women exceedingly well. Hill ventured the opinion that, in the event Cole and Roe successfully escaped, they would probably remain together for a period of thirty to sixty days but no longer, adding that while they were on the inside they got along very well but that on the outside Cole would not tolerate Roe's drunkenness and desire for women. Hill also advised that in his opinion Roe and Cole received no outside help for the simple reason that neither of them knows anyone that would help them in such a hazardous undertaking. He continued that Cole would probably contact his mother and father-in-law, as well as his sister, Viola Dawson, in California, but, in his opinion, the father, Fred Cole, would probably turn him in.

Hill also contended that Cole was acquainted only in the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and California; that he is a small time "heister", preying upon drug stores and filling stations, and never has been in the big time; that he believes no difficulty will be encountered in apprehending Cole; that Cole is only known to carry a pistol and will immediately surrender when cornered.

Hill also expressed the opinion that Cole knew that he, Hill, was incarcerated at Leavenworth and had waited for him to come to Alcatraz, but that when he was not transferred there, he, Cole, teamed up with Ralph Roe; that they probably got away through their own planning, without any assistance from the outside or inside, and possibly by fashioning a raft made of driftwood.

Hill further related that he knows of no contacts of Roe on the outside but that Roe is "bank struck" and is a bigger game hunter than Cole; that after getting a little surplus money, he will immediately drink excessively, get friendly with some woman, and thereafter be arrested while he is drunk or living with the woman.

Hill also stated that Roe will likewise surrender when he is cornered; that he is known to use a pistol only, but, unlike Cole, also knows how to handle a rifle.

Hill denied any acquaintanceship or knowledge concerning Hugh Butcher.

Hill made the request to the reporting Agent that he would appreciate it if Cole were not shot on his apprehension because in his opinion he will immediately surrender and the current opinion among the inmates of Leavenworth is that when Cole and Roe are located they will be killed by Agents of this Bureau. Hill indicated to the reporting Agent that if he learned anything through underground channels concerning the whereabouts of Cole and Roe, he would communicate with this Agent, but it is not believed that too much reliance can be placed in him, although he was talkative and friendly during the course of the interview.

With reference to the list of released and transferred prisoners from Alcatraz, contained in the reference report of Agent Gurnea, the records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, reflect that Ross W. Moore, alias William Moore, alias William Hayder, alias Mickey McFadden, register #39319, was sentenced on March 4, 1931, at Portland, Oregon, to serve a term of ten years for counterfeiting, was admitted to the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil

Island, on March 6, 1931; transferred to Leavenworth on July 9, 1931; retransferred to Alcatraz on September 4, 1934; returned again to Leavenworth on July 11, 1937, and finally discharged on November 21, 1937, and furnished transportation to Los Angeles, California.

Moore's file reflects the following list of relatives and correspondents:

Mrs. Esther Moore, wife, 314½ J Street,
Sacramento, California, and 2407
Meadowvale Avenue, Los Angeles,
California.

Frank Moore, brother, R.F.D., Parkerton
or Parkington, Wyoming.

Mrs. Frank P. Wiggins or Williams, sister,
Lathrop, California.

Corley Heard, friend, 928 Grand Vista, Los
Angeles, California.

Mrs. Goldman, friend, 145 North Broadway,
Los Angeles, California.

The file reflected that Ruth Esther Moore, wife of Ross W. Moore, formerly gave her address as 2103 L Street, Bakersfield, California, but that address is apparently a negro house of prostitution.

Moore is described as follows:

Name	ROSS W. MOORE
Age	57
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars & Marks	Rag cut scar palm left hand, tattoo initials "D-7" out- side left hand.

With regard to Herbert Allen Farmer, #332-AZ, who was conditionally released from Alcatraz on September 21, 1937, transportation being furnished to Joplin, Missouri, the records of the Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, reflect that Farmer was believed to be residing on his farm, mail address - Box #334, Route #2, Joplin, Missouri.

After Special Agent C. J. Endres had unsuccessfully endeavored to locate Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, since the latter was then allegedly at Kansas City, Missouri, where his wife, Esther ~~Farmer~~, also convicted in the KANMO case, was sentenced to thirty days for non-payment of a \$500.00 fine in that case, reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent R. F. Newkirk, unsuccessfully made an effort to arouse Farmer in room #423, Missouri Hotel. The simultaneous ringing of the room telephone and banging on the door failed to arouse Farmer, who is exceedingly deaf. Arrangements were then made with Hal Bray, Probation Officer, Kansas City, to leave a message at the Missouri Hotel for Farmer to personally contact Bray upon arising. Thereafter, Bray brought Herbert ~~Farmer~~ to the Kansas City Office, it being noted that Farmer is so deaf one must yell in his right ear at a distance of two to three inches to carry on an interview with him. Farmer advised he was employed in the mat shop at Alcatraz, knew both Roe and Cole as inmates, but was never intimate with either one of them or with any other inmate, contending that he remained to himself the greater part of the time and was never in the prison yard more than 16 or 17 times throughout his incarceration. He also advised that all inmates at Alcatraz are continually concentrating on how to get out, but he himself never saw any actual attempts or learned of any plans for escape. He continued that the prisoners often look out of the windows but he never observed anything unusual in their actions. Farmer stated that he did not believe Roe and Cole had any outside help and, to his knowledge, there was no chance or opportunity to get a message to anyone on the outside. He does not understand how Roe and Cole could have sawed a window since a guard makes a check every fifteen minutes, continuing that apparently Roe and Cole tried to swim and that they undoubtedly drowned.

Farmer contends that he knows of no contacts of Roe and Cole on the outside and certainly none in the vicinity of Joplin, Missouri, and does not believe they would ever try to contact him. When asked what he would do if they would, he stated he would advise the Kansas City Office, which, of course, is doubtful. Farmer assured the reporting Agent that he knew about the harboring statute, had all the incarceration he desired, and would not aid or assist Roe or Cole in any way. It is probable that he would ^{not} harbor them but it is doubtful if he would ever furnish any information concerning them. Farmer also advised that both Fritz Mulloy and Richard Galatas would share his attitude since they had not associated with any of the long termers at Alcatraz and he does not believe they would assist Roe or Cole in any manner.

Accompanied by Special Agent D. R. Scruggs, the reporting Agent interviewed Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, at his apartment home at 4537 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where he resides with his wife and small daughter, he, at the present time, tending bar at 3732 Main Street. Mulloy stated that he knew both Roe and Cole at Alcatraz, where he worked in the mat shop; that Roe worked in a small room just off the large room, and that Cole worked in the machine shop. He contended that he would merely say hello to them and was not intimate with them and associated with only short termers such as Herbert Farmer and Richard Galatas. Mulloy advised that he had observed no plans to escape and has heard no rumors to that effect, but at various times has seen Roe staring out of the window at Alcatraz toward Sausalito, but observed nothing unusual in his actions. He continued that on a number of occasions Cole came into the mat shop to talk to Roe but was admonished to return by Guard Steere and that Roe and Cole were often seen together at other times. Mulloy further stated that Roe always skipped rope, apparently to keep in good physical condition, and was known to turn out three times as much work as any other inmate in the mat shop, possibly for the purpose of retaining his place in the anteroom next to the mat shop. Mulloy theorizes that if Roe and Cole did actually get away they must have had outside help because, in his opinion, the water is too treacherous to swim, but on the other hand, he knows of no one who would help them, knows of no contacts or associates, and knows of no way they could have sent a message to the outside seeking help. Mulloy has received no information concerning their escape and whether they are living or not and does not think they will contact him, emphatically stating he wants nothing to do with them, is 50 years of age, wants no part of prison life, owes them nothing, and would do absolutely nothing in their behalf. He assured the reporting Agent that he would call Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley or the writer immediately if he hears of Roe or Cole or learns of their whereabouts. Mulloy advised that he understands fully the harboring statute.

Mrs. Wallace (Beatrice) Callen was interviewed at 3246 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where she resides with her husband in a couple of rooms on the third floor of a dwelling house. She stated that her husband, Wallace Callen, is employed by the H. T. Poindexter and Sons Merchandise Company, 801 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, and that they have lived in Kansas City since September, 1937. Mrs. Callen stated that she does not know Roe or Cole, has never heard of them or their escape from Alcatraz or any other penitentiary. She knows of no contacts or associates of her brother, Francis Harper, #283-AZ, and in her correspondence with Francis he

has never mentioned Roe or Cole and she does not know if he even knows them. Mrs. Callen knows of no reason why they should try to contact her and will definitely notify the Kansas City Office if she receives any information concerning Roe or Cole or leans of any rumors. Mrs. Callen was informed as to the provisions of the harboring statute. It may be stated that Mrs. Callen, who is 21 years of age and who has been married three years, presents a definite school-girl appearance and stated that she did not desire to be involved in any trouble since she is pregnant at the present time.

At Springfield, Missouri.

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

Agent interviewed Hays Van Gorder, #1112-DD, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents. This interview was conducted in the presence of Associate Warden A. McDonald. Van Gorder advised that he was formerly an inmate of Alcatraz Island, California, where he was #87-AZ, and was transferred to the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents on July 4, 1937; that, while at Alcatraz Island, he was an elevator operator; that he became acquainted with Cole shortly after Cole's arrival at the penitentiary. About January, 1937, Cole advised Van Gorder that he was going to make a break; that he requested Van Gorder to take him to the lower floor of the building and let him borrow the keys so that he, Cole, could look over the entrance to the machine shop; that he told Cole he did not have the keys to the machine shop but only had the keys to the supply room. Cole remarked that he could make the break if he could get in the machine shop. At the time of this conversation, Cole was working in the laundry and used the elevator operated by Van Gorder. Van Gorder stated that he advised Deputy Warden Shuttleworth of his conversation with Cole and, for a short time, Cole was closely watched.

Van Gorder further advised that he was confined to the hospital at Alcatraz Island before being transferred to Springfield, Missouri, and there met "Richard Roe"; that he became acquainted with Roe, who inquired about Cole, and stated that he and Cole could escape from the island. Van Gorder stated Roe and Cole did not discuss any of the plans of the escape, but merely mentioned that they were going to make a break. Van Gorder stated that he was not acquainted with Roe or Cole previous to their incarceration at Alcatraz Island; that he knows none of their acquaintances or hideouts; further, that they did not mention to him any of their outside connections or relatives.

With reference to underground means of communication out of and into Alcatraz Island, Van Gorder stated that a Mr. Martin, who was formerly an employee in charge of the dry plant, was a means of communication to the outside, but that he was dismissed. Van Gorder also stated that shortly after the island was made into a penitentiary, some of the inmates, names not recalled, but prior to the incarceration of Roe and Cole, formulated a plan to escape; that the inmates were to raise \$5,000.00, which was to be divided between Al (last name unknown), foreman in the laundry, and an inmate named Montgomery; that Al was to receive \$2,000.00 and Montgomery \$3,000.00, but the price was too high and the escape plan fell through. Van Gorder believes that Montgomery is still an inmate of the penitentiary; that Montgomery did not want to escape but wanted to make some money.

Van Gorder further advised that he has heard that Joe Singleton, who is Assistant Superintendent of the laundry, is the one to see if an inmate desires to get a letter out of the penitentiary. Van Gorder claims that he has not attempted to use Singleton for that purpose, but that it is known to him through other inmates that such a procedure has been followed.

Van Gorder further advised that he knows that Albert Best, a former inmate of Alcatraz Island, who is now in the Folsom Penitentiary in California, had a means of getting dope and letters into Alcatraz.

It is noted that Van Gorder is suffering from a stomach cancer and the doctors give him less than two years to live. He is also psychotic, having fixed ideas. It is Agent's opinion that the information obtained from Van Gorder is correct. He further stated that, while he operated the elevator, an inmate, name unknown, gave him a package to take up to the laundry and give to Montgomery; that he thought the package contained dope and took it to Deputy Warden Miller; that the package contained money instead of dope. The inmate who gave him the package and Montgomery were afterwards placed in solitary confinement.

Agent and Associate Warden A. McDonald interviewed Andres D. Minor, #961-DD, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents. Minor was transferred to Springfield, Missouri, as a chronic infirm, but now is classified as a psychotic. He has hallucinations and is syphilitic. Minor, a negro, stated that he was transferred to Springfield in January, 1937, after having served about nine months at Alcatraz Island; that he did not know Cole or Roe while at Alcatraz and has no knowledge of underground communication systems. Minor stated he did

not have any close friends at Alcatraz and did not talk to anyone as "everything you said got back to the Warden."

Earl Phipps, #1190-DD, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, is suffering from dementia praecox, having been transferred from Alcatraz Island to Springfield, Missouri, for that reason. He advised Agent and Associate Warden McDonald that he was slightly acquainted with Roe at Alcatraz Island as Roe was in the hospital ward at the island at the same time as he; that he did not carry on extended conversations with Roe but merely passed the time of day; that he did not know Roe previous to meeting him at Alcatraz and has no information concerning his habits, friends, or relatives. He further advised that Roe did not discuss escape plans with him and that he has no knowledge of underground communication channels.

Inmates Van Gorder, Minor, and Phipps were advised of the fugitive status of Cole and Roe by Agent during the interviews.

With reference to Mike Talarico, #111-DD, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, formerly #121-AZ, Alcatraz Island, he is afflicted with general paresis induced by syphilis and is a raving maniac. He is under constant guard and it is necessary to strap him to a bed in order that he will not commit suicide or inflict injury to himself. Agent observed Talarico strapped to his bed and raving. Attendants advised that it would be useless to attempt to interview him.

With reference to underground communications between inmates in various penitentiaries and the outside world, Warden M. R. King called Agent's attention to the plot hatched by Alvah W. Estabrook, #473-DD, to kidnap District Judge Otis. For the information of the office of origin and auxiliary offices, it may be briefly stated that some months following Estabrook's admission to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1926, he conceived the idea of kidnaping Federal Judge Otis at Kansas City, Missouri, and later discussed his plot with certain other prisoners with a view to enlisting their aid. The ways and means of achieving such a scheme were changed from time to time, as well as the prisoners and others who were to take part in it. According to the plans of Estabrook, certain prisoners appeared to be outstanding in regard to their connection with the conspiracy, namely, (1) Joe Melling, a prisoner admitted to Leavenworth about 1926 or 1927 to serve 25 years for robbery of a Post Office; (2) Dago Frank, convicted of mail robbery on the West coast, sentenced to McNeil Island on a 32 year sentence, later transferred to Leavenworth, and in 1934 to Alcatraz, the identity of Dago Frank never being determined by the San Francisco Office but possibly identical with Frank Fesciona,

who was transferred back to Leavenworth on March 18, 1937; (3) Joe Bowman, convicted of mail robbery in Toledo or Spokane, sentenced to 25 years at Leavenworth, transferred to Alcatraz in 1934, and subsequently returned to Leavenworth; (4) two sisters, Italian, of one "Joe Pete", who died in Leavenworth during 1933; (5) Dago Frank's wife, who allegedly lived in Kansas City; (6) J. J. Cardigan, of Superior, Wisconsin; (7) a man, name unknown, who had access to laundry taken to and from Alcatraz on a Government boat. This case was investigated by the Kansas City Office but no information of a tangible nature was ever developed and was closed because of the mental instability of Estabrook.

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

At Salina, Kansas.

Mrs. Ella Phillips, mother of Burton Phillips, inmate of Alcatraz Prison, was interviewed at 602 Walnut Street, where she conducts a rooming house. Mrs. Phillips stated that, in company with her son, Lawrence Phillips, she had visited Burton at Alcatraz on August 31, and September 1, 1937; that Burton appeared to be in good spirits and had promised that his conduct would be such in the future that it would not interfere with their attempts to obtain clemency for him. Mrs. Phillips stated that Burton was very cheerful and at no time did he mention any possible prison break. She stated that Cole and Roe were unknown to her; that she had never heard Burton speak of them, and that she did not know of them until she had read of their alleged escape in the newspapers. Mrs. Phillips stated that Burton had a common law wife by the name of Arlene Gallon, who resided at 1001 Store Street, Great Bend, Kansas, and that Burton had a son, Jimmy, about eight years of age, by this woman, who is also known as Mrs. B. E. Phillips, while the boy is known as Jimmy Phillips.

Lawrence Phillips, brother of Burton Phillips, was interviewed at his mother's home and stated that he had accompanied his mother to San Francisco and that they had visited his brother at Alcatraz Prison on August 31, and September 1, 1937; that Burton was cheerful during these visits and that at no time did he intimate that he planned or knew anything concerning a prison break. Lawrence Phillips stated that he had never heard Burton mention Cole or Roe and that the first he had heard of them was when he read of their alleged escape from Alcatraz. Lawrence Phillips stated that during the trial of Burton Phillips at Wichita, Kansas, in March, 1935, Burton Phillips had requested him to drive Arlene Gallon to Blackwell,

Oklahoma, one night so that she could deliver a message from Burton to some individual whom Burton did not name; that he never learned the identity of this individual; that he drove Arlene Gallon to Blackwell and that they went to the Police Station and Arlene ascertained where this individual lived and he drove her to the house, which is on the outskirts of town, and that Arlene went into the house but she never disclosed the identity of this person or the nature of her message. Lawrence Phillips stated that this is the extent of his knowledge of the associates of Burton Phillips. He promised, as did his mother, that they would cooperate to the fullest extent with the Bureau in the event any information concerning Cole or Roe came to their attention.

At the Police Headquarters, Agent ascertained from Chief of Police Finch that descriptions and photographs of Cole and Roe were on file and that he, Finch, knew the Phillips family and their connection with Burton Phillips. Chief Finch stated that he would be on the lookout and, should any strangers show up around the Phillips home, he would take appropriate action.

At Russell, Kansas.

At the Post Office, Agent interviewed Clerk Ernest Vanderbur, who stated that a year or so ago a person by the name of John Price was receiving mail through General Delivery; that he had never seen this man and that he had not observed any mail for him for a considerable period of time. An examination of the Post Office records indicated that John Price had not left a forwarding address.

Mr. Vanderbur also informed that he knew of no person by the name of Lena Stewart; that she did not receive mail at the Post Office and that there was no forwarding address on file for her.

Mr. Vanderbur stated that an oil boom had been in progress at Russell for the past three years and that there was a great transient population in the oil fields among the oil workers and it was his thought that John Price was probably an oil worker and had left the Russell field.

Agent interviewed Arthur Vanderver, City Clerk, who after an examination of the water and gas records, stated that he had no record of John Price. Mr. Vanderver stated that he personally reads the water and gas meters and knows practically everyone in Russell and that he had never heard of John Price. Mr. Vanderver was also asked concerning a dance hall known as the "O.K." or "Okey" and stated that there was no such place in or near Russell.

Agent interviewed City Marshal Ed Mohl, who advised that he had lived at Russell, Kansas, all his life; that he knew of no person by the name of John Price or Lena Stewart. Mr. Mohl stated that due to the oil fields at Russell there were a great many transient workers and that no doubt Price was an oil field worker who had been in the field for a while. Mr. Mohl stated that there was no "O.K." or "Okey" dance hall in or near Russell.

Agent and Mr. Mohl interviewed Mrs. Agnes McFrederick, who runs a roadhouse near Russell, concerning a dance hall known as the "O.K." or "Okey", and she advised that she was positive that there was no dance hall by that name near Russell or in that county.

Agent and Mr. Mohl interviewed Ed Ryan, who had operated a roadhouse near Russell for some years. Mr. Ryan advised that there is no dance hall known as the "O.K." or "Okey" in or near Russell and that he is certain that there is no such place in the county.

Both Mrs. McFrederick and Mr. Ryan were questioned concerning Lena Stewart, and they stated that they knew of no such person.

At Hays, Kansas.

Agent interviewed Sheriff Joseph Doerfler and furnished him with complete descriptions of Cole and Roe. Sheriff Doerfler was advised that Roe had a brother living in Hays. Sheriff Doerfler stated that he knew Raymond Roe as the manager of the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, but had not known his name until so advised by Agent. Sheriff Doerfler stated that he would instruct his deputies to cruise in the vicinity of the Halliburton camp from time to time and observe all strangers in that vicinity. He stated that he would immediately advise the Kansas City Office should he obtain any information of value to this case.

Chief of Police Alec Weltz was interviewed and furnished a complete description of both Cole and Roe. He was advised that Raymond Roe, a brother of Ralph Roe, resided at the Halliburton camp in Hays. Chief Weltz stated that he would instruct his officers to maintain a close watch at the Halliburton camp and that he would immediately advise the Kansas City Office, should he receive any information of value.

In the absence of Raymond Roe, Agent interviewed his wife at the Halliburton camp. She stated that they had heard nothing concerning Ralph since Agent's last visit and the only communication

they had received was when an aunt of Roe, who resides at Duncan, Oklahoma, had sent them the newspaper clipping concerning the alleged escape. Mrs. Roe stated that she had discussed the matter with her husband and that both had decided the best place for Ralph would be back at Alcatraz and that she will, therefore, cooperate with the Bureau and, should either her husband or herself receive any information, she will immediately communicate with the Kansas City Office. Mrs. Roe was advised of the harboring statute.

At Great Bend, Kansas.

Agent interviewed Arlene Gallon, alias Mrs. B. E. Phillips, at the home of her mother, 1001 Stone Street. Arlene Gallon advised that Burton Phillips was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and was not so informed until March, 1935, at which time she read in the newspapers that Burton Phillips was on trial in Federal Court at Wichita, Kansas; that she had proceeded to Wichita, where she had visited Phillips for the first time in approximately six years; that at this time she told him of [REDACTED] that during the trial Burton Phillips had told her that a man by the name of Fay had been in jail with him at Wichita and had told him that if he could ever help him to let him know; that Burton Phillips had requested her to drive to Blackwell, Oklahoma, with Lawrence Phillips, his brother, and to inform Fay that he, Burton Phillips, needed assistance; that in company with Lawrence Phillips she drove to Blackwell, Oklahoma, and with the assistance of the police located the Fay home; that she went to the house but that Fay was not home and she left a note informing him of what Burton had said. She stated that Lawrence Phillips did not know the name of the person she visited nor the purpose of the visit. She stated that she had not visited with Burton Phillips at Alcatraz and had never heard of Roe or Cole until she read of their alleged escape in the newspapers.

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In view of the fact that James W. Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, has been located and interviewed at Hobbs, New Mexico, as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, dated at El Paso, Texas, December 30, 1937, no effort will be made to contact Mark Lane in Kansas City or Independence, Missouri.

At Kansas City, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. H. Richmond:

The conference teletype of reference listed Kansas 1937 license #20-2584, on a Chevrolet sedan containing four passengers, as being a vehicle which passed through the California checking station at Oregon, California, on December 15 and 16, 1937. It was ascertained that this license had been issued to J. M. Nielson of Marysville, Kansas, for a Chevrolet sedan. Immediately upon determining this fact, telephonic contact was had with Sheriff Harry Heleker at Marysville, Kansas, on December 28, 1937, and information was requested from him concerning the present location and general reputation of J. M. Nielson. Heleker advised that Nielson is a farmer, who has resided in the vicinity of Marysville, Kansas, during his lifetime and that he is a man of 55 years, his physical description being 5' 7" or 8" in height, 140 pounds, complexion light, and married. He is the father of seven children. During the summer of 1937, Nielson left Marysville for Cornelius, Oregon, the purpose of the trip being to obtain a change of climate to benefit Nielson's health. Accompanying Nielson were his wife and twin sons, aged 18. Some of the other Nielson children remained at Marysville and operated the farm. It was ascertained by Sheriff Heleker through the children of Nielson that their father left Oregon on December 15, for the purpose of visiting relatives in California. These relatives are Mr. F. Zeybach, 1221 Hellman, Long Beach, California, who is the father of Mrs. Nielson, and W. S. Nielson, brother of J. M. Nielson, whose address is 457 Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, California.

The above information was furnished, by teletype, to the Los Angeles Office and on the same date a wire was received reflecting that Nielson had departed from Los Angeles for Marysville, Kansas, on December 21, 1937. Efforts were made through Sheriff Heleker to ascertain the date of arrival in Marysville and it was learned that the Nielsons had stopped enroute at Briscoe and Amarillo, Texas, to visit other relatives. However, upon their arrival in Marysville, Sheriff Heleker talked to Mr. Nielson and learned from him that Nielson did not pass through Portland, Oregon, on his trip from Cornelius, Oregon, to Los Angeles. He said that his only contact with any Governmental agency, while in the state of Oregon, was some correspondence he carried on with the Department of Agriculture, while in Portland, concerning certain soil and seed matters relating to farming in the state of Oregon.

Sheriff Heleker said that Nielson's reputation is above reproach and no members of his family have ever been involved in any difficulties with the law.

Upon Receipt of reference teletype from the El Paso Office,

reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent D. R. Scruggs, reinterviewed Mrs. J. H. Norton, manager of the Convention Hotel, 327 West Twelfth Street. It may be stated that Mrs. Norton admits that the Convention Hotel is located in a very poor neighborhood and that she also admits that she comes into contact with dope fiends, thieves, and crooks of a general nature, but she may be considered in the nature of a confidential informant at her place of business in connection with this particular case, since it is believed she will be dependable and reliable in this matter. Mrs. Norton again reiterated that Wanda Stukey and James Roe had lived at the Convention Hotel as man and wife for a short period subsequent to his release from the Leavenworth Penitentiary and she readily identified a photograph of James Roe. When photographs of Ralph Roe and Ted Cole were exhibited to her, she positively stated that, to her knowledge, neither of these individuals had ever been at the Convention Hotel. She continued that Lillian MacMahon always was a good friend of Wanda Stukey, concubine of James Roe; that in her opinion Lillian MacMahon uses dope and at various times is quite talkative. She added that Lillian MacMahon is presently residing in room #207 of the Convention Hotel and that she knows it to be a fact that Lillian corresponds with Wanda Stukey. Mrs. Norton further advised that a short time ago, but since the escape of Roe and Cole from Alcatraz, Lillian MacMahon, in one of her talkative moments, stated she had received a letter from Wanda wherein Wanda related that she, Wanda, was keeping the store while Jimmie was in San Francisco for a few days. Mrs. Norton did not see the letter, does not know the exact time it was received, and only knows what Lillian tells her. However, she expressed the opinion that it would be extremely doubtful if Wanda Stukey would attempt to put any valuable information in a letter to Lillian MacMahon.

Mrs. Norton assured the reporting Agent that if she obtained any information which might have some bearing on this case she would communicate with either the reporting Agent or Agent Scruggs. It has not been deemed advisable to interview Lillian MacMahon and it would not appear wise for Mrs. Norton to be indiscriminately contacted but rather to be interviewed personally by the reporting Agent or Agent Scruggs, with whom she is now acquainted, since her hotel and the immediately adjacent neighborhood are both frequented by shady characters. Of course, Mrs. Norton was informed as to the provisions of the harboring statute but at the same time Mrs. Norton was informed that if she was able to furnish valuable information which would lead to the apprehension of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole she would be compensated.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, at 2407 Meadowvale Avenue, or through the correspondents of Ross W. Moore, listed in the body of this report, will locate and interview Ross W. Moore, as requested in the reference report of Agent Gurnea.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview the prisoners yet incarcerated, in accordance with the reference report of Agent Gurnea.

At St. Joseph, Missouri, and Savannah, Missouri, will interview the relatives of Henry Hawk, #333-AZ, in accordance with the reference report of Agent Gurnea.

At Excelsior Springs, Missouri, will conduct the investigation requested in reference report of Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated 12-22-37.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will develop the leads set forth in report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, Kansas City, dated 12-28-37, but will disregard the lead to interview Mark Lane.

At Hays, Kansas, will, from time to time, contact Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roe for possible information concerning Ralph Roe; also contact Sheriff Doerfler and Chief of Police Weltz for their continued cooperation in maintaining surveillance of Raymond Roe's home.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-17,18-38	REPORT MADE BY H. W. Hage
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE Escaped Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Bessie Willett, sister of Floyd Brown, 302 AZ, Alcatraz, now residing Coffeyville, Kansas. Lawrence Brown and brother Ted Theo. Brown, convict, were employed Texas Electric Service Company, Wichita Falls, Texas to August 1937. Present whereabouts unknown. Fred F. Mershon, Bowie, Texas has good reputation. Traveled with family from Seattle, Washington 12-15-37 in Dodge Sedan on return trip to Bowie, Texas, stopping at Portland, Oregon for gas only and made no other stop or purchase.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37 and report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated 1-7-38.

Details:

At the Post Office, Burkburnett, Texas, Postmaster A. H. Lohoefer furnished the information that Mrs. Bessie Willett, sister of Floyd Brown, #302 AZ, Alcatraz, whose address was given as Route #1, Burkburnett, Texas, had moved from the farm several months ago and that a forwarding address was left by E. C. Willett, husband of Bessie Willett, Route #4, care of D. J. Johnson, Coffeyville, Kansas. Further information was furnished that C. J. Willett, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Bessie Willett, was still residing on Highway #277, about three miles from Burkburnett.

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The home of C. J. Willett was located and Mrs. Willett was interviewed in the absence of her husband. Mrs. Willett advised that Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Willett and six children were now residing at Coffeyville, Kansas and their present address is P. O. Box 12, Coffeyville. Mrs. Willett further advised that Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Brown, the parents of Bessie Willett had also left their home in Arkansas but she did not know positively whether they also moved to Coffeyville, but was inclined to believe they did as they visited the Willetts last fall.

Mrs. Willett further informed that Lawrence Elmer Brown, a brother, about 40 years of age and married, was not located at Brownfield, Texas, but had since taken a job as lineman with the Texas Electric Service Company, Wichita Falls, Texas and that another brother, Ted Theodore Brown, who had been discharged from the Oklahoma State Reformatory, was also employed at the Texas Electric Service Company, Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Willett stated that she did not know the address of Dessie Riley, a sister, but that Dorothy Harrell, another sister, was residing in Roswell, New Mexico where her husband is a barber.

Mrs. Willett further stated that she occasionally heard Mrs. Bessie Willett speak of her brother Floyd Brown but that she did not hear from him often and that Floyd Brown had asked her not to attempt to do anything for him as he felt that his life would be spent in prison; that he had written of his misbehavior and subsequent punishment by confinement in a solitary cell. She further stated that they were not subscribers of any newspaper and she had not heard that anyone had escaped from Alcatraz.

At Bowie, Texas, the Postmaster W. F. Robinson was interviewed relative to Fred Mershon, who had recently returned to Bowie from Seattle, Washington. He stated that he had known Fred Mershon for a number of years; that Mershon resided in the city of Bowie for many years prior to his departure for the State of Washington a couple of years ago. Further that Mershon returned to Bowie last December with his family; that Mershon has a good reputation, is honest and reliable; that Mershon recently advised him that he was preparing to operate a cafe in Bowie. Further that upon Mershon's return to Bowie, he leased an acreage near the city of Bowie which he is now cultivating and where he keeps cows and chickens.

Fred Mershon was located at Don's Cafe where he was assisting in preparation for the opening on the following day. Mr. Mershon stated that he and his family left Bowie on June 7, 1935, and arrived at Seattle, Washington, June 25, 1935, and that his street address was 119 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, Washington. He stated that he obtained employment with the Hesse Southern Barbeque, 139 Broadway North, Seattle, on 9-11-35 and was continuously employed there for a period of 27 months and that he resigned on December 14, 1937 as his wife desired to return to her former home at Bowie, Texas. He stated that he and family left Seattle 5:30 a. m. December 15, 1937 in their Dodge Sedan, 1936 model, on their return trip to Bowie; that their first stop was made at a service station at Portland, Oregon five and half hours later, where he purchased gas and

made inquiry as to road information. Further that no other stop was made in Portland and he does not recall seeing the U.S. Lighthouse Station. He further stated that they did not travel through the principal business part of the city of Portland as their route seemed to take them near the outskirts of the city and that they then followed the Redwood Highway which is near the coast. He advised further that no other purchases than gas were made in the city of Portland.

Mr. Mershon further stated that he and family spent the first night at Grant's Pass, Oregon and on the following morning, December 16, they followed Highway 199, and that he registered his car near the border line of California somewhere between Grant's Pass and Crescent City, California.

Mr. Mershon produced a travelogue of this trip showing the dates, route and points of travel, etc.

Mr. Mershon furnished the information that he is 30 years of age, height 5 ft 10-1/2 inches, black hair, partly bald, brown eyes, medium build, dark complexion, no mustache and married a Bowie, Texas girl.

At Wichita Falls, Texas, Mr. J. W. Lyle of Texas Electric Service Company was interviewed relative to employment of Lawrence and Ted Brown, and he stated that he did not recall either one of these men personally. The office records were examined and disclosed that Lawrence E. Brown was employed as a lineman on 12-7-36 and that he left the company 8-25-37; that he failed to claim his last pay check amounting to about \$27.00. The records did not disclose a residence address. The records also reflected that Ted Brown had been in the employ of the company but that he had left a short time after his brother Lawrence left and his present whereabouts unknown. The records disclosed address of Ted Brown was 1003 Seventeenth Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

C. K. Johnson, Superintendent of Mails, Post Office, Wichita Falls, Texas, made a search of the records but could not find a forwarding address of either Lawrence Brown or Ted Brown. However, the city directory in his possession gave the address of Lawrence Brown as 1003 Seventeenth Street.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE:

At Coffeyville, Kansas: Will locate and interview Mrs. Bessie Willett as requested in report of reference. Also obtain information as to present whereabouts of her parents and brothers listed in reference report.

P E N D I N G

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

January 25, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: RAIPH ⁰ROM, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1471;
FEDERAL PRISONERS

On December 22, 1937, a telephone call was received at the San Francisco Field Office from MARK PAUL of the Eagle Loan Office, 125 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, California, in which he stated that he had pawned a suit of clothes for a person who he believed resembled, and was possibly identical with THEODORE COLE; that this person had given the name of PAUL STULGERS, address, Chicago, Illinois.

On January 20, 1938, a second telephone call from MARK PAUL was received; at which time he stated that he had received a letter from PAUL STULGERS requesting that the suit be forwarded to him.

Upon obtaining this letter at the Eagle Loan Office, it was found that the return address of PAUL STULGERS, 415 - E. 7th Street, Los Angeles, had been given therein.

The following description of this individual was given by MARK PAUL:

Age	30
Height	5' 8"
Weight	145
Build	Slim
Eyes	Undetermined
Scars	Crescent scar approximately 1 1/2 inches in length below right corner of mouth.
Clothes	Dark hat, brown striped suit of which trousers seemed to be too short.

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It is respectfully requested that the Los Angeles Field Office take appropriate steps to determine whether or not this individual PAUL STEWART is identical with THEODORE COLE.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc: Bureau
cc: Oklahoma City

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-41**

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-24-37	REPORT MADE BY O. G. MALL <div style="text-align: right;">OGH/ni</div>
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases: FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases: FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1937 Truck, Iowa License 59-119, registered J. Marsh Lang, Lucas, Iowa, for a 1937 truck, Motor 650-487. Lang left Lucas, Iowa, in March, 1937, immediate destination Oregon, and later to Monterey or Monterey Park, California. As instructed by Portland Office, San Francisco so advised by teletype.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype from Portland Office 12-24-37; report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated 12-28-37, at San Francisco, California.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Lucas, Iowa.</p> <p>The teletype of reference advised that on the dates December 15, and 16, among other automobiles, a GMC truck, bearing 1937, Iowa License 59-119, passed through California Checking Station at the Oregon-California Border. Teletype requested the identity of owners and others in the party, business, reputation, destination and present whereabouts of the persons to whom such trucks were registered be ascertained and San Francisco Office be immediately notified. Teletype also furnished descriptions of the persons purchasing books relating to the tides in San Francisco Bay.</p> <p>Inquiry at the State Motor Vehicle Bureau disclosed that 1937 Iowa License 59-119 was registered in J. Marsh Lang of Lucas, Iowa, for a 1937 Reo Truck, Motor Number 650-487.</p> <p>Mrs. I. D. McCauley, Postmistress, advised that Marsh Lang had left Lucas, Iowa, in the month of March, 1937, his immediate destination being a</p>			
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town in Oregon where he intended to visit his sister. She is unable to supply the name of his sister or the name of the city. He then planned to go to Monterey, California, where his wife is a school teacher. The Postmistress was unable to state for sure whether it was Monterey or Monterey Park, California, but does recall definitely that one of the cities was Monterey. She advised that in this California city Lang's wife resides and is a school teacher. She also stated that Lang has a son who sometime recently joined the United States Navy. She further stated that Lang somewhat answers the description furnished in the teletype of reference and also stated that Lang's reputation was excellent while he resided at Lucas, where he was a farmer.

This information was immediately transmitted to San Francisco Office, by teletype with the request that in the event the city was not Monterey, Calif. that the Los Angeles Office should be requested to make investigation at Monterey Park, Calif. It was thought that Lang may possibly have purchased the books regarding the tide and currents in San Francisco Bay for the use of his son who had joined the United States Navy.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DES MOINES OFFICE at Council Bluffs, Iowa, will interview Mahloe Bethers in accordance with the instructions set out in the report of reference of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea.

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

FILE NO. **76-257** PCM:als

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	DATE WHEN MADE 1-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-20-38	REPORT MADE BY P. C. MURRAY
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. J. P. Hoag, 3321 Laurel St., New Orleans, La., sister of Edward John Gillies, advises brother left New Orleans, La. 1-13-38. His address in Chicago at his brother's home, J. H. Gillies, 3232 Karlov, Chicago, Ill.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, 12-28-37.

DETAILS: Mrs. J. P. Hoag, sister of Edward John Gillies, was interviewed at her home, 3321 Laurel Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She advised that her brother, Edward John Gillies, had left New Orleans on January 13, 1938 for Chicago, Illinois in search of work. She stated that he had lived in New Orleans for about six months, but being unable to find employment he had decided to look for work in Chicago. His address at Chicago was to be at the home of his brother, Mr. J. H. Gillies, 3232 Karlov, Chicago, Illinois.

An attempt was made to locate Mrs. J. F. Walpolo, 902 Pleasant Street, New Orleans, and Mrs. M. J. Gillis, 1924 Amelia Street, New Orleans, to further verify the return of Edward John Gillies to Chicago; however, they could not be located at the addresses set out in reference report, and neighborhood inquiry failed to locate any forwarding address or any knowledge of these two sisters. Inasmuch as Gillies has returned to Chicago, further investigation is being discontinued in this Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE CHICAGO DIVISION, at Chicago, will endeavor to locate Edward John Gillies at the home of his brother, J. H. Gillies, 3232 Karlov, Chicago, as set out in reference report, a copy of which was furnished all Field Divisions.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Newark

FILE NO. 76-69 RBT

REPORT MADE AT Newark, New Jersey	DATE WHEN MADE 1-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-8-38	REPORT MADE BY L. W. Arms
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:

ANGELO PARIS at present residing at home of aunt, MRS. M. PACOR, R. F. D. #29, South Charleston, N. H.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, 12-28-37, San Francisco, Cal.

DETAILS:

AT JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

Agent contacted Lieutenant Joseph Jones of the Identification Bureau, Jersey City Police Department, Jersey City, New Jersey, relative to ANGELO PARIS and he advised, after checking his records, that ANGELO PARIS was arrested in Jersey City on a morals charge in 1926 when he was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail. The files further reflect that ANGELO PARIS resided at that time at 503 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

At 512 Jersey Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, Agent interviewed MR. ANGELO PARIS, Sr., father of ANGELO PARIS, and he advised that his son came to his home in Jersey City in April, 1937 from California, that he stopped there one night and left for the home of his aunt, MRS. MAGGIE PACOR, who resides at R. F. D. #29, South Charleston, New Hampshire. Mr. Paris advised that his son could be located at that address at the present time.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE BOSTON OFFICE AT SOUTH CHARLESTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Will locate ANGELO PARIS at R. F. D. #29 and interview him as requested in reference report.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 1-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-20, 24-38	REPORT MADE BY R. C. Coulter
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:

Mary Roe Darby now Mrs. Doyle Williams, Freer, Texas. Alonzo Darby, brother, Borger, Texas, promised cooperation. Mrs. Minnie Edelen, Pampa, Texas, denied knowing Roe, but stated he is reported "crazy" about Underwood woman.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 22, 1937, and telegram from Oklahoma City office, dated December 23, 1937.

Details:

Through the Borger, Texas, Retail Credit Association, it was determined that Mary Darby was approximately two years ago employed as a barber in the Black and White Barber Shop, and that she had a brother working at Jim Nix's Grocery Store on North Main Street, Borger, Texas.

Chief of Police William Bates, Borger, Texas, stated he was acquainted with the Darbys and that they were, generally speaking, a disreputable lot, however, he did state the Darby boy employed at Nix's grocery appeared to be honest. This case was explained to Chief Bates, who advised that he would be on the alert for all possible information, but he was sure Mary Darby had left Borger two or three years ago.

Alonzo Darby, c/o Nix's Grocery Store, 900 block, North Main Street, Borger, stated his sister Mary was formerly married to Roy Roe, but she divorced him a year or two ago and is now married to Doyle Williams, an oil well

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pumper, and they are residing at Freer, Texas. He stated he had once casually met Ralph Roe, but he had not associated with him with the person who escaped from Alcatraz. Darby stated he had heard nothing of Ralph Roe's whereabouts, but assured Agent that he would willingly cooperate with Bureau in the event he learns of Roe's location or receives any information regarding him. Darby was promised suitable remuneration if he would report the location of Roe, in which he appeared much interested. He also stated that he believed his sister would willingly assist in any way possible, but inasmuch as she lost contact with Roy Roe, her former husband, he doubts very much that she will have any information as to subject Roe's current activities.

Mrs. Minnie Edelen, the wife of Keith Edelen, was located at the Gulf Oil camp, five miles south of Pampa, Texas. Upon interview, she readily admitted that she had been corresponding with Jack Lloyd at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, but stated she did not know either Roe or Cole, although she heard through her sister that Roe was a good friend of Lloyd. Mrs. Edelen stated her sister, Mrs. Cecil Noel, La Vegas, New Mexico, is the former wife of Lloyd, but that Lloyd does not care for her and does not communicate with her, and believes she is residing with her, Mrs. Edelen, and does not know that she divorced him. She stated she learned from her sister that Roe is "crazy" about an Underwood woman, whose husband was killed by officers in Oklahoma four or five years ago, and in her opinion Roe is most likely to contact her if he actually got away.

Mrs. Edelen stated she did not like officers and that she had never cooperated with them in any way and that she would not cooperate in this case; that she would be happy to know that Roe got away, and if he did get away, she hopes he is never caught. She further stated that ^{she and} her husband do not see things in the same light, and that her husband would not let Roe or any other person come around her house, who had violated the law, and for that reason and the further reason that Roe does not know her, she does not believe he will ever contact her. She stated, if ~~she~~ he should contact her she would not disclose it. Mrs. Edelen was informed as to the fugitive status of both Roe and Cole and was further advised that she would surely be prosecuted should she harbor either of them. Mrs. Edelen stated she and Mr. Edelen expect to return to Oklahoma in the near future and that her father is F. A. Sheets, Mannsville, Oklahoma.

Chief of Police S. A. Hurst, Pampa, Texas, was acquainted with the facts for his confidential information. According to information gathered at the Pampa Retail Credit Bureau, Edelen apparently bears a good reputation in Pampa and has been in the employ of the Gulf Oil Corporation for a number of years. Chief Hurst stated he had no recollection of ever having arrested Edelen on a charge of any kind.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE, at Freer, Texas, is requested to locate and interview Mrs. Mary Darby Williams, the wife of Doyle Williams, an oil well pumper at Freer, Texas. It should be kept in mind that she is the former wife of Roy Roe and may possess information as to the contacts and associates of Ralph Roe.

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January 29, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

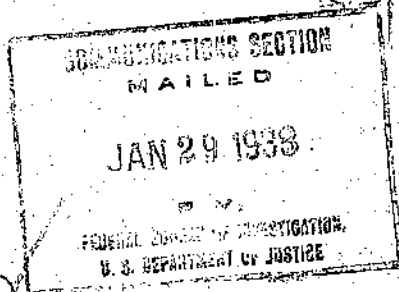
Re: THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
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FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472 -
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

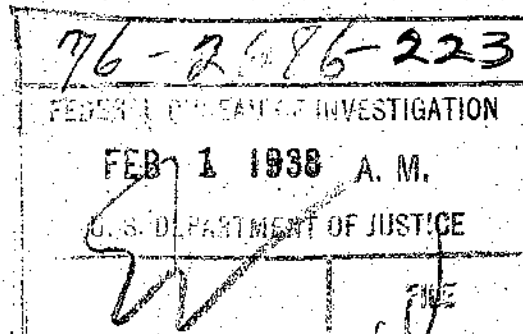
Your attention is invited to the fact that Karl Clark Strain, the subject of I. O. #1479, was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island on August 11, 1934 and was released on July 5, 1937. The Bureau therefore desires to suggest that you make appropriate arrangements whereby a lead may be set out to interview Strain relative to any knowledge he may have of the escape of fugitives Roe and Cole immediately after you are advised of his apprehension.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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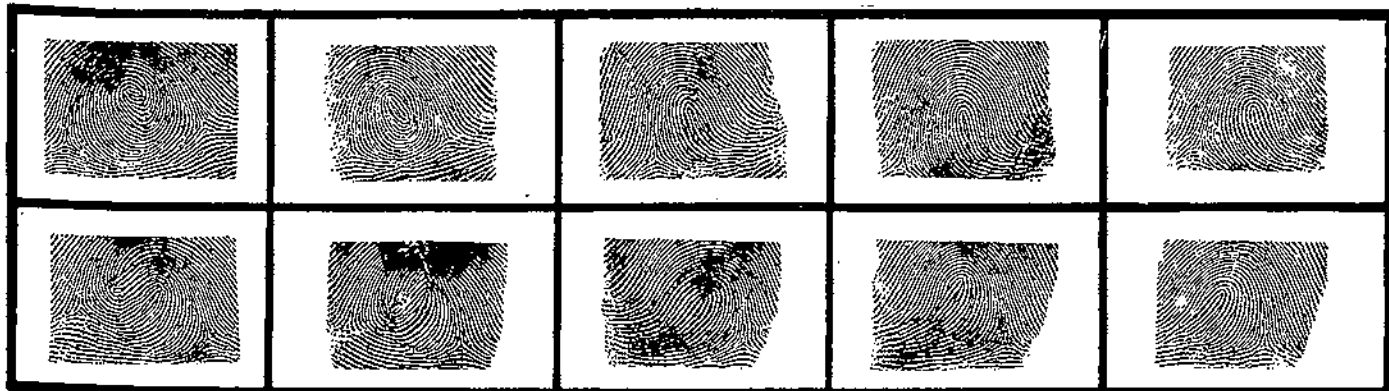
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KARL CLARK STRAIN, with aliases: WILLIAM EDWARD BOYD, JR., COLONEL WILLIAM EDWARD BOYD, WILLIAM E. BOYD, H. E. BOYD, LIEUTENANT HUGH A. DRUM, CAPTAIN CAMPBELL KING, CAPTAIN HARRY EDWARD KNIGHT, LIEUTENANT HENRY B. MATTHEWS, HENRY D. MATTHEWS, H. D. MATTHEWS, PATRICK CASEY MURPHY, PATRICK C. MURPHY, PATRICK MURPHY, CAPTAIN CASEY K. O'MALLEY, CASEY K. O'MALLEY, CARL STRAIN, KARL CASEY STRAIN, KARL C. STRAIN.

**UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, KIDNAPING,
ROBBERY); CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATOR;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;
IMPERSONATION.**



DESCRIPTION

Age, 35 years (born August 23, 1902, Fort Worth, Texas); Height, 6 feet 2 inches; weight, 175 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, light brown - partially bald in front; Complexion, fair; Build, medium-slender; Race, white; Nationality, American; Education, high school; Occupation, mechanic; airplane pilot; window-rather; aviator; Scars and Marks: indistinct initials "W.E." left forearm - inner; indistinct initials "J.M." right forearm - inner; irregular 1" cut scar 1" above corner right brow; 4" scar above right hip; irregular cut scar second joint left ring finger; large T shape cut scar base of left hand. Peculiarities, Southern accent; always carries one or two .45 caliber automatic pistols; usually wears some portion United States Army uniform.

RELATIVES

Mrs. Sallie Strain, mother, 3437 Townsend Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.
Mrs. R. A. Benson, sister, 3130 Green Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
William B. Strain, brother, 3137 Townsend Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.
Joe L. Strain, brother, near Jackboro, Texas.
Arvin C. Strain, brother, near Jackboro, Texas.
Kathleen Strain, daughter, 1618 New York Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Photograph taken
May, 1933.



Photograph taken
August 11, 1934.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Karl Strain, #, received Texas State Training School, Gatesville, Texas, November 12, 1928; crime, delinquency; released July 10, 1929; readmitted December 23, 1929 and discharged July 18, 1930.
As Karl C. Strain, #, arrested Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, September 1, 1929; charge, investigation; diversion not given.
As Karl C. Strain, #, received Post Prison, Fort Worth, Texas, September 10, 1929; crime, desertion; sentence, 2 years hard labor, November 7, 1929; dishonorably discharged and released October 14, 1930.
As Casey K. O'Malley, #1707, arrested Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, November 23, 1930; charge, check; released December 22, 1930 and returned to Sheriff's Office, Fort Worth, Texas.
As Karl C. Strain, #3448, arrested Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, December 24, 1930; charge, theft over; sentence, 5 years suspended sentence January 23, 1931.
As Karl C. Strain, #, arrested U. S. Marshal, Abilene, Texas, January 23, 1931; charge, impersonation; sentence, 2 years.
As Karl C. Strain, #3377-C, received U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio, April 23, 1931; crime, impersonation; sentence, 2 years - transferred to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, July 12, 1932.
As Karl C. Strain, #11253, received on transfer to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, July 12, 1932; crime, impersonation; sentence, 2 years.
As William E. Boyd, #13006, arrested Sheriff's Office, Riverside, California, May 17, 1932; charge, suspicion - fictitious checks; released to Police Department, Long Beach, California, May 18, 1932.
As William Edward Boyd, #13026, arrested Police Department, Long Beach, California, May 18, 1932; charge, investigation of forgery; sentence, 90 days County Jail.
As William E. Boyd, #185249, arrested Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, May 22, 1933; charge, petty theft (checks); sentence, 90 days, released July 14, 1933.
As William E. Boyd, #2161, arrested United States Marshal, Los Angeles, California, July 14, 1933; charge, impersonation; committed to County Hospital for observation, Santa Ana, California.

Karl C. Strain

As William E. Boyd, #, received County Hospital, Santa Ana, California, August 14, 1933; charge, observation and hold for United States Marshal, Los Angeles, California; escaped August 20, 1933.
As Patrick C. Murphy, #503, arrested United States Marshal, Portland, Oregon, November 10, 1933; charge, impersonation; released to Sheriff's Office, Portland, Oregon.
As Patrick C. Murphy, #1004, arrested Sheriff's Office, Portland, Oregon, November 11, 1933; charge, impersonation; released to Sheriff's Office, Santa Ana, California.
As William E. Boyd, #2945, arrested Sheriff's Office, Santa Ana, California, November 18, 1933; charge, impersonation; released to United States Marshal, Los Angeles, California.
As William E. Boyd, #2161, arrested United States Marshal, Los Angeles, California, November 18, 1933; charge, impersonation; sentence, 5 years; and 6 years suspended for 6 years, November 18, 1933.
As William Edward Boyd, #10647, received United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, November 27, 1933; crime, impersonation; sentence, 5 years; transferred to United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, August 10, 1934.
As William E. Boyd, #12, received United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, August 11, 1934; crime, impersonation; sentence, 5 years; conditional release July 13, 1937.
As William Edward Boyd, #, arrested Police Department, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, September 27, 1937; charge, unlawful entry into Mexico, possession of firearms, assaulting police officers, resisting arrest; escaped October 27, 1937.

A complaint was filed before a United States Commissioner, Los Angeles, California, on December 1, 1937, charging Karl Clark Strain, alias William Edward Boyd, Jr., with unlawfully fleeing from the United States to Mexico on September 27, 1937, to avoid prosecution for assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, and robbery.
An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Fort Worth, Texas, on November 9, 1937, charging Strain, as Boyd, with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he transported an automobile from Fort Worth, Texas, to San Diego, California, on or about September 14, 1937, knowing the same to have been stolen.
An indictment was also returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Fort Worth, Texas on November 9, 1937, charging Strain, as Boyd, with a violation of the Federal Impersonation Statute at Fort Worth, Texas, on September 14, 1937.

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

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

FILE NO. **76-224** AM

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-31-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-12-38	REPORT MADE BY J. C. WHEELER
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:

E. J. Edwards, inmate, Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., advised he did not know Theodore Cole; that he was only casually acquainted with Ralph Roe; prior to leaving Alcatraz Island, received no information regarding contemplated jail break.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-6-38.

DETAILS: At LEWISBURG, PA.

E. J. Edwards, Inmate of the Northeastern Penitentiary, advised that he was confined at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, for a period of eight or nine months terminating July 9, 1937, when he was transferred to Leavenworth, Kansas. During this period of time, Edwards talked with Subject Roe on only a very few occasions in the stockade. He claims to have been only casually acquainted with Roe. He could not place Subject Cole stating that he did not believe he knew him. During the period of his confinement on the Island he received no information and heard no rumors concerning a contemplated break from the Island. In view of the completion of all investigative leads in this district, this case is being

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.

FILE NO.

76-282

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-26-38	REPORT MADE BY E.C. Dorris jfn
TITLE RAIPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE - IO 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE - IO 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. T.J. (Dessie) Riley advises she has no information relative to subjects' whereabouts.

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REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent M.E. Gurnea, 12-28-37, San Francisco, Calif.

DETAILS: AT SARAGOSA, Texas:-

Mrs. Wynn Hamilton, postmistress, was contacted relative to the identity of Dessie Riley, mentioned in reference report on page 12 as a sister of Floyd Brown, #302 AZ, F.B.I. #458776. Mrs. Hamilton advised that she was not definitely sure of the identity of this woman, but that Post Office Box 137 had formerly been rented to T.J. Riley, who has since moved to Ft. Stockton, Tex. She also pointed out that P.O. Box 37 was rented by Joe Rowe, a farmer of good reputation, who presently resides at Saragosa. It was deemed advisable to interview Joe Rowe, who has a brother by the name of Roy Rowe. It is noted from the reference report that subject Roe has a brother named Roy Roe, reported to be in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. It was thought that possibly Joe and Roy Rowe were related to subject Roe.

Mr. Roy Rowe when interviewed at his home located near Saragosa, Tex., advised that he has no relatives who spell their name R-O-E, and further that he has never had any relatives in trouble of any kind or who have been arrested. He advised he has no relatives, to his knowledge, named James W. Roe, Raymond A. Roe, and Ralph Roe, nor named as any of the relatives of subject Roe set out in reference report. He stated he knows of no one by the name of Dessie Riley.

AT FORT STOCKTON, Texas:-

Mrs. T.J. (Dessie) Riley, Route 1, was contacted, after interview was had with Mr. T.J. Riley, husband of Dessie. Mr. Riley advised he felt positive his wife knows nothing whatever regarding the disappearance of subjects from Alcatraz. He said she has one brother presently in Alcatraz under a long sentence with whom she

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corresponds infrequently. He feels certain however that she has not had a letter from her brother since the escape of these two subjects from this penitentiary. At this point Mr. Riley consented to call his wife out of his house in order that she might be interviewed. He requested that she not be interviewed in the presence of her mother who had just come to visit them a week prior to this time. He explained that Mrs. Riley's mother was in a very nervous condition and to question her at this time might tend to make her condition worse.

Mrs. Dessie Riley advised that she had not heard from her brother since the escape of the two subjects from Alcatraz, but that her mother had received a letter three or four days ago, which had been forwarded from their home in Arkansas. Although she had not read this letter and her mother had not remarked thereon with relation to the escape of these two individuals, she felt certain it contained no pertinent information. Her husband, at this point, ordered that the letter be brought out for the writer to read. Mrs. Riley consented with evident reluctance and brought from the house only one page of the letter, which contained only a portion of the communication. Mr. Riley also noted that the letter was incomplete and stated that although he felt the remaining portion of the letter contained no information of interest to this investigation, he was very sorry that only part of the letter was exhibited; however he felt his wife had done her best to secure the entire letter from her mother. The portion exhibited contained references to the family and in no way mentioned the escape of the two subjects. Mr. Riley stated he felt there was some statement in the remainder of the letter which was of such an intimate nature to the family that his mother-in-law did not want Agent to read it.

It was noted that the first sheet, which was exhibited to Agent, bore an inspection stamp mark of Alcatraz prison and this indicated that the entire letter could not have contained anything pertaining to this case or the subjects of this file; otherwise such information would have been learned by the prison officials. Mr. Riley was greatly perturbed over the occurrence and promised that if he could secure any information whatever which he thought would be of interest, he would immediately notify the El Paso Bureau Office.

From the list of relatives of Floyd Brown, set forth in reference report, it is noted the name Bessie Willett, sister, Route 1, Burkburnett, Tex. is given. Mr. Riley advised this relative is Mrs. E.C. Willett, who presently resides at Coffeyville, Kansas. He further advised that Ted Brown, his wife's brother, has recently been released from the Oklahoma State Reformatory. It is further noted that Will and Minnie Brown, father and mother of Floyd Brown, are listed with residence at Garfield, Ark. Minnie and Will Brown are presently visiting Dessie Riley; therefore, the lead to interview them at Garfield, Ark., should be ignored at this time. Neither of these people was interviewed in view of Mr. Riley's statement that no information could be obtained from them and also because of the nervous state of Mrs. Brown as described by Mr. Riley. He attributed her present condition chiefly to worry over her two sons who have always been getting into trouble.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE - At Coffeyville, Kansas - Will locate and interview Mrs. E.C. (Bessie) Willett, sister of Floyd Brown, as requested in report of reference, for any information she might have regarding subjects.

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

St. Louis FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/1/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4, 21/38	REPORT MADE BY G. B. MORRIS GBM:C
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. Kate Murdock, mother of Theodore Murdock, and Evelyn Tetley, cousin of Theo. Murdock, both residing St. Louis, Mo., were advised of fugitive status of both subjects. They stated that they have no information regarding plans formulated by subjects to escape nor as to their whereabouts and that no contact has been made by subjects with them.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated at San Francisco, Calif., 12/28/37.

DETAILS:

At Saint Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Kate Murdock, 1542 Benton Street, St. Louis, Mo., mother of Theodore Murdock, and Evelyn Tetley, 4930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., cousin of Theodore Murdock, were interviewed and they stated that they had been corresponding with Murdock while he was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz and did not know that he had been transferred from Alcatraz to the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, where he is to serve an one-year sentence. They stated that he had never mentioned the names of the subjects in this case in his correspondence and that they have not been contacted by either of the subjects, know nothing of them and feel certain that no contact will be made by subjects with them.

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Mrs. Murdock and Evelyn Tetley were advised that both subjects are fugitives and that Federal warrants have been issued for their arrest. They promised that they would immediately advise the St. Louis Office in the event they receive any information concerning the whereabouts of subjects. They also stated that Theodore Murdock did not furnish them with any information regarding plans made by subjects to escape.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-26-38	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. M. T. Pettyjohn left Ballinger, Texas, January 9, 1938, for Watsonville, California to work in a Beauty Shop. Her mailing address is Box 492, Watsonville, California.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37; Letter from San Francisco Field Division, dated 1-8-38.

Details:

The writer interviewed Sheriff W. A. Holt, Ballinger, Texas, who stated that he did not know a Mrs. M. T. Pettyjohn in Ballinger, nor did he know anyone using the aliases of Mrs. Pettyjohn.

Mr. Tom Caudle, Postmaster, Ballinger, upon interview and after referring to his records, stated that Post Office Box 381 is rented to T. M. Marsh, a resident of Ballinger for past 30 years and a good substantial citizen.

Mrs. T. M. Marsh, Ballinger, was interviewed and she stated that Mrs. M. T. Pettyjohn is her daughter by a former marriage; that Mrs. Pettyjohn's home is in Watsonville, California, and that she came to Texas in November 1937 for a visit to be near Mrs. Hardy of San Saba, another daughter of Mrs. Marsh, who gave birth to a baby a short time ago; that Mrs. Pettyjohn did take the State examination for beauty operators while in Texas but that she did not open a shop while here; that Mrs. Pettyjohn returned to Watsonville, California on January 9, this year, and stated that she was going to return to work in a beauty shop in Watsonville.

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Mrs. Marsh stated that she has a sister by the name of Mrs. Red Pool who resides in Los Angeles, California and that Mrs. Pool and her child accompanied Mrs. Pettyjohn to Texas and that they all returned together.

Mrs. Marsh stated that Mrs. Pettyjohn's husband was sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary in 1935 after he was convicted for participation in the \$72,000 mail robbery at Fort Worth, Texas, in which case O. D. Stevens was also convicted; that about this time Pettyjohn was bootlegging whiskey and that Stevens was a customer of Pettyjohn and that this was their only connection; that she does not believe her son-in-law is guilty of the offense for which he was convicted.

Mrs. Marsh stated that her daughter does not know any of the inmates of Alcatraz prison and knows none of their relatives.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At Watsonville, California: Will interview Mrs. M. T. Pettyjohn as requested in report of reference.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-297

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 2/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/13,24/38	REPORT MADE BY W. R. LORRY
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. Louis (Violet) Moretsky, 2545 Taylor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, maintains regular correspondence with Subject Roe's brother James and Wanda Stuke, who are living together at Hobbs, New Mexico, where James W. Roe is working for the International Supply Company. Mrs. Moretsky submits letter of December 20, 1937, from Jim and Wanda, which indicates both hope Ralph's escape was successful. Letter forwarded to El Paso Office. Moretskys do not know Ralph Roe. Bernard N. Blostein, now operating the Kozloff Wholesale Fish Company, Detroit, knew James W. Roe only casually several years ago and offered to give him employment at Moretsky's request. Bernard N. Blostein does not know Ralph W. Roe.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/28/37.

San Francisco Office letter dated 12/29/37.

El Paso Office telegram dated 1/7/38.

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DETAILS:

Interview was had with MRS. LOUIS (VIOLET) MORETSKY,
2545 Taylor Avenue, Apartment 405, Detroit, Michigan.

She stated that she was born and raised in Kansas City and that her husband and his parents had lived there for a number of years. They were married there about seven years ago and lived there until April, four years ago, when they moved to Detroit. While living in Kansas City, Mrs. Moretsky had a girlfriend who knew James W. Roe, and she and her husband met James Roe about six or seven times in Kansas City. At that time Jim was engaged in bootlegging.

Neither of the Moretskys have ever met Ralph Roe, nor have they any information regarding him.

Mrs. Moretsky further stated that after they moved to Detroit they maintained correspondence with Jim Roe and that they regard themselves as very intimate friends of Jim and his girlfriend, WANDA STUKEY. It was as a result of this friendship that her husband endeavored to secure employment for Jim Roe so that he could obtain his parole from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Moretsky had met Bernard N. Blostein, who was a partner in the United Fish Distributors, Incorporated, Detroit, and knew that Blostein used a number of trucks to haul fish from Canada to Detroit and from Detroit to Chicago. He therefore contacted Blostein, who agreed to give Jim Roe a job as a truck driver upon his release.

The Moretskys know that Wanda is not married to Jim Roe, but feel that she is good for him in that she is aiding him to live a legitimate and decent life and earn an honest livelihood. Mrs. Moretsky stated that Jim and Wanda are trying to go straight and that she feels sure that they would not do anything that might involve them in a violation of the law.

The Moretskys received a letter from Jim and Wanda shortly before Christmas, 1937, which contained a clipping regarding the escape of Subjects from Alcatraz, and after a search Mrs. Moretsky found this letter and gave it to Agent.

This letter is being forwarded to the El Paso Office with its copies of this report for its use in connection with any interview that may be had with James W. Roe.

This letter, which is dated December 20, 1937, at Hobbs, New Mexico, is written on stationery of the International Supply Company, and contains personal items of no value in this investigation, with the exception of the following paragraphs. The following paragraph is taken from the portion of the letter written by Jim Roe:

"I suppose you have read the paper about Ralph. It will be pretty tough for him I'm afraid. I sure hope the kid gets a break but it looks like all the odds are against him."

The following paragraph appears in the part of the letter written by Wanda:

"Sure have been worried about Jim's brother. I hope he gets away, if for even a few days. Will sure be tough if they do catch him. He hasn't much to lose either way."

Mrs. Moretsky showed Agent an earlier letter, dated December 3, 1937, from Wanda Stuke to Mrs. Moretsky, which letter contained no mention of Ralph Roe. In this letter Wanda stated that Jim hoped to get a divorce from his wife, in which event she hopes that he will marry her. Inasmuch as this letter contained nothing of any value to this case, it was not obtained.

Mr. Moretsky is employed as a shipper in the Export Department of the Ford Motor Company. His brother, BENJAMIN MORETSKY, 1934 Seward Avenue, Detroit, is only casually acquainted with James W. Roe, having met him several years ago, and does not maintain any correspondence with him.

Mrs. Moretsky advised that her husband could not offer any information other than what she had given inasmuch as she is the one who maintains the correspondence with Jim and Wanda.

She offered to assist the Bureau in every way possible in connection with this matter, and stated that she will advise the Detroit Office should she receive any further communication from Jim or Wanda wherein mention is made of Subject Ralph Roe. However, in view of her admitted intimate friendship with Jim and Wanda, it is doubtful whether she would advise the Bureau should Jim write anything of a damaging character.

Interview was had with MR. BERNARD N. BLOSTEIN, who has left the United Fish Distributors, and now operates the Kozloff Wholesale Fish Company at 1354 Division Avenue, Detroit, and whose residence is 1939 Tuxedo, Detroit. He advised that he had met Jim Roe about eight or nine years ago in St. Louis and Kansas City, at which time Blostein was in the fruit market business. Jim, at that time, was bootlegging and Blostein knew him but casually for about two months, after which Blostein came to Detroit. He has not heard from Jim Roe since he came to Detroit and he has never known any other member of the Roe family, including the Subject.

He recalls Mr. Moretsky talking to him some time ago about giving Jim Roe a job should Jim be successful in obtaining his release on parole. Mr. Blostein was unable to give any information of any value in connection with Jim Roe or his brother Ralph.

No lead is being set forth for the El Paso Office to interview James W. Roe and Wanda Stukekey inasmuch as a complete file in the instant case is not presently in the possession of the Detroit Office and this matter is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

ENCLOSURES: To EL PASO OFFICE: (1) Envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moretsky, 2545 Taylor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, postmarked at Hobbs, New Mexico on December 21, 1937.
(2) Letter written to the Moretskys by Jim Roe and Wanda Stukekey, dated December 20, 1937, at Hobbs, New Mexico.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DETROIT OFFICE:

At FLINT, MICHIGAN, will interview Judy Murdock, 3219 Gray Avenue, and Mrs. Thomas Kitchen, 3219 Gray Avenue, respectively, the wife and mother-in-law of Theodore Murdock, who was formerly incarcerated at Alcatraz Island.

At MILAN, MICHIGAN, will interview Theodore Murdock, who was transferred to the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, to serve a one year sentence, on December 26, 1937.

These leads are set forth in connection with the information reflected on pages fourteen and fifteen of the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea dated December 28, 1937, at San Francisco, California.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/8,14,21,31/38	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY
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:

Amon Pierce, former inmate of Alcatraz, interviewed at Idabel, Okla., and stated does not know Roe and knows Cole only slightly; that he has no knowledge of any planning of the escape of subjects. John Hickey, uncle of Subject Roe, residing near Duncan, Okla., promises cooperation in the apprehension of Roe and Cole. Dick Coffrin left Hartshorne, Okla., and is now said to be living in Atwater, Calif. Mrs. Ernest Taylor now married to Corbit Lane, and living in vicinity of Antlers, Okla. Marie Blackwell living near Ardmore, Okla., and she promises her cooperation in the apprehension of subjects.

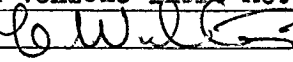
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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, 12/17/37; Special Agent W. L. Listemann, Kansas City, 12/28/37; Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, 12/28/37; Special Agent W. E. Miller, Phoenix, 12/23/37.

DETAILS:

Amon Pierce, who was inmate #312-AZ, confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island and released on conditional release June 24, 1937, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Idabel, Oklahoma for the theft and interstate transportation of a stolen automobile. Amon Pierce was interviewed on January 8, 1938 at the Sheriff's Office, Idabel, by Special Agent C. O. Hurt. Pierce stated he is not acquainted with Ralph Roe, and knows Theodore Cole only slightly. Pierce stated he has no knowledge of anyone planning the escape of subjects from Alcatraz, and can not furnish any information concerning their escape. Amon Pierce at the time of the interview was made the subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case, Pierce being charged in the Eastern District

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of Oklahoma with interstate transportation of a stolen Buick Sedan from Idabel, Oklahoma to Ashdown, Arkansas on January 1, 1938.

On January 8, 1938 Special Agent D. A. Bryce, accompanied by Undersheriff Roy Waldrip of Duncan, Oklahoma, contacted Mr. John Hickey, an uncle of Subject Roe, at his residence three miles east and two miles north of Duncan. Mr. Hickey stated he had practically reared Ralph Roe since infancy, stating he had spent considerable time and money in an effort to help Roe out of trouble; that Roe had always been in considerable trouble due to the fact that he has been a thief all his life. Mr. Hickey stated he does not believe either Roe or Cole, if they have successfully effected their escape, from Alcatraz Island, would come to his home, inasmuch as he had had some trouble with Roe shortly before Roe's arrest for bank robbery and his subsequent confinement in the United States Penitentiary.

Mr. Hickey stated that should either Roe or Cole make their appearance at his home, and it was possible for him to do so without endangering his own life as well as that of Mrs. Hickey, he would notify the Sheriff's Office at Duncan, furnishing them with the information, in order that it might be transmitted to the Oklahoma City Division. Mr. Hickey stated that should he obtain any information whatsoever in any form regarding Ralph Roe, he would immediately communicate with Undersheriff Roy Waldrip, who is his personal friend, and Mr. Waldrip could in turn pass the information to the Oklahoma City Division.

Mr. Roy Waldrip advised Agent Bryce that he is of the opinion John Hickey possibly would not notify the Sheriff's Office if he should obtain information regarding Roe's whereabouts; however, he felt quite sure that Mr. Hickey would not permit either Roe or Cole to remain at his, Hickey's, home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey were advised by Agent Bryce of the fact that a warrant is outstanding for the apprehension of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. Hickey were warned against harboring either of these individuals.

With reference to the report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, Kansas City, December 23, 1937, it was ascertained by Special Agent W. E. Hopton at Tulsa, Oklahoma that Ralph Roe and Jimmy Roe are better known to George Carver than any other member of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

George Carver advised Agent Hopton that he had heard at one time that Jimmy Roe had a cabin either at Lake Tansycomo or the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, but he had no idea where it might be located, and has never conducted any investigation to determine whether he did in fact own a cabin in that region. Mr. Carver indicated that this was more or less hearsay or rumor.

George Carver further advised that Roe is known to Captain Pennington, of the Wichita, Kansas Police Department, and James V. Gaylor, a special agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who resides at the McClellan Hotel in Wichita. Carver also advised Agent Hopton that in his estimation one of the best contacts Roe ever had was one George Turner, who was in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas with Roe and has been a contact for outstanding criminals at various times in the past.

It may be stated that George Turner is known to Special Agents B. Tom Carter and W. E. Hopton, and has been and is presently engaged in auto recovery work for several finance companies in Tulsa. Turner has called at the Resident Agent's office in Tulsa several times in the past few months. On January 3, 1938 Turner called in person at the Resident Agent's office at Tulsa, at which time the Roe and Cole case was discussed, as well as other topics, and at that time Turner said he had received no definite information that subjects were successful in their escape, but that it is his own opinion they did probably make it. He stated that Ralph Roe is well known to him, as they were formerly good friends and they were in Leavenworth together; that in his opinion the one inmate at Alcatraz who would know all about this case is Jack Lloyd, who was Roe's most trusted friend; that he is somewhat doubtful whether Ralph Roe would contact his brother, Jimmy Roe, but that Jimmy may possibly give him some assistance. Turner said he had recently talked with Jimmy Roe in connection with their travels, and there was nothing said indicating that Jimmy had been in touch with Ralph. He advised that he knows very little about Ted Cole, except to mention that Cole is not nearly as clever as Roe.

Turner further expressed a desire to cooperate with Agents Carter and Hopton in every way, and stated that in the event he should receive any information concerning the subjects in this case, he would immediately contact either Agent Carter or the Resident Agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On the evening of January 6, 1938 "Dutch" Tolbert, Deputy

United States Marshal at Tulsa, advised Agent Hopton that a woman informant of his, who is a close friend of Mrs. George Turner, advised him that she had been drinking with Mrs. Turner on the night of January 5, 1938, and that Mrs. Turner had indicated to her that Ralph Roe had contacted George Turner since his escape from Alcatraz, and that it appeared the contact may have been made in the vicinity of Tulsa. Holbert stated he had requested his informant to keep in close touch with Mrs. Turner, in order that she may secure additional information in this case. Later Holbert telephoned Agent Hopton, and advised that his informant had told him that she had again been with Mrs. Turner, at which time Mrs. Turner told her that her husband and Ralph Roe had been in touch with each other subsequent to Roe's escape from Alcatraz, and it appeared from her conversation the contact may have taken place somewhere in the west or southwest part of the United States.

It appears to Agent Hopton that there is a possibility someone may have mistaken Jimmy Roe for Ralph Roe, or it may have been wrongfully concluded that Turner had contacted Ralph Roe, when in fact he had met Jimmy Roe, as reflected above.

Mr. Holbert was requested to keep in close touch with his informant, and to advise the Resident Agent at Tulsa of any developments.

In an effort to locate Dick Coffrin of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, who was with Subject Ralph Roe when he was arrested at Bill's Camp Ground with Jack Lloyd on the outskirts of Clayton, Oklahoma on October 4, 1934, Postmaster J. W. Blair at Clayton, Oklahoma was interviewed by Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, and he advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Postmaster Blair thought they were living in the vicinity of Antlers, Oklahoma, but he did not have their address.

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Agent Buchanan interviewed Deputy Sheriff Charley Land, of Clayton, Oklahoma, who advised that he was the officer who arrested Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd at Bill's Camp Ground near Clayton in October, 1934 for the robbery of the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma, and that [redacted] was his informant. She advised him that Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd were there and that they were the two men who had robbed the Sulphur bank. Deputy Sheriff Land stated that at that time [redacted] was not acquainted with Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd, but that they had arrived at the camp and informed her they were friends of [redacted] and [redacted] had told them this place was a good place to hide out if they ever needed to do so. Mr. Land stated he was sure if Cole and Roe should

return to Oklahoma, they would not contact [redacted] as she was not acquainted with them.

Special Agent W. L. Buchanan interviewed Chief of Police Bob Bookout, Hartshorne, Oklahoma, who advised that he is well acquainted with Dick Coffrin, and that Coffrin left Hartshorne, Oklahoma shortly after he was turned loose at the time Roe was arrested in October, 1934, and that Coffrin had gone to California. Mr. Bookout advised that he had recently received information that Coffrin was living at Atwater, California, a small town in Merced County, near Los Angeles. Mr. Bookout stated he was not acquainted with Ernest Taylor, and did not know anything about his whereabouts at this time.

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Agent Buchanan checked the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, but was unable to locate a record on [redacted]

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. B. Lyerson, San Francisco, January 7, 1938, wherein on page sixteen, fourth paragraph, there is set forth that Junior Officer Walter F. Peterson, Alcatraz Penitentiary, mentioned that one Rowan had the confidence of the inmates, but for some weeks prior to the escape of Roe and Cole and a week or two subsequent thereto Rowan was away from Alcatraz due to a broken leg. The San Francisco Division is being requested to immediately ascertain the identity of Rowan and interview him.

Special Agent C. O. Hurt located Marie Blackwell at the Pajarillo Club, two miles south of Ardmore, Oklahoma, where she is employed as a hostess. She stated that she first met Ralph Roe through Jack Lloyd, whom she had known most of her life due to the fact that she and Lloyd were both reared in the vicinity of Ardmore. Marie Blackwell said she started to keep company with Ralph Roe soon after meeting him, and went with him up to the time he was apprehended and sent to the penitentiary; that after Ralph was incarcerated in the penitentiary they corresponded until Roe was taken to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, at which time the correspondence ceased due to the fact that she could not hear from Ralph Roe. She stated she thought a lot of Ralph Roe and was in love with him, but due to the fact that Ralph had several women on the string she could not trust him; that she believed that if Ralph Roe was successful in his escape, he would think too much of her to contact her and put her on the spot on a harboring charge. Marie Blackwell stated, however, that rather than take a chance of being arrested for harboring, if Ralph Roe appeared or she heard from him by mail or any

other way, she would notify Deputy Sheriff Lathrop at Ardmore, whom she had known all her life; that she believes Jim Lathrop would give her a square deal.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Lathrop was present during the interview with Marie Blackwell, and he is a very active officer in and around Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mr. Lathrop stated he is well acquainted with Marie Blackwell and her mother, who reside at 709 E Street, S. E., Ardmore; that if Marie Blackwell contacts him at any time with information relative to Roe, he will immediately notify the Oklahoma City Division long distance telephone, collect. Mr. Lathrop stated Marie Blackwell is a pretty fast woman, and has had many connections with bank robbers and other violators; that Marie Blackwell has the reputation of not squealing on anybody, and if she promises to do anything she will generally do it; that Marie first married a boy at Ardmore, and later married a man by the name of Jim Frame at Ponca City, where Marie was then operating a beauty parlor; that Jim Frame was an oil man, dealing in leases and royalties, and he was quite successful in his business dealings; that he accumulated some money, but about the time he accumulated the money he divorced Marie, and married another woman; that Marie then married a man by the name of Blackwell, but his now divorced from him, and she resides with her mother in Ardmore.

For the information of the record, Marie Blackwell is described as follows:

Name	MARIE BLACKWELL
Age	38
Height	5', 6"
Weight	125
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Build	Slender
	High cheek bones
Nationality	Part Indian

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Wichita, Kansas, is requested to interview Captain

Pennington, of the Wichita Police Department, and James V. Gaylor, special agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, residence McClellan Hotel, for any information they may possess concerning the subjects of this case.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Atwater, California, will locate Dick Coffrin, a former resident of Hartsome, Oklahoma, and interview him thoroughly, obtaining any information of value he may possess concerning the subjects which may aid in their apprehension. Coffrin should be thoroughly questioned as to any contacts of Subject Roe, it not being known at this time whether Coffrin is acquainted with Subject Cole.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Alcatraz Island, will ascertain the identity of the one Rowan, mentioned by Junior Officer Walter F. Peterson as a person who had the confidence of the inmates at Alcatraz Penitentiary, and interview this man Rowan thoroughly for any information he may possess or have obtained relative to the escape of Subjects Roe and Cole.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Antlers, Oklahoma, will locate, through the Postmaster and Police Department, Mrs. Corbit Lane, formerly Mrs. Ernest Taylor of Clayton, Oklahoma, and interview Mrs. Corbit Lane regarding the present whereabouts of her former husband, Ernest Taylor, and the name of the penitentiary where he was confined, as well as any information she may possess concerning the association of Ernest Taylor with Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with Deputy United States Marshal "Dutch" Holbert relative to George Turner and Mrs. Turner, and will consider the advisability of openly interviewing George Turner relative to his contacts with Jimmy Roe and his alleged contact with Ralph Roe since Roe's escape.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Omaha, Nebraska	DATE WHEN MADE 2-3-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27, 29/38	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD TMH
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:

Neither Mrs. Sarah Butterfield, nor her son, Clyde Hawk, Omaha, Nebraska, have any information relative to Subjects. Mrs. Marie Harper, Omaha, likewise advises she has no information concerning Subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, December 28, 1937.

DETAILS:

At Omaha, Nebraska

Mrs. Marie Harper, 823 South 42nd Street, who is the mother of FRANCIS HARPER, No. 283 AZ, was interviewed. According to reference report, Francis Harper was known to be on friendly terms with Subjects ROE and COLE. Mrs. Harper advised that the last time she saw her son, Francis Harper, was at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, which was several years ago, and since he has been transferred to the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, she has not made a trip to this place as it involved too much expense and from present indications it appears that it will be several years before she is again able to visit him.

Mrs. Harper advised that she writes to her son every week and receives frequent letters from him, but in none of his letters did he

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ever mention the Subjects of this case or anything concerning their escape, and it appears to her such information could not be written in letters as it would be crossed out by the prison officials.

Mrs. Harper stated she had read in the newspapers of the escape of ROE and COLE but, of course, these individuals are unknown to her and if either of them should come to her home, they could not gain entrance as she has had enough of convicts.

Mrs. Harper advised that she is very careful of what information she incorporates in her letters to her son and outside of encouraging him and occasionally furnishing him with information in regard to members of the family, her letters contain no other subject matter.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mrs. Harper advised she would not jeopardize her son's possibilities of sometime receiving a parole in the future, by entertaining any individuals who come out of Alcatraz Island.

Mrs. Sarah Butterfield, mother of Henry Hawk, No. 333 AZ, who is seventy-six years of age, was interviewed at her home located at 36th and Sahler Streets, in Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Butterfield advised that she is presently separated from William M. Butterfield, eighty-two years of age, to whom she has been married for fifteen years, and he is residing in some rooming house in Omaha, address unknown to her, as she has not seen him since April, 1937.

Mrs. Butterfield stated that in November, 1937, Sheriff John Hopkins, of Omaha, went to Alcatraz Island and returned her son, HENRY HAWK to the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska, to begin serving a life sentence for first degree murder; that a few weeks ago, Bennie Barone drove her in his car to Lincoln and she visited with her son for the first time since he arrived in Nebraska.

It will be noted HAWK was released from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz November 26, 1937, prior to the escape of the Subjects. Mrs. Butterfield advised that during the conversation she had with her son, Henry Hawk, he made no reference to either of these Subjects, neither did he speak about the escape of these individuals.

Mrs. Butterfield, whose memory is somewhat impaired due to her age, advised that Mrs. Cora Hawk, wife of Henry Hawk, is residing

someplace in Chicago, but her address is unknown to her; however, her son would be able to furnish this information. She stated she has not seen her son's wife for over fifteen years.

Mrs. Butterfield stated it is very unlikely that either Subject would call on her as she has nothing to offer them and resides in a shack with her son, Clyde Hawk, who is forty years of age, and neither she nor Clyde Hawk would receive them, and if they should call on her, she will notify this field office.

Clyde Hawk was interviewed at the home of his mother. He is unmarried and several fingers of his left hand are missing. Clyde Hawk said he never was in sympathy with the criminal activities of his brother, Henry Hawk, and the last time he saw him was approximately four years ago, in Omaha, at the County Jail, at which time Henry Hawk was awaiting final disposition of the Federal charges filed against him for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; that subsequent to this time, he has never seen his brother, nor has he corresponded with him. Mr. Hawk advised that one of the reasons he did not correspond with Henry Hawk was because of the fact that he, Clyde, is almost illiterate and it is with great difficulty he is able to write. Mr. Hawk informed the writer that neither Subject is known to him and the only information he has received regarding them was when he overheard some individuals in South Omaha speaking about the escape of ROE and COLE. He stated if he ever, through any source, receives information regarding these Subjects, he will immediately telephone the Omaha Field Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA FIELD DIVISION: At Lincoln, Nebraska, will interview HENRY HAWK at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, for any information he may have received which would be helpful in locating Subjects, and obtain from him the address of his wife, Mrs. Cora Hawk, so that she may be interviewed.

Likewise, interview Robert A. Nelson, 310 Federal Securities Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, with whom Hawk corresponded while he was confined at Alcatraz.

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REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 2-3-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-21.23-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. CHITELY TCH
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:

Bryan Conway, former convict in Alcatraz, left Lawrenceburg, Tenn. on 1-20-38 and is reported to have gone Houston, Texas with another ex-convict by the name of Flannigan.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37.

DETAILS:

AT LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE:

Agent contacted Chief of Police Ed Holt, who advised that he had seen Bryan Conway in Lawrenceburg on 1-20-38 and that Conway was living at the home of Frank Busby and his wife in Lawrenceburg. The Chief stated that he was well acquainted with the Busbys; that they bore a poor reputation in town but that he often received valuable information from them. Chief Holt accompanied Agent to the home of Frank Busby and ascertained from another family living there that the Busbys had gone to Columbia, Tennessee for the week end and that they didn't know whether or not Conway had gone with them.

Chief Holt advised that Conway had only been in Lawrenceburg for a short time and that he associated with an ex-convict from Memphis, Tennessee by the name of Flannigan. He also advised that Conway and Flannigan had shot up a roadhouse known as Rattlers Rest in Maury County and that they had both been placed in the county jail at Columbia, Tennessee and had only returned to Lawrenceburg a few days prior to Agents visit.

On Monday, January 23, 1938, Agent, accompanied by Chief Holt, interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Frank Busby at which time they advised that Conway had not gone to Columbia with them and that before they left town he told them that he

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was going to Houston, Texas with Flannigan to operate a restaurant which Flannigan's mother was supposed to have owned. The Busbys could furnish no information as to where in Houston, Conway could be located and they said that they were not at all sure that Conway was actually going to Texas. They stated that Conway has a cousin in Lawrenceburg by the name of Joe Conway and that he would be the most likely one to have any information as to where Conway was going. They also stated that Conway's mother, Mary Conway, lived at Jonesboro Arkansas and they did not know whether Conway would stop and see her or not.

Agent interviewed Joe Conway at his place of employment, the Sunshine Grocery Co. and he advised that he had seen Bryan on 1-21-38 and that Bryan said that he was leaving town. He did not say where he was going and Joe did not ask him as he thought that if Bryan wanted him to know, he would have volunteered the information. Joe said that he had just come back from Bryan's grandfather's house and that he knew that Bryan was not there nor did he know where Bryan was. He said that Bryan had said something about going to Texas with Flannigan to run a restaurant which Flannigan's mother had in Houston, but he did not know if this is where Bryan went or not. He stated that Bryan never contacts any of his other relatives in Tennessee and since his release from Alcatraz, has spent most of his time in and around Lawrenceburg with the exception of his jail sentence in Columbia.

Joe Conway said that he did not know whether or not Bryan would contact his mother in Jonesboro, Arkansas but that she was the most likely one of his relatives he would communicate with.

Chief Holt made numerous inquiries at the pool halls and beer joints in Lawrenceburg on both January 21, and 23 but could find no one who had seen Conway on either of these two days. The Chief promised to re-contact the Busbys and said that he would immediately advise the Memphis Office if he received any word concerning the present location of Conway.

If Conway is not located through his mother at Jonesboro, Arkansas Conway's other relatives living in Tennessee will be contacted in an effort to locate him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION, at Jonesboro, Arkansas: will locate and interview Mrs. Mary Conway, mother of Bryan Conway, ex-convict from Alcatraz, regarding his present whereabouts in order that he may be interviewed as requested in reference report. If Conway cannot be located through his mother the exact addresses of his other relatives should be ascertained from her in order that they may be interviewed with the view of locating Conway.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
New York City, New York

RALEIGH ROE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL. BPP. JOHN PAUL CHASE EMPLOYED IN
BLACKSMITH SHOP WITH COLE AT TIME ESCAPE NOW IN CUSTODY USM NEWYORKCITY
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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

REV:PS

February 8, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: RALPH HOE with aliases-FUGITIVE, LT AL.
Escaped Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram received today in the above matter, in which you request that JOHN PAUL CHASE be immediately interviewed.

For your information, CHASE has now been returned to Alcatraz Prison, having left here Friday, February 4, 1938. However, the matter is being brought to the attention of the San Francisco Office, and for the information of the latter office, the Oklahoma City Office wired the New York Office as follows:

" RALPH HOE WAS FUGITIVE ETAL LEP. JOHN PAUL CHASE EMPLOYED IN BLACKSMITH SHOP WITH HOE AT TIME ESCAPE NOW IN CUSTODY USM NEWYORKCITY AS WITNESS IN MAIL FRAUD CASE INVOLVING WM. McKAY. IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW CHASE AS TO PLANS FORMULATED ON THE ISLAND RELATIVE TO THIS CASE."

The San Francisco Office will therefore conduct the necessary interview, provided same is possible.

Very truly yours,

R. D. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

As a result of the Bureau's investigation into the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, Special Agents of the Bureau have offered two suggestions which I desire to transmit to you for appropriate consideration in connection with the administration of the penitentiary.

A suggestion has been made by Bureau Agents that mechanical recording devices be installed in order to make a permanent record of all visitors' conversations with prisoners. The present method of permitting a visitor to converse with a prisoner is no doubt modern in every respect since it is impossible for the visitor to hand any articles to the prisoner. It is noted that a guard stands by the side of the prisoner while an additional guard stands by the visitor during the interview, and that the conversation is carried on through a system of glass baffle plates. Microphones are installed at the interview windows which conduct the conversation into the guards' office. Bureau Agents feel that persons who have been constantly associated with each other for a long period of time could carry on a conversation in such terms that the conversation would arouse no suspicion as far as the guards are concerned. It is suggested, therefore, that sound recording devices be installed in such a manner that there will be recorded permanently on records all conversations between prisoners and visitors. In view of the small number of visitors to the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary and the fact that microphones are already installed in vantage points to pick up the conversation between prisoners and visitors, it is not believed that the cost of this installation would be excessive.

The Special Agents conducting this investigation have further suggested that a change be made in the administrative rules so that whenever a prisoner is reported as missing the Coast Guard will be immediately notified. I am advised that the present rule is that when a guard or junior officer observes that a prisoner is missing, he must immediately notify the Warden's Office before entering into any search whatsoever. I understand that the purpose of this is to insure an immediate search of the entire island by the complete personnel of the institution, permitting a preliminary search by one individual. I believe that this is an excellent rule, which was proven during the recent escape, but it is suggested further that the rule be extended to include a

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provision that whenever a check discloses a prisoner is missing, the Coast Guard Station immediately across the bay from Alcatraz Island be notified.

These suggestions are submitted to you for any attention which you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

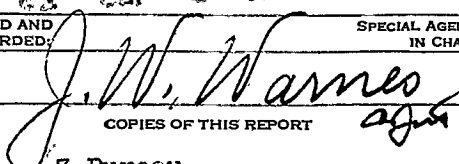
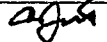
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FILE NO. **76-85** **LD**

REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/9/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7,8,10/38	REPORT MADE BY CARL J. MARTIN
TITLE RALPH ROE, wa - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, wa - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Alleged relatives of subject Cole, Edward and Benjamin Pistell or Pittesell, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y. now claimed to be residing 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On January 7, 1938 Detective Richard J. Conroy, Homicide Squad, Buffalo Police Department, advised that confidential information had been transmitted to him that there had formerly resided in Buffalo, N.Y. persons who were believed to be related to subject Theodore Cole. The names of these parties were furnished Detective Conroy as Edward and Benjamin Pistell or Pittesell and were supposed to be father and son although which was which was unknown. They resided, according to Conroy's informant at the Hyde Park Apartments, 196 North Street, Buffalo, N.Y., moving therefrom on November 22, 1934 to 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, California.</p> <p>Mr. Frederick O. Meyer, Buffalo Trust Branch, Marine Trust Company, Rand Building, Buffalo, N.Y. advised that he has been Receiver for this apartment building since 1932 as well as Resident Manager and that he recalls no one by the name of Pistell or Pittesell having resided there in that time and that he would have recalled that name as he has a friend by the name of Tony Pistell engaged in the stock brokerage business in Buffalo.</p>			
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Post Office Inspector Louis J. Brennan caused a search to be made of the change of address records and advised there appears a change of address recorded for Viola Pistell dated 11/9/35 indicating a change of address from 196 North Street, the Hyde Park Apartments, to 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, Calif. This woman is apparently a member of the family or related to the persons whose names were given to Conroy.

No criminal record is on file for Viola, Edward or Benjamin Pistell or Pittesell with the record bureau of the Buffalo Police Department.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA will conduct investigation at 1240 Havenhurst, interviewing persons by the name of Pistell and ascertain if they are related to subject Theodore Cole and for any other information they may have.

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

FILE NO. **76-72**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-9-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-6-38	REPORT MADE BY J. D. SULLIVAN
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:

Angelo George Paris located at Claremont, N.H. Penal Farm, where he is serving 90 days for fighting. Paris advises he knew both Subjects in jail, but has never heard them say anything about a jail break. Paris gave an outline of a way which he thought a person might break out of Alcatraz, which is being forwarded to the office of origin.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. W. Arms, Newark, dated 1-28-38.

DETAILS:

AT CLAREMONT, N. H.

Angelo George Paris was interviewed at the Claremont Penal Farm, where he is presently incarcerated serving 90 days for fighting. Paris stated that he had been released from Alcatraz on April 13, 1937, which was a long time prior to the escape of the Subjects in this case, but that he knew both of them by sight.

Paris stated that Cole was at one time doing orderly work in the cell block where he stayed when he was not working, and that

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during this time he had talked with him several times, but the only thing he could remember was that Cole had asked him what kind of a town New York was to live in, and that he had told him that it was a good place to hide and keep out of trouble. Paris further advised that Cole was continually in trouble because he was always talking when they were in their cells, which was against the rules, and that for this, Cole spent most of his time in Solitary (The Hole). Paris also advised that Cole seemed to be suffering with some stomach ailment, as he seemed to be sick most of the time.

With reference to Subject Roe, Paris advised that he knew that he worked in the Mat Shop, but had never talked to him.

Paris was then asked if he had ever heard any of the prisoners talking about how they could escape. He stated that he had heard them many times mention jumping the fence behind the Model Shop where the fence is low, that the probability of being seen was small, and that after getting over the fence one could jump off into deep water. Paris stated that this was the place where old tire treads were thrown over. Paris executed a rough sketch of this area, to which the writer added the names of the places as dictated by Paris. This sketch is being forwarded to the office of origin with this report.

Paris was advised of the fugitive status of these men, and that the Bureau wanted them, and he stated that he would call the Boston Field Office if he learned anything about their whereabouts.

Enclosure for Oklahoma City Field Division

- 1 Rough sketch of section of Alcatraz Island

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-5-38	REPORT MADE BY E.C. Dorris jfn
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: James Roe, brother of subject Roe, emphatically denies having received any information relative to subject Roe and denies that he has been to San Francisco, Calif., which statement he substantiates by documentary evidence. The identity of Mrs. Otis (Clara Belle) Swan not determined as yet.

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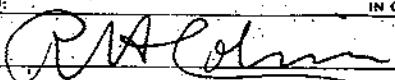
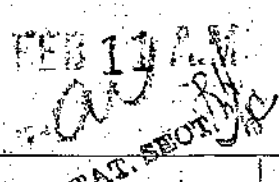
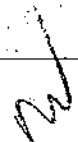
REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy dated 12-22-37 at Oklahoma City; TWX from the Kansas City Office 1-21-38.

DETAILS: AT HOBBS, N.M.:-

Reference teletype indicates that through an informant information had been received that James Roe had recently been in San Francisco, Calif.; and that Wanda Stukeley was keeping the store during his absence.

James Roe was located and interviewed at the International Supply Co. When confronted with the information indicating he was in San Francisco, Calif., recently, James Roe emphatically denied this was the case. He advised he had been steadily working in Hobbs since the escape of his brother, with the exception of one trip to Wink, Tex. and one to El Paso, Tex., the former for two days and the latter for four days. James Roe still insisted that he did not believe his brother had managed to get away from Alcatraz, but was drowned in trying to cross the channel between the island and the mainland.

James Roe offered as documentary evidence that he had not been outside of Hobbs, N.M., several charge order blanks which record the sales of some items by the International Supply Co. to customers. These sales records are maintained in bound books, with fixed sheets, and there is no way by which they could be taken out of the books and replaced. A search was made through several of these order

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books from the date of the escape of subject, 12-16-37, through and including 2-1-38. It was noted that James Roe was present and on duty, as indicated by the fact that he was the salesman, with the exception of the following days on which his name was not signed to any orders: From 12-23 to 12-26 inclusive, during which time Roe stated he was in El Paso, Tex., which trip has been verified and during which it is known he placed a note in the office of U.S. Probation Officer Henry Clifton who was not at his office in El Paso when Roe called upon him. No signature of Roe appears on any order during January 9, January 16, January 22 and 23. It is noted that the first two dates are Sundays and Roe advises he was only at the warehouse for may be two or three hours on each Sunday and during this time there was no merchandise sold. He explained that the two days absence on January 22 and 23 was when he went to Wink, Tex. for his birthday and where he visited his former boss, Mr. John W. Price, who is Manager of the Wink International Supply Co. store.

James Roe advised that none of his employers at Hobbs was acquainted with the fact that he had been in the penitentiary. He was of the opinion that if this information was learned he would immediately lose his job, and he did not know where he could secure another one. He advised that if he were required to quit this job, he was going back to finish the unexpired portion of his penitentiary sentence in order that he could tell Bureau officers and others to "go to hell," as he did not like to be hounded or persecuted by them and he realized that they could only do so because he had an unfinished sentence to complete. Before the interview was terminated, however, Roe seemed to change his attitude, as it was explained to him that it just had to be determined whether or not he had any information as to his brother's escape. The search of the sales book, as above reported, was made during the absence of the local manager and other employees who were all at lunch. This was done in order to show Roe the consideration he requested in order that he would not run the risk of being discharged. He seemed to be grateful for this favor.

Inquiries were made of local officers at Hobbs as to the identity of Mrs. Otis (Clara Belle) Swan, and although the name seemed to be familiar to these officers, they could not advise where she was located or just who she actually was. At this time, as Agent was called back to El Paso, no further inquiries were made.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE EL PASO OFFICE - At Hobbs, N.M. - Will determine the identity of Mrs. Otis (Clara Belle) Swan and interview her as requested in the report of reference of J.V. Murphy.

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202 U. S. Courthouse
El Paso, Texas

February 8, 1938

Re: Ralph Roe with
aliases, I. O. 1472
Theodore Cole with
aliases, I. O. 1471

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Tracings on mail of James Roe and Wanda Starkey,
alias Mrs. James Roe, Hobbs, New Mexico, result in tracing
of a letter:

Postmark: Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4, 1938

Address: Mrs James Roe,
Drawer M, Hobbs, N. M.

Return Card: Sexton Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

The above information is transmitted for your
appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum addressed to me under date of January 25, 1938, by Special Agent in Charge W. E. Gurnea concerning observations made by him as a result of his participation in the investigation of the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary.

Mr. Gurnea's suggestions concerning the installation of recording devices and the notification of the Coast Guard immediately upon the discovery that a prisoner is missing have been transmitted by memorandum to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons.

It will be noted that Mr. Gurnea suggests that at such time as active investigation at Alcatraz Island has been discontinued, a microphone be installed in the blacksmith shop and also in the mat shop, after which several of the prisoners working in these shops should be called to the Warden's Office for interview relative to the escape. It is anticipated that upon the return to the shops of the prisoners they would discuss with the other prisoners the interviews conducted with them, and it is felt that by the use of a microphone and listening device Bureau Agents may be able to develop some information of value in connection with this investigation.

The Bureau desires that this investigative step be taken as soon as it is considered practical by you. If any difficulties are encountered in installing these listening devices, you should promptly notify the Bureau so that a man experienced in the installation of these devices may be sent to San Francisco to assist in the installation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

EAT:DM

February 1, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached memorandum concerning the escape of Ralph^a Roe and Theodore^b Cole from the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary was prepared by Mr. Gurnea after I had discussed this case with him. It will be observed that Mr. Gurnea makes two suggestions concerning improved procedure which he believes might result in increased efficiency in the handling of prisoners at Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, namely, the recording of visitors' conversations with prisoners on some type of phonograph record, and secondly, regulations perfecting arrangements whereby the Coast Guard will be immediately notified when any prisoner is missed at the Island. If you believe it desirable to do so, Mr. Gurnea's observations will be brought to the attention of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons by memorandum.

I believe that Mr. Gurnea's suggestion concerning the installation of a listening device in the blacksmith and mat shops possesses considerable merit and if you approve this procedure, appropriate steps will be taken to try this investigative procedure within the next few weeks.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Approved.

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

MFG:BG

January 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, I.O. No. 1472;
Theodore Cole, with aliases, I.O. No. 1471;
ESCAPED FUGITIVES.

During the recent examination of the scene of the escape at Alcatraz Island, the following three suggestions occurred to the writer relative to the possible ascertaining of the methods employed and the plans made for the recent escape at that Island. The latter two suggestions, however, deal with future policies to be employed on the Island which, it is felt, should, if approved by you, be submitted to the Bureau of Prisons for such action as that Bureau deems advisable. No mention whatsoever of these suggestions was made to Warden Johnson at Alcatraz due to the fact he may possibly have been of the opinion that I was overstepping my jurisdiction in making suggestions of this type to him.

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A review of the complete file dealing with the escape of these prisoners fails to reflect any information whatsoever which would definitely indicate that the subjects either were drowned or were successful in getting to the mainland. If these prisoners were drowned, all of the investigation now being conducted on the outside of the prison would be of no avail. Therefore, it is obviously necessary to obtain pertinent information from the inmates of Alcatraz Island itself.

To date, it has not been possible for Agents of this Bureau or the personnel at Alcatraz Island to obtain any information whatsoever from the inmates of the Island. This is no doubt due to the fact that practically all the inmates are serving long terms, and even though they were so inclined, they would not give any information because of fear of the other prisoners. It is, therefore, suggested that at such time as the active investigation on the Island has been stopped, a microphone be installed in the blacksmith shop and also in the mat shop. It will be noted that the blacksmith shop is of small dimensions and all the prisoners working therein are no doubt familiar with the plans for the escape and the exact methods employed. Following the installation of the microphones, at least two prisoners from the blacksmith shop and two prisoners from the mat shop should be called to the Warden's office for an interview relative to the escape. It is realized, of course, that these prisoners would no doubt not give any additional information during this interview but, upon

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returning to their shops, conversation would immediately be started among the prisoners relative to the escape.

If this suggestion is approved by you, it is also suggested that a man thoroughly qualified with the installation of microphones be detailed to make the installation due to the fact that considerable difficulty might be encountered in concealing the microphones and the wires leading therefrom.

Recording Visitors' Conversations

The present method of permitting a visitor to converse with a prisoner is no doubt modern in every respect, it being impossible for the visitor to hand any articles whatsoever to the prisoner. A guard stands by the side of the prisoner while an additional guard stands by the visitor during the interview. It is necessary to converse through a system of baffle plates made of glass. Neither the prisoner nor the visitor is permitted to converse about any topic other than general information relative to the health of the prisoner's family, etc. Microphones are installed at the interview windows which amplify the conversation in the guard's office.

Reference is made to the information obtained from Hugh Butcher, following his release from Alcatraz, which indicated that Subject Cole had attempted to get Butcher to carry a message to his (Cole's) mother to obtain assistance for him and then to write him, advising him that she was to meet his sister on a certain date and at a certain time. This mention of date and time was to indicate that he (Cole) could expect help from the outside in the form of a boat at that time. Although the authenticity of this tale has not been positively proven, it is highly possible that similar plans of escape could be effected.

It is also realized that persons who have been constantly associated with each other over a long period of time could speak in terms that would arouse no suspicion whatsoever in so far as the guards are concerned.

For these reasons, it is suggested that a sound recording device be installed on Alcatraz Island to enable the guards in the guard room to record all conversations had between prisoners and visitors. The expense of such an installation and its maintenance would be negligible due to the fact that there are very few visitors to Alcatraz Island.

1-25-38.

Coast Guard to be immediately notified re escapes

There is at the present time a rule in effect on the Island that when a guard or a junior officer observes that a prisoner is missing, he must immediately notify the Warden's office before entering into any search whatsoever. The purpose of this rule is to insure an immediate search by the entire personnel of the Island rather than losing time during the preliminary search of one individual. This is believed to be an excellent rule, as was proven during the recent escape. It is suggested, however, that this rule be extended to include the Coast Guard Station which is immediately across the Bay from the Island. During the recent investigation, Agents of this Bureau were informed by members of the Coast Guard that it is possible for them to arrive at Alcatraz Island approximately five minutes after the receipt of notification of an escape. They further advised that at the time of the recent escape they were not notified until 2:00 o'clock but that they were in the waters adjacent to Alcatraz Island at 2:05. The officers of the Coast Guard in and near San Francisco Bay are very cooperative in so far as escaped prisoners are concerned and, it is believed, would gladly respond to a call from Alcatraz Island immediately, when a check fails to account for all prisoners. It is not believed that they would in any way criticize the Warden of the Island for calling them on numerous occasions when it is later learned that the prisoner is still confined on the Island.

It is suggested, therefore, if you deem it advisable, that these facts be called to the attention of the Bureau of Prisons so that they may be included in the existing regulations.

Respectfully,



M. E. Gurnea.

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

FILE NO. **76-139**

REPORT MADE AT Phoenix, Arizona	DATE WHEN MADE 2/10/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/10/38	REPORT MADE BY W. R. Ramsey mjd
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:

Mail cover on LETHA JONES, Phoenix,
unproductive of information of value.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey,
Phoenix, Arizona, 1/5/38.

DETAILS:


AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

As a result of the mail cover placed upon the mail of Mrs. LETHA JONES, 801 West Madison Street, who later moved to 22 South 9th Avenue, Phoenix, the only information received was that LETHA JONES received two letters during the period of the cover from Dr. and Mrs. J. L. WHARTON, Depew, Oklahoma, and one letter from WILLIAM HILEY JONES, return address Routt, Colorado, postmarked Routt, Colorado, January 11, 1938. It will be noted that Mrs. LETHA JONES has previously advised that her husband was one WILLIAM H. JONES, and it is, accordingly, supposed that the above communication was from her husband, whom she has previously stated was in Colorado.

A review of the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated December 28, 1937, at San Francisco, appears to indicate no investigative leads for the Phoenix field division.

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

FILE NO. **76-297**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/31/38	REPORT MADE BY A. N. CARLBLOM <div style="text-align: right;">EPK</div>
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mary Kitchen, 3219 Gray Avenue, Flint, and Judy Kitchen, 516 Stevens Street, Flint, have had no contact either direct or indirect for the past two and a half years with Theodore Murdock, former Alcatraz prisoner, transferred to the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, December 26, 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT FLINT, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At 3219 Gray Avenue, Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Kitchen was interviewed in regard to any contact she had had with Theodore Murdock while he was at Alcatraz. She admitted receiving mail from him while he was in that prison, but stated that was over two years ago. The reason for his writing her was to inquire about her daughter, Judy, and to, in effect, be writing to Judy herself. When Mrs. Kitchen was informed of the transfer of Theodore Murdock from Alcatraz to the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, December 26, 1937, to serve a one-year sentence, she became very unsettled and from that time on she was constantly on edge. It appears that Murdock had threatened her daughter, Judy, if she made a statement and aided the government in a White Slave case against him in which the daughter, Judy, was the victim. Mrs. Kitchen has only contempt for Murdock and the thought of his being in the vicinity after what he has done to her daughter, frightens her a great deal.</p>			
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Mrs. Kitchen was so upset she asked to come along with Agent when her daughter, Allen Lucille (Judy) Jenkins was to be interviewed at 516 Stevens Street, Flint. From Judy it was learned that she met Murdock some six years ago in Flint; that after two years had elapsed he suggested a marriage in Pennsylvania; that instead of going there, they went to Missouri, then back to Flint and then in 1933 to East Liverpool, Ohio, at which place Murdock was arrested for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act; that she was never formally married to Murdock and that she cooperated with the government in sending him to prison. When Murdock left to serve his time, Judy told him she would wait for him if he would go straight. Instead he tried an escape at Northeastern Penitentiary and was sent to Alcatraz.

Apparently Judy was very fond of Murdock who wrote her from Alcatraz about twice a month for a period of months. Then in August, 1935, Judy married Edgar Jenkins and wrote Murdock to that effect. Since that time neither Judy or her mother have heard a word about Murdock. The reporting of his transfer to Milan, Michigan, to the United States Detention Farm, was news to them. Since the marriage, Theodore Murdock has not written to Judy nor to her mother.

Murdock, Judy says, was always escape conscious. He got away from the authorities in East Liverpool, Ohio, and was out for a week, and at Northeastern Penitentiary he tried to escape.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT FIELD OFFICE at Milan, Michigan, will complete the leads set forth in the report of reference;

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
February 9, 1938.

WAG/BFD

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated January 22, 1938, (76-2686) with which there was transmitted to the San Antonio Field Office two copies of a letter received by the Bureau from Mr. Stanley Russ, Post Office Box 1081, Brownsville, Texas, in which it was stated that Identification Order 1471 disappeared from the bulletin board of the Post Office at Brownsville about January 2, 1938.

Immediately upon receipt of the letter of reference a letter was directed to the Postmaster at Brownsville requesting him to check the bulletin board and ascertain if Identification Order 1471 was missing from the board. Additional copies of the Identification Order were also forwarded to the Postmaster with the request that another copy of the Identification Order be posted on the bulletin board in the event the one originally placed there had been removed.

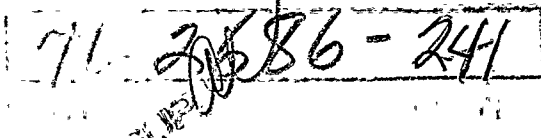
On February 4, 1938, Special Agent W. A. Giddens contacted William T. Burnett, Postmaster, and C. C. Stewart, Assistant Postmaster at Brownsville, Texas, at which time Messrs. Burnett and Stewart stated that upon receiving the letter from the San Antonio Field Office they checked the bulletin board and discovered, for the first time, that Identification Order 1471, which they had originally placed there, had been removed. Both, Postmaster Burnett and Assistant Postmaster Stewart stated that they have no information as to the reason why this Identification Order was removed from the bulletin board or by whom it was removed. They added that the bulletin board is open for public inspection day and night and that the Identification Order could have been removed by someone during the night.

Mr. Burnett further informed Agent Giddens that upon learning that the order had been removed from the bulletin board he placed another copy on the board. Inspection of the board on February 4, 1938, disclosed

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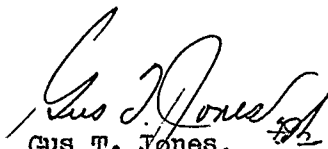
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that a copy of Identification Order 1471 was then posted on the board.

Both of the Post Office officials at Brownsville, stated that they will immediately notify the San Antonio Field Office in the event this Identification Order disappears from the board again and will also notify this office if they receive any information concerning the previous disappearance of the Identification Order.

Very truly yours,


Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Oklahoma City
cc-San Francisco

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OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 2-14-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-2,9,10-38	REPORT MADE BY G. O. HURT
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:

Okla. City business man overheard 2 men talking about subjects. One man said a woman told him she talked to Cole in Okla. City recently. Lillian Crow located and admitted talking to attorney in Okla. City about subjects but denied she said she had seen Cole. Hazel Underhill, former associate of Roe, left Tulsa 2-10-38 for Monahan, Tex. where she will probably contact Mrs. Ed Davis.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, December 29th, 1937.

DETAILS: - at Oklahoma City -

On February 2d, 1938 Mr. L. Havercroft, general manager for the C. Stevens Cigar Stores in Oklahoma City with offices at 108 North Broadway came to the Oklahoma City Office and advised SAC C. W. Stein that while in the lobby of the Colcord Building near the cigar counter, he overheard two men talking. Number one told the other man that he had recently been talking to a woman whose paramour was sentenced on a bank robbery charge in Oklahoma about five or six years ago, and that this woman had told him that Cole was in Oklahoma City two days ago and that she had talked to him. Cole had told her that he had both inside and outside help at the time of his escape.

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Number One also told number 2 that this woman had once been charged with counterfeiting \$5.00 bills by the Secret Service, and after serving thirty days she was released with the promise that she would turn in the plates. She is reported to have later given the Secret Service some melted lead and they are still after her for the purpose of securing the plates.

Havercroft described number one as about six feet, 180 to 190 pounds, but could furnish no other description. He could furnish no description of number 2.

Havercroft requested that his name be treated in strict confidence.

A. B. Cooper, 1014 Colcord Building was interviewed and stated he does not recall anyone coming to his office on February 2d, 1938 who corresponds with the above-described man.

Agent and Cooper interviewed Jack Crosby, manager of the cigar stand in the Colcord Building and Mr. Crosby did not remember anyone talking about Cole and Roe there on the second of February or on any other occasion.

Mr. Cooper stated that Bruce Brady was released from the Leavenworth Penitentiary about 50 days ago and Brady is the only one connected with the Roe gang who is 6 feet tall and weighs about 180 pounds; that Brady weighed about 150 pounds when he was sent to the penitentiary but during his incarceration he gained about 25 pounds.

L. Havercroft, manager for the Stevenson Cigar Stores was located in the lobby of the Medical Arts Building and he closely examined the photograph of Bruce Brady and said he does not believe Brady was either of the men he saw in the Colcord Building on February 2d, 1938. Mr. Havercroft was invited to come by the Oklahoma City Office in the near future to examine the other photographs in the Roe file to see if he could identify anyone resembling the two men he saw in the Colcord Building lobby.

A. B. Cooper was later contacted and said he recently went to the Leavenworth Penitentiary and while at this institution he talked to Mildred Welch, wife of Stephen Welch; that she told him it is the opinion among the Federal prisoners at Leavenworth that Roe and Cole made a successful escape and had help from both the inside and outside; that Mildred probably obtained this information from her husband, a confidence man now serving a sentence at Leavenworth.

Mildred Welch is secretary for Forest J. McOutcannon, attorney in the First National Bank Building, Telephone #7-6536.

Erling Barker, Probation Officer advised he does not have a record of the release of Bruce Brady but his file reflects Brady could have been released on probation October 20th, 1937; that Brady is probably out of the penitentiary on probation under the jurisdiction of John Ed Franklin, Muskogee, Oklahoma; that Brady gave his address as 308 East 10th Street, Ada, Oklahoma.

Leona Brady, Oklahoma City Police Department #15581 and Beulah Clark, Oklahoma City PD #15582 are possible contacts of Ralph Roe. Leona Brady is the daughter of C. M. Defer who did live at 710 South Shartel, Oklahoma City, and Charley and Kittie Johnson, the parents of Beulah Clark, probably live at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. If C. M. Defer is still here, he will probably be on some charity list.

Subsequent investigation reveals the woman to whom the men in the lobby of the Goldord Building were referring, was Lillian Crow and Special Agent J. V. Murphy conducted the following investigation in this regard.

U. S. Probation Officer Erling Barker located the file of Lillian Crow alias Lillian Johnson, which was transferred from the Western District of Arkansas.

This file reflects she entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court, Western District of Arkansas on December 3d, 1934 to a charge of counterfeiting, possession and was placed on probation for a period of two years. Her file was transferred on January 7th, 1935 to the Western District of Oklahoma and reported up until June 18th, 1936 when her probation was transferred to the Probation Officer of Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the time of her transfer she was living at 604 1/2 Kihikan Street, Pawhuska, Oklahoma with her mother, Mrs. Kay Hudson who operates a rooming house and beauty shop. Lillian is married to Sylvester Crow and her maiden name was Lillian Hill. She was a former resident of Davis, Oklahoma where her friend, Mrs. Beatrice Ford, Box 16, resides and works for Mr. Freeman in a dry goods store. Lillian often visits Mrs. Ford. Sylvester Crow is known to U. S. Commissioner John Pearson at Pawhuska.

Her cousin is Harold Hill, Purcell, Oklahoma who worked for the county. Her brother is Roy Hill, a student aged 18, and her step-father, K. Hudson, a divine healer, resides at the Pawhuska, Oklahoma address given above.

On February 10th, 1938 Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer

proceeded to Pawhuska where Lillian Johnson resides and had an interview with Layton Mitchell, Chief of Police, who advised that Lillian is well known to him and he is of the opinion that she is presently working as an informant for Smith Leahy, Deputy U. S. Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma, stationed at Pawhuska.

Inasmuch as Smith Leahy has been known by Agent Smith for many years and has worked effectively with him, Leahy was contacted and stated that Lillian Johnson is not working for him as an informant regularly but has on numerous occasions furnished him valuable information and he believes she will tell him anything she knows. Mr. Leahy was advised of the information desired and he contacted Lillian Johnson at her home about three miles north of Pawhuska and talked to her on other matters for awhile, and then brought up the subject of the escape of Roe and Cole. Mr. Leahy said Lillian told him she had not heard a word about the Roe-Cole case; that she has seen no one since they escaped who is acquainted with them. However, she advised that in her personal opinion she believes both of them were successful in making their escape; that the only time she has discussed this subject with anyone was with an attorney in Oklahoma City on January 23th, 1938 at which time she talked with this attorney with reference to her being a defense witness for Buster Higgins, who is incarcerated in the State Penitentiary on a bank robbery charge. She stated she believed she did make the assertion to the attorney in Oklahoma City that she believed both Roe and Cole did make a successful escape and had both inside and outside help. Leahy said he then advised her that two Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents were in town and if she had or could obtain information in connection with this case he believed the Agents would gladly contact her in this matter. She stated that she would be willing to talk to Agents if brought to her home in the country where she could not be observed talking to strangers.

Accordingly, Agents in company with Leahy, proceeded to the home of Lillian Crow, the wife of Sylvester "Buck" Crow where Lillian was interviewed and stated she would not know either Roe or Cole; that she possibly may have seen Roe at one time during the time he was associated with Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady and the bunch around Ada, Oklahoma; that she doubted if she were to meet Roe on the street if she would know him. Lillian stated she made a trip to visit some of her relatives at Lindsay, Oklahoma about January 25th, 1938 and on her way home she stopped over in Oklahoma City about 1 1/2 hours; that prior to the time she had made this trip she received a letter from Buster Higgins, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, requesting her to testify in his behalf in connection with a bank robbery hearing which was to be held in the near future. Lillian stated on her arrival in Oklahoma City she did contact this lawyer who was supposed to represent Buster Higgins; that at the time she had the lawyer's name and address

but after talking to him destroyed same and does not recall his name and address at this time. During the time she talked with this lawyer, the subject of the escape of Roe and Cole was brought up and she stated she did do a "little popping off" about them and told the lawyer she was almost positive these people made a successful escape and did have both inside and outside help. Lillian stated she is positive she did not tell this lawyer that she saw Cole and talked to him and realizes now that she was probably talking too much when she talked to the attorney inasmuch as she had no foundation for this conversation and was only expressing her personal opinion.

Lillian went on to say that she was formerly associated with numerous outlaws in southeastern Oklahoma, such as Bob Brady, Bruce Brady, the Underhill gang and others, and appeared to be very well versed as to the various practices and peculiarities of outlaws known to Agents. She also stated that she is merely living with her husband temporarily and stated she might marry Bruce Brady at a later date. She also advised that the small place in which she and her husband are living has a mortgage on it for \$300.00 which will be due in the very near future and that both she and her husband are out of work and she would be willing to turn anyone who is loose in order to make some money to help save their home. She said that if the Government wanted her to, she would be willing to contact Bruce Brady and live with him for awhile or make connections with any other outlaws in order to obtain information relative to Roe and Cole. She said that if the Government desired to contact her again to make such contact through Smith Leahy, Deputy U. S. Marshal at Pawhuska, due to the fact there are several families named Crow living in Pawhuska and her mail or any telephone calls might be received by the wrong person. She also stated that Leona Brady is living in Detroit, Michigan but has done so much talking on the gang that she does not believe Cole or Roe would get near Leona for this reason.

Lillian Johnson appeared to be above the intelligence of the average gang moll and also appeared to be sincere in her desire to cooperate. It is believed that if necessary in the future, she could be depended upon.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Leahy that if it became necessary in the future to contact Lillian that the contact would be made through him.

On the way back from Pawhuska, Agents stopped by Tulsa where the writer ascertained that Hazel Connor (Underhill) had sold her tavern in West Tulsa and had moved to the Maywood Tourist Courts, about six blocks down the highway toward Tulsa.

At this camp, Agents ascertained that Hazel and her family had checked out of the camp late that afternoon and were preparing to go to an oil field in west Texas.

Agents then returned to the community where Hazel formerly operated the tavern and made inquiries through Mr. Wright who purchased the tavern from Hazel relative to her whereabouts, but he was unable to furnish any additional information other than the Maywood Courts address. However, other inquiries around drug stores and filling stations in this vicinity revealed that a boy in the drug store on the corner near the tavern stated that Hazel and her family were spending the night with a railroad engineer by the name of Clayton, who resides in the 2300 block on South Quanah Street.

Inquiries in this block revealed that the Clayton mentioned is Tom Clayton, 2346 South Quanah, West Tulsa, and at this address the writer contacted Marvin Connor, son of Hazel Underhill, who advised that he and his mother had sold out the tavern and were preparing to go to the oil fields at Monahans, Texas. He said that he had a job as a rough neck for the ITIO Company at Monahans under O. C. Hale, superintendent for this company; that he had known Hale for a long time and had recently communicated with him, securing his job in this manner. During the talk with Marvin, his younger sister, Juanita appeared and immediately told Agent that they were preparing to leave that night for Monahans where Marvin had a job in the oil field. Hazel was not at this address but was in town somewhere and Marvin, Juanita and Tom Clayton, Jr. were supposed to pick her up on their way out of town.

At 10:00 P.M. Marvin, Tom Clayton, Jr. and Juanita departed in a 1934 Plymouth Coupe, black in color, bearing 1937 Oklahoma license #231-140, driven by Tom Clayton, Jr. The rear tag for this car had been removed and replaced with a pasteboard tag which corresponded with the numbers on the front. Before Connors departed he advised the writer he would have his mother correspond with this Agent and let him know where they were located; that if it was necessary to locate him he could be reached through either General Delivery or O. C. Hale, superintendent of the ITIO Company, Monahans.

A check of the State Highway Department reveals that the car driven by Tom Clayton, Jr. is registered in the name of the Davis Used Car Company, Tulsa and that the Motor # is PE-84099.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO FIELD OFFICE will discreetly ascertain through C. C.

Hale, superintendent of the ITIO at Monahans, Texas, the address of Marvin Connor who is supposed to be employed as a rough neck, as it is possible Hazel Underhill and her family went to Monahans for some purpose other than the employment of Marvin, due to the fact in the past Hazel has had very close connections with Ralph Roe. Roe was with Hazel and Wilbur Underhill when Underhill was captured.

Hazel Underhill may be living with Mrs. Ed Davis, who resides somewhere between Monahans and Odessa, Texas.

O. C. Hale should be contacted in such a way that it will not affect Marvin Connor's job, if he is employed.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE will discreetly interview Mildred Welch, secretary for Forrest J. McCutcheon, attorney, First National Bank Building, as Mildred Welch told A. B. Cooper that the consensus of opinion among prisoners of Leavenworth Penitentiary was that Cole and Roe were both successful in their escape. Inasmuch as Mildred Welch in the past has had very close contact with numerous notorious criminals, she might possibly have heard something in connection with this case.

Will locate C. M. Defer, father of Leona Brady, who can probably be located through charitable organizations, and ascertain from him the correct address of his daughter in Detroit, Michigan, as it is believed Agents may want to interview Leona at a later date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-50

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2/38	REPORT MADE BY Leo J. Walcom
TITLE THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. #1471; RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1472			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. W. Garrison or Jack Garrison not known to be presently at Rochester, Washington.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, 1/8/38; Portland letter to San Francisco 12/23/37.

DETAILS:

At Rochester, Washington:

Mr. Peyton C. Hoover, postmaster, informed agent that he did not have a C. W. Garrison or Jack Garrison calling for mail at his post office. He consulted his route book covering persons residing within the R.F.D. routes emanating from Rochester, and did not find a Garrison listed therein.

Agent then made inquiry at the General Store at Rochester and a lunch room at Rochester, these being the main buildings in the town, and at neither of these places was Garrison known. No one driving a 1930 Buick coupe, as described in referenced report, as known to be within the vicinity of Rochester.

As agent was leaving Rochester, Postmaster Hoover called him and informed that he had meanwhile spoken to one of his mail carriers, who informed him that a man by the name of Garrison had owned some land near Galvin, Washington, about five miles from Rochester, but that he had lost

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his equity in it about three years ago and had not been in the vicinity since and was not presently at this place. Hoover stated that he thought that this Garrison had had dealings with the Spokane Land Bank and suggested inquiry there for further information concerning him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND OFFICE at Salem, Oregon will check the registration of a 1930 Buick coupe, motor number 2589268, 1937 Oregon license 215-780. This car was registered in the name of C. A. Garrison, c/o Finchurst, Ashland, Oregon. It is requested that the 1938 registration of this car be checked for the purpose of locating C. A. Garrison, who is believed to be residing in Washington.

THE SPOKANE OFFICE at Spokane, Washington will check the records of the Spokane Land Bank for the purpose of ascertaining any references which might lead to the location of C. W. Garrison, who is believed to have purchased property financed by this bank in the vicinity of Rochester, Washington some time prior to 1935.

P E N D I N G

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

February 14, 1938

FBI MEMPHIS, 7/2, 100-441111
 TO DIRECTOR, 7/2, 100-441111
 RE: JAMES EARL RAY, JR.

Warden J. A. Johnston,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Alcatraz, California

Dear Warren Johnston:

I am enclosing herewith thirty-five positive enlarged photographs depicting the place of escape and the physical features of Alcatraz which figured in the escape of fugitives Roe and Cole.

You will recall that you expressed a desire to have copies of these photographs when they were enlarged, and I am very happy to make them available to you.

Very truly yours,

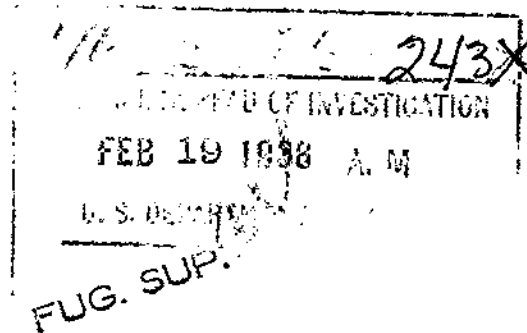
N. J. L. PIEPER,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 15, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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. Myerson, San Francisco, January 17, 1938. It is noted in the second paragraph of page fifty-four of this report that James Hugh Butcher, Alcatraz #237, was given a conditional release on October 9, 1936, and a note was found in his possession on October 4, 1936 reading as follows:

"Lee Jacobs, Miami, Okla., his old man is a doctor.
Everyone knows him. Tell him who sent you."

On the reverse side of this note was the following:

"Jess Hill, Lakewood, California, o/o Ted Cole's
mother."

The Los Angeles Division is requested to conduct vigorous investigation to locate and thoroughly interview Jess Hill at Lakewood, California, believed to be Lakewood Village, California, for any information he may possess relative to plans and escape of Subjects Roe and Cole.

Very truly yours,

C. V. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-83**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 2/16/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19/38	REPORT MADE BY C. A. MAHAN MJR
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Operators of a Texaco filling station Warsaw, Ind., identify photographs of Roe and Cole as being identical with two men who purchased gas at their station on either 1-3 or 1-4-38. At that time driving 1937 blue Ford coach believed to bear Ind. 1937 license #449-113. Check reflects these plates issued to A. H. Woodhouse, R. R. 3, Peru, Ind. Investigation at Peru reflects these license plates discarded 12-24-37 and have been in possession of Woodhouse since that time.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on a telephone call received at the Indianapolis office on the evening of January 18, 1938, from Officer Clutter of the Indiana State Police who called from Peru, Indiana, and gave the following information.

One Robert Breeding, operator of Texaco filling station, located at High & Center Streets, Warsaw, Indiana, reported that about two weeks ago a car drove into his filling station containing two men; that the men got out of their car and went into the station and he noticed that one of the men was carrying a .45 automatic pistol. These two men were also observed by Robert Kaywood and Charles Adams who were in the filling station at the time. These three men, Breeding, Kaywood and Adams later at the police station identified these two men as Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole. The descriptions given

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by these three men also matched Roe and Cole. They were driving a car with an Indiana license which Mr. Clutter checked and which was issued to A. H. Woodhouse, R. R. 3, Peru, Indiana. Mr. Clutter stated that Woodhouse was a man that would possibly harbor criminals, as he did not have a very good reputation. Mr. Clutter also stated that Woodhouse did not work, and recently has been driving a new Plymouth automobile, and that there are two cars parked in front of Woodhouse's home, the new Plymouth and another car.

AT WARSAW, INDIANA

Robert
Agent attempted to locate Officer Neff to whom the original information was given by ~~Breeding~~ (not Breeding), but he was not on duty and could not be located. However, J. H. Pettinger advised that Officer Neff had discussed this with him and following is the information which was in possession of the Warsaw police department.

On approximately January 10, 1938, Robert Breeding called at the Warsaw police department and asked if they had any photographs of Cole and Roe; that he had that evening been to the local theatre and had seen pictures of these persons in a newsreel and that they both seemed familiar to him. He stated that Officer Neff had produced the Identification Orders on Roe and Cole and shown them to Breeding who after examining them advised he believed he had seen these persons in his gasoline station sometime before that. The following morning he again returned to the police department and borrowed the pictures and took them to the gasoline station where he showed them to Robert ~~Claywood~~ (not Kaywood) and Charles Adams; that both of these persons identified these pictures as being likenesses of two parties who had purchased gasoline in that station in the early part of January, 1938. Officer Pettinger advised that one of the boys, he did not remember which one, had taken down the license number of the Ford car in which these two men were traveling and had listed it as 1937 Indiana license number 449-113; that these plates were checked and found to have been issued to A. H. Woodhouse, R. R. 3, Peru, Indiana. He stated this information had been given immediately to Officer Clutter of the Indiana State Police who advised he would notify the Indianapolis office. Officer Pettinger stated he had seen Clutter just shortly before agent's visit and that Clutter had told him that on the previous night, January 18, 1938, he had gone to Peru, Indiana, and made an effort to check regarding Woodhouse, to whom the plates in question were issued, and had learned that there had been several cars seen around his home. Officer Pettinger advised he did not believe any further effort was made by Clutter to check this information.

At the Texaco filling station located at the intersection of High and Center Streets, Warsaw, Indiana, agent interviewed Robert Breeding, Robert Caywood and Charles Adams who gave the following information. They stated the three of them had been in the gasoline station, if they remember correctly, on either the third or fourth of January, 1938. Caywood and Breeding were on duty and Adams was merely visiting with them. At about 2:30 in the afternoon a 1937 blue Tudor Ford had driven into the filling station; that there were two men in this car and upon Caywood's going out to contact the driver, he had been requested to fill up the tank and also to check the anti-freeze; that as Caywood started to work on the car Breeding went out to assist him. At this time the man who was sitting beside the driver got out and came into the filling station where Adams had remained; that he used the rest room in the filling station and then went out and stood around while Breeding and Caywood serviced the car. Adams stated that while this person was standing around inside of the service station, his coat happened to open and Adams noticed that he was carrying an automatic pistol in a shoulder holster. He stated that this caused him to look him over rather carefully and he gave the following description which was concurred in by both Breeding and Caywood:

Age:	About 25 - 30
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	140
Dress:	Dark coat and dark hat with a snap brim

He stated this individual had a small scar on his face but that he could not remember definitely which side of the face this was on. Adams advised he had not paid much attention to the driver of the car inasmuch as most of his time had been spent rather idly watching this man. Breeding and Caywood described the person driving the car as follows:

Age:	Approximately 30 - 33
Height:	6'
Weight:	170
Complexion:	Dark
Face:	Full
Dress:	Dark coat, gray felt hat

Both Breeding and Caywood stated shortly before they finished the car, the driver got out, walked into the filling station,

stayed a few minutes and when they had finished the car, he had come back and paid them. Then both men left the station and went to the automobile. As they started to drive out of the station Adams requested a pencil, at which time he had gone to the window and written down the license number. When they asked him the reason for doing this, Adams replied he had noticed a gun on the smaller man. Nothing more was thought by any of them of the preceding incident and no effort was made to report it to the police inasmuch as they stated it was not uncommon to see guns in people's cars or on their persons. However, Breeding advised about a week later, about January 10, 1938, he had gone to the local moving picture house with his girl and they had seen a newsreel of Alcatraz Island and photographs of the convicts who had escaped. He stated upon seeing these photographs he thought that they seemed familiar and he tried for about half an hour during the show to remember where he had ever seen these pictures before. Upon leaving the show, he had gone over to the police department and asked Officer Neff if he had any pictures of the two men who had escaped from Alcatraz; that he studied them further and it came to him he believed that they resembled the two men who had come to his service station in a Ford, the license number of which Adams had taken down. He stated he had remarked this to Officer Neff and stated he would like to borrow the pictures in the morning to show them to the other boys; that he had done so and without saying anything to either Caywood or Adams had shown them the pictures and asked them if they had ever seen the men before. At first Caywood stated he did not believe he had but upon closer examination, he stated he believed they resembled the two men in the Ford which had been serviced by them sometime previously and upon Adams' viewing them he stated he believed the picture of Cole was similar to the person whom he had noticed carrying the gun at the time he had taken down the license number of the Ford V-8 in which the two men were driving. He could not positively state that the picture of Roe resembled the other man as he had not paid much attention to him. The photographs of Cole and Roe were exhibited by agent to Breeding, Caywood and Adams and all three identified the picture of Cole as having been the smaller man of the two and the person who had carried the .45 automatic. Both Caywood and Breeding identified the picture of Roe as having been the driver of the car. At agent's request Adams accompanied him to his, Adams', home where the paper upon which Adams had written down the license number on the date these two men had been in the filling station was obtained and shown to agent, and it bore number 449-113.

Caywood, Breeding and Adams agreed immediately to notify the Warsaw police department should they notice these individuals again, and Officer Pettinger stated that he would inform other members

of the police department that should they receive any such information they should immediately notify the Indianapolis office.

AT PERU, INDIANA

Agent interviewed James R. Morrissey, postmaster, who upon checking his records stated there was an A. H. Woodhouse receiving mail at R. R. 3 from Peru and stated that this route had been covered by Harry Edson. Mr. Edson was contacted at his home and stated that he regularly until a few days before agent's visit had carried mail on R. R. 3 which included the home of A. H. Woodhouse. He stated this man lived on Washington Avenue just outside the city limits of Peru and that the family consisted of Mr. Woodhouse, his wife, a son about nineteen years old and a small daughter. He stated also that there occasionally was mail delivered to that address to one Fred York who, he believed, was in some way related to Mr. Woodhouse. Mr. Edson upon questioning advised he had not seen any suspicious activities in the vicinity of Woodhouse's home and that he believed Woodhouse drove a Plymouth car and that there was occasionally another Plymouth car seen there which he believed belonged to the man by the name of York. He stated he had never seen a Ford V-8 parked at Mr. Woodhouse's home nor had he seen any other persons at this house other than Mr. Woodhouse and his immediate family. Photographs of Cole and Roe were exhibited to Edson and he advised he had never seen anybody resembling them at the Woodhouse home. He stated that so far as he knew Mr. Woodhouse bore a good reputation, although he admitted he did not know him personally.

Agent contacted Robert Tillett, sheriff, at Peru who advised he did not personally know Woodhouse but believed possibly one of his deputies might. He contacted deputy Walter Anderson who advised that on the previous evening officer Clayton Clutter of the Indiana State Police had made inquiry of him regarding Woodhouse; that he and Officer Clutter had driven by Woodhouse's home at which time they had noticed what he believed to be a 1936 Plymouth coach and a 1937 Plymouth coach. He stated one of these cars had borne 1938 Indiana license plates and the other 1937. He stated at the time Clutter had made notes of these license numbers and that upon returning they had checked same and found the 1938 plates were issued for a Plymouth coach to A. H. Woodhouse, R. R. 3, and that the 1937 plates were issued to Fred York, 835 South Armstrong Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

Deputy Anderson upon being questioned as to Woodhouse's reputation and character advised that he did not know of Woodhouse's ever having been arrested or having a criminal record but that the

section of town in which he lived was not a very good section and he did not know Woodhouse to do any other work than farming and very little of that. He stated he had advised Officer Clutter he did not believe Woodhouse would be above harboring criminals but could give no definite reason for this belief. It was believed advisable by the sheriff and agent that further inquiry be made in the vicinity of Woodhouse's home and Sheriff Tillett stated he knew a man by the name of Arthur Slayball whose home adjoined that of Woodhouse and who he believed could be relied upon to give information in this matter. Accordingly, agent accompanied by Robert Tillett interviewed Mr. Slayball who stated he and Woodhouse were not on friendly terms since they had sometime ago had an argument over a section of land which had been rented by Mr. Slayball to Mr. Woodhouse. He stated, however, that inasmuch as they were close neighbors he could not help but observe somewhat the activities of the Woodhouses. He stated sometime in the latter part of 1937 Woodhouse had got rid of his Chevrolet coupe and had appeared with a Plymouth coach. He stated if he remembered correctly, sometime before Christmas he remembered having seen either Mr. Woodhouse or his son changing license plates on this car and putting on new 1938 plates. He stated that his reason for remembering this was that it happened before the proclamation made by the Governor of Indiana to the effect it would not be necessary to purchase new registration certificates until March of 1938 and he had made the remark to his wife at the time he had seen these plates being changed that the Woodhouses could not be so hard up after all.

When questioned concerning any suspicious activities at the Woodhouse home, he stated there had recently been another Plymouth coach parked in front of the Woodhouse home and that it had remained there about two days. If he remembered correctly it had been there that day. He stated he had never seen any strangers around the Woodhouse home with the exception of one man whom he knew to be a son-in-law of Woodhouse and who lived in Kokomo but whose name he did not know. He stated, however, that on January 18, 1938, he had noticed Mr. Woodhouse's son standing by the barn and talking to two men, but as it was rather dark, he could not observe their faces and would be unable to identify them should he see them again. He advised that he was not even sure one of them might not have been Mr. Woodhouse's son-in-law. Mr. Slayball was positive he had never seen any Ford V-8 coach at the Woodhouse home.

Together with Sheriff Tillett agent drove past the Woodhouse home, at which time it was noticed there was a 1936 Plymouth

sedan bearing 1938 Indiana license plates number 478-146 and a 1935 Plymouth coach bearing 1937 license plates number 448-329 parked in front of the house. It was decided it might be advisable to check these licenses and upon returning to the sheriff's office this was done and the 1938 license was found to have been issued to A. H. Woodhouse covering a 1936 Plymouth and the 1937 plates to Fred York covering a 1935 Plymouth. York had been listed as residing at 835 South Armstrong, Kokomo, Indiana.

Inasmuch as investigation at Peru had failed to show any suspicious activities at the Woodhouse home, it was believed advisable to contact Mr. Woodhouse directly and ascertain what disposition had been made of his 1937 plates. Accordingly, agent accompanied by Sheriff Tillett and Indiana State Police officers Joe Tucker and Eldon Bodey who were present in the sheriff's office proceeded to the home of Woodhouse on R. R. 3. Upon arriving there it was noticed only one Plymouth coach was parked in front of the house, this being a 1935 coach with the 1937 licenses. A cursory inspection of the house from the outside reflected there was only one woman at home and accordingly the two Indiana State Police officers were stationed at the rear of the home and agent with Sheriff Tillett knocked at the front door and were admitted by a woman who stated she was Mrs. A. H. Woodhouse. She stated she and her husband with their son and daughter lived at that address and that at present their son-in-law, Fred York, from Kokomo was visiting them. She advised that the Plymouth car in front of the house was her son-in-law's car. She stated her husband and her son and son-in-law had gone over to 317 South Sixth Street to visit some friends of theirs by the name of Evans and could be located there. Upon questioning her as to her knowledge of the 1937 plates which had been issued to Woodhouse, she advised she remembered having seen her husband or her son change the plates but she could not remember if it was by the side of the house or back by the barn. She stated, however, she believed this information could be obtained from her husband. Accordingly, agent accompanied by the Indiana State Police officers and Sheriff Tillett proceeded to the address on South Sixth Street and located Mr. A. H. Woodhouse and his son, Lon. Upon being questioned Mr. Woodhouse at first advised he did not remember what had become of the plates stating he had traded his Chevrolet coupe for the Plymouth about the first of December and that he was not sure whether they had retained the old plates which had been issued for the Chevrolet and which were number 449-113 or if he had left them on the car at the time they had turned it in for the new Plymouth.

His son, however, advised that the plates had been taken from the Chevrolet and put on the Plymouth and used thereon for a few days until they had obtained the 1938 licenses for the new Plymouth. A view of the registration on the Plymouth reflected that this new registration was obtained on December 24, 1937. Lon Woodhouse also advised that he remembered distinctly having changed the license plates at the time they had received their 1938 license and he remembered having thrown the plates near a pile of logs at the side of the barn and that he believed they were probably still there. Both Woodhouse and his son agreed to accompany agent and Sheriff Tillett to their home and make a search for the plates, it being dark at this time. Accordingly, agent accompanied by Indiana State Police officers, Sheriff Tillett, Woodhouse and his son returned to Woodhouse's home at which time Lon Woodhouse immediately proceeded to a log pile by the side of the barn and while approaching it said, "They should be right at the side of this," and the Indiana plates number 449-113 were found lying in the dirt there. They had the appearance of having lain there sometime being heavily coated with dirt, and there was an impression left in the ground where they had lain. Lon Woodhouse advised he was almost positive they had not been moved from there from the time he had thrown them there on December 24. Both he and Woodhouse advised there had been no strangers in that vicinity and that they had not had any company recently.

Upon questioning, Lon Woodhouse advised that the persons to whom he had been talking the day before were Fred York and Mr. Evans who were helping him and his father cut wood on that day. Both Mr. Woodhouse and Lon advised that they had not seen any persons in a Ford V-8 in that vicinity and did not know any friends who owned such a car. Both stated while they could not be positive that the plates had not been taken and returned, they did not believe such was the case as they or some member of the family had been at home with the exception of one day since the 1937 plates had been taken from the Plymouth and discarded. Inasmuch as it appeared from the condition of the plates and from the attitude of both Woodhouse and his son in attempting to cooperate that their story was correct as to the plates having been discarded, it appears it is likely that the numbers which were taken down by Charles Adams at Warsaw, Indiana, were probably incorrect. It should be noted that Adams did not take down the license number until the car was driving from the filling station and it is entirely possible he was mistaken in recording these figures.

From the above investigation it appears that there is no apparent connection between Woodhouse and the subjects in this case.

and that a mistake was probably made in obtaining the license number on the car, and for these reasons no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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 C. O. Hurt, dated February 15, 1938 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in which is reflected information received from Gordon Troop, inmate and trusty of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, relative to a visit made to him by fugitives Roe and Cole subsequent to their escape from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. It is indicated in the report that it is believed the story related by Troop is apparently a fabrication, but despite this theory, it is believed that Buster Jarrett and Jess Darr, referred to in reference report, should be located and an appropriate investigation conducted to determine if they are in possession of information relative to the fugitives or are in contact with them.

The Bureau desires that this be done immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc San Francisco P. M.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/15/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/3, 4/38	REPORT MADE BY C. O. HUNT
TITLE RAIMON ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


Gordon Troop, inmate and trusty of OCP, recently related to Sergeant of Guard under whom confined story of Ted Cole visiting him at prison camp in automobile, armed with machine guns, and in possession of \$15,000, and related details concerning his and Roe's escape from Alcatraz. Troop, known to be mediocre thief and habitual liar, interviewed 2/3/38, and told story conflicting with statements made to Sergeant of Guard, indicating conclusively his statements fabulous and without foundation.

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DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon information confidentially furnished this office by Joe Ballard, United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma, February 2, 1938. Mr. Ballard advised he had recently talked with John Russell, Deputy Warden at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who had told him that a prison guard was recently advised by an inmate that Ted Cole had recently been at the prison camp near Clayton, Oklahoma and made inquiries concerning another ex-convict.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Frank S. Smith and the writer:

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On the morning of February 3, 1938 arrangements were made with United States Marshal Joe Ballard, at Oklahoma City, to accompany Agents to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary for an interview with John Russell.

At McAlester, Oklahoma.

Upon arrival at Oklahoma State Penitentiary a conference was had with Jess Dunn, Warden, and John Russell, Deputy Warden, who advised that Claude Thompson, Sergeant of the Prison Guard at the Clayton prison camp, had told them that one of the inmates of this camp had confidentially told him, Thompson, that Ted Cole came to this camp approximately three weeks ago, driving a 1937 black Ford Coupe, bearing Illinois license plates, and made inquiries concerning the location of an ex-convict.

In company with John Russell, Deputy Warden, and Joe Ballard, United States Marshal, Agents proceeded to the Clayton road camp, where an interview was had with Claude Thompson, Sergeant of the Prison Guard, who stated his informant in this case is an inmate by the name of Gordon Troop, a trusty, who was recently transferred back to the prison walls at McAlester. Mr. Thompson said that Troop, who had the usual trusty liberties around the prison camp, would have an occasion to contact most anyone he desired to who came by the camp; that one day he was talking to Troop in the mess hall about some automobile tires that had been stolen at this camp, and at the conclusion of this interview Troop advised him he had something more important to talk to him about, but was afraid he, Thompson, could not handle the situation by himself. Thompson stated Troop told him that approximately three weeks ago Ted Cole and an unidentified woman and two strange men drove near the prison camp, and sent a small boy to ask him to come to their car; that Troop went to this car, and had a conference with Ted Cole, who advised him he and Roe were successful in making their escape; that the escape was carefully planned, and prior to escaping they anchored a raft several hundred yards out in the water from the prison; that this

raft was tied to a long wire, and they left the raft staked out until they were ready to make their escape, then they swam to the raft and cut the wire; that they drifted about twelve miles until a boat picked them up, and rode this boat down the west coast for several hundred miles; that they then got off, and stole an automobile, going to Miami, Florida; that in making this trip to Miami they would steal a car, and drive it until it became suspicious, and then would steal another car; that upon their arrival in Miami they robbed the Miami Hotel, securing a considerable amount of money, and after leaving Miami they proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where they organized a gang; that they needed another man to complete this gang, and their purpose in coming to the camp was to try to locate an ex-convict by the name of Jess Darr. Thompson stated that Troop told him he told Cole he would have to place a telephone call or two to locate Darr, but he believed he could locate him. Thompson further stated that Troop stated Cole was heavily armed, and had a machine gun; that Cole told Troop he had left Ralph Roe in hiding somewhere near Henryetta, and would pick him up on the way back. Thompson said that Troop informed him the woman who was with Cole and those strange men was supposed to be the woman who was living with Underhill at the time he was killed, and that Cole said when he left that he would return about Friday or Saturday of this same week to secure the information as to the location of Jess Darr. Troop further stated to Thompson that Cole did not return, but another ex-convict by the name of Buster Jarrett did return, driving the same automobile; that Troop had a long talk with Buster Jarrett, who stated Cole had sent him back to the prison camp to obtain the address of Jess Darr; that in talking to Jarrett, Jarrett said he believed if he could put Cole and Roe on the spot he could probably get a release for Ralph Jarrett, his brother, from Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and he was only playing with Cole and Roe for this purpose.

Agents proceeded to Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and contacted Gordon Troop, who was found to be a trusty on the outside of the walls, and through arrangements with Jess Dunn, Warden, Troop accompanied Agents to a secluded spot, where he was interviewed.

Troop was advised by Agents that they had information relative to a communication he had written Buster Jarrett at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Troop inquired where this information was obtained concerning Jarrett, stating that it must have come from Thompson, the Prison Guard, as he was the only man he had talked with, and further inquired if the questioning was concerning Ted Cole and Ralph Roe. He stated he was at prison camp #1 about three weeks ago; that a boy came to the camp and told him a party wanted to see him on the road; that he went there, and found Ted Cole and Ralph Roe in a Ford Sedan (not Coupe); that they inquired as to the location of Jess Darr, an ex-convict; that he told them he could probably find Jess Darr by telephone, but he was afraid to telephone from the prison camp; that Ted Cole then began to relate their experiences in escaping from Alcatraz, stating that they made a raft, which they anchored to the rocks, and when the opportunity came they got on this raft, cut it loose, and floated out to where they found a boat. Troop stated Cole told him they took possession of this boat, throwing two men off the boat, and then proceeded up the bay to San Francisco, leaving the boat at the San Francisco pier; that they strong armed four or five people, and accumulated a sum of money and two pistols, one a .38 caliber and one a .41 calibre; that they then stole an automobile, and left San Francisco; that they drove through to Miami, Florida, and en route they switched cars, stealing a car whenever they thought it necessary; that in Florida they made some money, but it got too hot for them there, and they drove to Oklahoma; that while in Florida they ran into Paul Martin, an ex-convict, and Pearl Black, an ex-convict woman; that these people were the only persons they saw in Miami they knew. Troop stated he observed Roe and Cole had a machine gun in their car with a big drum attached and a big flat gun, indicating a gun of the machine gun type; that on the seat with them they had a handbag; that Cole opened this bag, and stated they had plenty of money; that he, Troop, observed this bag was full of currency, ten and twenty dollar bills; that in his opinion they had around \$15,000.00. Troop stated there was a third man with Cole and Roe, this man being an Indian about twenty-six years old, whom he had seen before, and who was an associate of "Pretty Boy"

Floyd and George Birdwell. He stated they told him they would return within the next two or three days to again contact him; that on the following Saturday Buster Jarrett came to the prison camp, driving the same automobile which was driven by Cole and Roe on their visit; that Buster Jarrett told him he came to see if he had gotten in touch with Darr; that Buster Jarrett then told him his brother, Floyd Jarrett, was in the penitentiary, and he would like to get him out, turning in Roe and Cole for his brother's release; that he asked him what kind of a fellow Thompson was, indicating he would like to make a trade with Thompson for his brother's release by putting Cole and Roe on the spot; that he closely observed the car driven by Buster Jarrett, and it bore a 1938 Illinois license, but he did not obtain the number of same; that he promised Jarrett he would see Thompson, and let him know the results of his talk with him; that subsequently he talked with Thompson concerning Jarrett's proposition, and at Thompson's suggestion he wrote to Jarrett at Muskogee, Oklahoma, as Jarrett told him he could be reached through General Delivery, Muskogee; that he gave this letter to Thompson, who sealed and mailed it for him.

It may be noted here that in the previous interview with Thompson he advised Agents about this letter, and stated he did mail a letter for Troop, which was addressed to Buster Jarrett, General Delivery, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and that the contents of the letter were to the effect that everything was O. K., arrangements had been made, and he would see him.

Troop further stated he had not been in contact with Roe, Cole or Jarrett since the above meetings as related; that he was soon thereafter moved into the McAlester prison due to the fact that they had abandoned the camp where he had met Cole. Troop admitted in his conversation that he knew the camp was to be abandoned in the near future when he sent his letter to Jarrett at Muskogee and also when he talked to Cole and Roe. Troop was closely questioned as to any statements made by Cole and Roe concerning how they had made this money, and he stated they did not relate any facts in this

connection. On being questioned concerning their general movements after the escape, he failed to mention anything about them being in Chicago and having formed a gang there, and did not reiterate any part of his story alleged to have been told to Mr. Thompson concerning Roe and Cole robbing a hotel in Miami. Troop stated he had no idea as to how to get in touch with either Cole or Roe or Jarrett; that he did not know their whereabouts, but if he were put on the ground he could probably find them in a short time, but he could not be of any assistance in locating them while in prison.

The statements made by Troop to these Agents differed materially with the statements alleged made by him to Mr. Thompson. The entire conversation by Troop strongly indicated that the purpose of telling this story was to obtain his release from the penitentiary. It might be noted here that the writer has personally known Troop for many years, and has handled him in many petty investigations; that he knows him to be a mediocre thief and an habitual liar. In this agent's opinion, Troop's statements as set out herein are without fact or foundation.

It will be noted in Troop's statement to Sergeant Thompson he said Cole was accompanied by a woman and two strange men when he was at the camp, stating that Roe was in hiding in the vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma, and that in his statement to Agents he stated Ted Cole was with Ralph Roe and an Indian boy when he saw him at the camp.

It will be noted that at the time Underhill was captured he was then living with his wife, Hazel Underhill, who is a sister of Buster Jarrett, and this office has been in close contact with Hazel Underhill since the escape of Roe and Cole. She is presently operating a cafe and tavern at Redfork, a suburb of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and apparently has not been away from her place of business.

The only descriptions Troop could give of Roe, Cole and the Indian are as follows:

TED COLE

Dark oxford gray suit; dark hat;
black low cut oxfords.

RALEPH ROE

Light gray suit; gray over-
coat; gray hat; tan shoes.

INDIAN

Blue serge suit; dark blue over-
coat; light tan hat.

The following description and criminal record of Troop
were obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department:

Name	GORDON TROOP
Age	40
Height	5', 11"
Weight	192
Hair	Bald
Eyes	Blue

GORDON TROOP FBI-45227 OCPD #5232

As C. Gordon Troop, PD, Ft. Worth, Texas, 4/10/22; att. forgery.

As C. G. Troop, #47377, Texas State Pen., 6/13/22; forgery, 2 yrs.

As Gordon Troop, #14817, Okla. State Pen., 2/17/25; bogus checks;
2 yrs.

As Gordon Troop, #5475, PD, Dallas, Texas; forgery, attempted swindle,
4/6/26; no disp.

As Buck Ingraham, Okla. City PD, 9/26/26; inv. white slavery; no
disp.

As Gordon Cecil Troop, SO, Panhandle, Texas, 11/6/26; forgery; no
disp.

As Gordon Troop, Texas State Pen., 2/20/27; forgery; 2 yrs.

As Cecil Gordon Troop, Okla. City PD, 2/19/29; inv.; no disp.

As C. G. Troop, SO, Okla. City, Okla., 3/21/29; bogus check.

As Gordon Troop, Okla. State Pen., 9/15/29; forgery; 1 yr.

As C. Gordon Troop, County Detective, Gainesville, Texas, 4/14/31; passing forged check.

As Gordon Troop, Texas State Pen., 8/18/31; forgery; 3 yrs.

As Gordon Cecil Troop, Okla. City PD, 11/4/33; bogus check, inv.; fined \$20.00.

As Gordon Cecil Troop, Okla. State Pen., 1/20/34; forgery 2nd degree; 5 yrs.

As Gordon C. Troop, Okla. State Pen., 10/9/37; forgery; 5 yrs.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION, will make appropriate inquiry and check the statements alleged to have been made by Cole concerning their escape and depredations committed at San Francisco after their escape.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION is requested to make appropriate investigation to determine if there was a hotel robbery at Miami, Florida between the date of the escape of Roe and Cole and January 10th or 12th, 1938.

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-12-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/1,4,5,6,8,10,13/38	REPORT MADE BY A. D. HORN EG AB
TITLE RALEIGH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE 2 ARMED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Bandits who committed robberies at Visalia, California, 12-31-37 and 1-2-38 identified as John/Jackson and Joe Stanley, not identical with fugitives this case. Purchase of oranges, Forterville, California, by Harvey F. Sixsmith, 2-13-37, verified. Fred Cole stated that the "Dick" (reported former associate of Fred Cole) is Joe Harris; that Mrs. Cole's trouble with R. B. Cornett was not caused by Cornett's refusal to wreak vengeance on J. A. Rutherford. Fred Cole and wife state Floyd Hill never seen personally by them, but corresponded with Mrs. Cole as result of friendship with Ted Cole in McAlester, Oklahoma, Penitentiary. Two men reported resembling fugitives inquired 1-10-38 at ticket office, Santa Fe Railroad, Lindsay, California, cost of ticket for woman from Temple, Texas, to Lindsay. Clarence Moon, Paul Morris Flick and Robert Wilson Johnston deny purchasing pamphlets re tides at Portland, Oregon. Robert V. Ish reports unknown man seen sending Morse Code messages to Alcatraz by flashlight from Croix Tower, San Francisco, evening of November 25, 1937.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, California, dated January 8, 1938; letter from San Francisco Office dated December 29, 1937, to Los Angeles office,

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on January 1, 1938:

AT VISALIA, CALIFORNIA:

At the Linway Store, Liberty District, five miles from Visalia toward Tulare, California, W. PERRY PATRICKS, proprietor, advised Agent and S. E. MILLMAN, Sheriff, Visalia, California, that about 9:00 P.M. on December 31, 1937, a man came to the door of the store which he was just closing for the night, and wanted to buy a package of cigarettes; that when he opened the door, this man came in, followed by a taller man who had what appeared to be an old model .44 calibre revolver in his hand and who said it was a stick-up; that this tall man lined him, PATRICKS, and Mr. and Mrs. ROUSE along the counter and searched them; that he then took the contents of the cash drawer which contained somewhere around \$10.00; that the tall man did all of the talking and kept asking him, PATRICKS, where he had his money hidden; that during the conversation, he advised that he and his partner were from Alcatraz; that the conditions in the prison forced them to engaged in this business; that the "law" was after them and the whole world against them; that they would not be taken alive; that his own step-father who lives at Woodlake, California, would turn him in.

PATRICKS further advised that after the tall man had satisfied himself that there was no more money in the store, he left the shorter man, who apparently had no gun, in the store to guard the three elderly persons, and said he would go down to the next store and rob it; that he was gone about an hour, during which time the shorter man carried on a general conversation, and at this time he also said they were from Alcatraz and would never be taken alive, and that the "law" was after them; that he also said things in Los Angeles was very slow. PATRICKS stated that during the conversation, the short man referred to his "stepmother" at Woodlake, California, and said something to the effect "look what she would do to me".

Agent exhibited numerous photographs of HARVEY LOWE and TED COLE, mixed with a number of photographs furnished by Sheriff Sherman, to PATRICKS, and although he had stated that he would readily recognize either of the robbers, and that the

bits had in fact told the old people to look at them closely as they might want to identify them again, he was unable to identify either ROE or COLE. Agent then picked out the photographs of ROE and COLE, and PEATROS stated definitely that neither of the bandits resembled either of them.

PEATROS described the robbers as follows:

	<u>TALL MAN</u>	<u>SHORT MAN</u>
Age	24 years	24 years
Height	6'	5' 7"
Weight	160 lbs.	135 lbs.
Hair	Not noticed	Not noticed
Eyes	" "	" "
Dress	Dark suit	Dark suit
	Nothing else noticed as to either.	

PEATROS advised that the bandits took a .22 calibre revolver which he has had for about twenty-five years with them.

MR. and MRS. ROUSE could furnish Agent and Sheriff CHESTAN no additional information, except that the two bandits had what appeared to be a light colored Ford Coupe. Neither MR. nor MRS. ROUSE could identify the photographs of COLE and ROE, and stated positively that the robbers were not those two fugitives. Both stated that they had observed both the robbers closely during the period of more than an hour while they were at the store, and would recognize them if seen again; that they were positive that neither was COLE nor ROE. MRS. ROUSE stated that neither wore a mask, but that both wore gloves; that the short fellow started to take off one of his gloves, but the tall fellow commanded him to put it back on and keep it on.

From TOMMY PHILLIPS, storekeeper, Giannini Winery, about two and one-half miles from the store of PEATROS, and JOHN ALLARD, blacksmith, Agent learned that the tall man referred to above walked up to the front of the store which was closed about 9:30 or 10:00 P.M., and told the group of men which included the above two men, LARRY ROUSE, night watchman, and a Mexican who gave his name as DON OF DIAZ, P. O. Don JCH, Outler, California; that the robber said "stick on up", but that no one paid any attention at first, thinking it was a joke; that, however, when they looked up

from the tire they were repairing for the Mexican and saw the robber with a gun in his hand and struggling to get the gun of BURGE which he had on his hip, they realized it was a hold-up; that the robber did not succeed in getting BURGE'S old gun, and after being informed that the store was closed and the proprietor gone to town, he turned around and walked back to his car which appeared to be a light colored Ford V-8 Coupe, and was parked about fifty yards down the road in the darkness. PHILMIL and ALLIED gave about the same description of this man as previously set forth and could give no more.

ALLIED, who seemed to be intelligent and more reliable and who stated that he particularly observed the robber's face with a view to later identifying him, could make no identification from the photographs exhibited to him, including those of ROE and COLE. After the photograph of ROE was called to his attention, he stated that he was fairly certain that the man was not ROE.

PHILMIL picked out the photograph of EARL ROE from the group exhibited to him and stated that the man somewhat resembled him, but could not make any identification.

BURGE was not available for interview.

Agent Horn noted on January 4, 1938 an article in the Los Angeles Times under date of January 3, 1938 at Visalia, California, that two bandits had held up a milling station and a store on January 2, 1938, and were pursued to Tulare, California, where their automobile was wrecked at an intersection; that one of the men leaped out and escaped, while the other crawled from the overturned machine just as the officers arrived, and also escaped.

In connection with this article, on January 5, 1938 Agent interviewed S. B. SHIMM, Sheriff, Visalia, California, who advised that the two bandits mentioned in the above article were identified from description as the same two bandits who had perpetrated robberies set out above on December 31, 1937; that from the investigation relative to the automobile, these two bandits had been identified as JOHN JACKSON and JOE STANLEY who had been picking cotton on a ranch seven miles east of Tulare, California, for a Mr. ROBINETTE for about five weeks prior to the robbery.

Sheriff SHIMM advised that it had been definitely determined that these bandits were not EARL ROE and TED COLE. In view of these facts, no further investigation concerning them is being made.

Reference is made to teletype from the Butte Division to the Los Angeles and Portland Divisions on December 30, 1937, re ALVIN K. (SHARITE).

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on January 5, 1938 at Porterville, California:

H. COOPER, Manager of the Sunist Packing House, approximately two miles south of Porterville, California, examined his records and advised that H. SMITH had purchased one hundred and eleven (111) boxes of standard oranges on December 18, 1937 at the plant, and loaded them on a truck bearing Idaho license IN 593; that the address of this H. SMITH was Spirit Lake, Idaho. He advised he did not recall the man or his companions, and could furnish no other information concerning them; that they did not mention their route into or out of California.

Reference is made to teletype from the Oklahoma City Division to the Bureau and San Francisco Division dated December 23, 1937, re "DICK" who associated with FRED COE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. D. Horn on January 6, 1938:

FRED COE advised that the DICK referred to was probably JOE LAMIS, because he was sometimes called DICK. FRED COE stated that he never had much to do with JOE LAMIS, but because he was a friend of FRED COLE, his parents stopped in to visit him and his wife, M. and MRS. FRED COLE on one occasion; that he sold a car to JOE LAMIS, but the latter never paid for it, and that FRED COLE was compelled to go to his father's place in Oklahoma City and repossess the car. FRED COLE advised that this was his only association with DICK who was actually JOE LAMIS.

In regard to the trouble between MRS. FRED COLE and CORBETT, FRED COLE advised that REBEL A. CORBETT, Atwood, Oklahoma, married EVELINE COLE, daughter of MRS. FRED COLE; that REBEL and EVELINE had two children; that on one occasion about two years ago, EVELINE came home and was assisting in processing beans; that REBEL CORBETT came to MRS. FRED COLE'S home and took the children away with him; that MRS. FRED COLE and her daughter EVELINE CORBETT got in their car and overtook REBEL CORBETT and the children, who were riding in a buggy, and that EVELINE started to get in the buggy, when REBEL CORBETT hit her over the head with a rock; that

that he then threw the children out of the buggy and MRS. COLE told him not to kill them, and he then hit her on the head with a rock.

FRED COLE stated he did not witness these events, and when the information was brought to him, he swore out papers against REBEL CORLETT; that PAULINE later secured a divorce from him, but after they were divorced, she went back to him and they are living together now and apparently getting along all right.

FRED COLE was questioned relative to the cause of the trouble between REBEL CORLETT and his wife and MRS. COLE, but he stated that there was no trouble at all, except that REBEL CORLETT had a nasty temper and was inclined to be mean; that MRS. COLE had not tried to break up their home, and that as far as he knew, prior to the incident on the road when CORLETT hit the women with rocks, he had not had any trouble with his wife PAULINE CORLETT.

FRED COLE stated emphatically that the trouble was not caused by MRS. FRED COLE on account of CORLETT'S refusal to kill or harm J. A. BURNHAM.

MRS. FRED COLE was reinterviewed and advised that FLOYD HILL was a friend of TED COLE while they were in McAlester Penitentiary together; that about four years ago, FLOYD HILL and TED COLE made a pin and a ring and sent them to her for Christmas presents; that she has never seen FLOYD HILL and does not know him personally; that he formerly wrote her from the penitentiary and called her mother; that TED COLE told her that he has no real mother and that she felt sorry for him and wrote him one or two letters at the penitentiary; that when he got out of McAlester Penitentiary in 1936, he wrote her a postcard from Enid, Oklahoma. She also advised Agent that she had received a postcard from him from Leavenworth Penitentiary which matter has been reported elsewhere by Special Agent E. P. Kramer.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. OSBORNE:

LESLIE CLARENCE LECN, PAUL MORRIS FLICK and ROBERT WILSON JOHNS-
TON, were located in Calipatria, California, when they called for their
mail at the general delivery window on January 10, 1938, and stated that
they are presently residing in one of the numerous pea pickers camps lo-
cated near Calipatria, California, and that they intend remaining there
as long as there is plenty of work for them to do and that after that they
do not know where they will be going to as they do not have any definite
plans at the present time. LER. LECN stated that he left Mars, Pennsyl-
vania, in July, 1937, and came to Lake Fork, Idaho, where he remained until
August 10, 1937, when he proceeded to Hood River, Oregon, and remained there
until December 9, 1937, and then proceeded to Portland, Oregon, where he re-
mained during the thirteenth and fourteenth of December, 1937, and then
proceeded down the coast and finally arrived in Calipatria. It was as-
certained that FLICK and JOHNS-
TON came out to Hood River, Oregon, from Mars,
Pennsylvania, and joined LECN there about December 9, 1937; that immediately
after their arrival they left this point and proceeded to Portland, Oregon,
as stated above.

These men were questioned relative to points they visited while
in Portland but failed to mention having visited a lighthouse and when ques-
tioned specifically relative to their having visited a lighthouse in Port-
land they stated that they did not know that there was a lighthouse in Port-
land and could not recall that they had seen one while visiting about the
city. These young men stated that they had not made a purchase of any books
in Portland and were not in any way interested in the tides in San Francisco
Bay. These men stated that they had come to California and the west for the
purpose of sightseeing but that due to their lack of funds they are forced
to work in order to earn their money as they go and that they intend to re-
main in California and the Western States for about one year or possibly
eighteen months before returning to their homes in Mars, Pennsylvania.

These men advised that they stopped in the Portland Auto Camp
while in Portland, Oregon, which is located on U. S. Highway 99 E on the
northside of town near Vancouver and that they entered California at Smith
River on December 16, 1937, having left Portland, Oregon, on the early
morning of December 15, 1937; that they had toured the State of California,
having visited San Ysidro, San Diego, Pismo Beach and several other towns
and had finally stopped in Calipatria as they had been able to obtain em-
ployment on Sinclair's Ranch for the duration of the pea-picking season.

It should be noted that all three young men answered all questions
without hesitation and were obviously attempting to assist in every way
possible to furnish information about themselves and their whereabouts
while in California and Oregon. Agent made an examination of the 1935
Ford V-8 Coupe they have in their possession and found that it does not have

Pennsylvania license plates 62 P 5 on it at the present time as they had made application for California license plates and had been instructed to remove their foreign plates pending the arrival of their new California plates. Mr. MOON stated that these Pennsylvania license plates had been on his car at the time he entered California.

The following is a description of these men as obtained from observation and information furnished by them:

	LESLIE CLARENCE MOON	PAUL MORRIS FLICK	ROBERT WILSON JOHNSTON
Age:	31	21	19
Height:	5'6"	6'	5'7"
Weight:	165 lbs.	150 lbs.	135 lbs.
Build:	Stocky	Medium	Medium
Hair:	Dark brown, greying	Brown	Dark brown
Eyes:	Blue	Blue	Grey
Complexion:	Ruddy	Fair	Fair
Occupation:	Fruit farming	Fruit farming	farming
Parents:	A. H. Moon, Bayard, W. Va.	Henry Flick Mars, Pa.	M. E. Johnston, Connoquenessing, Pa.

AT LINDSAY, CALIFORNIA:

This investigation is predicated upon a message received from G. E. TRULL, Constable, Lindsay, California, to the effect that JOHN H. DAILY, Santa Fe Depot Agent, Lindsay, California, had reported to him that he had seen two men that resemble RICHARD ROE and THEODORE COLE; that these men had made inquiry relative to the cost of a railroad ticket from Temple, Texas, to Lindsay, California, at about 1:00 P. M. or 2:00 P. M., on January 10, 1938, and had disappeared thereafter. These men had stated that they wished to send the ticket to some woman in Temple, Texas, and Mr. DAILY had offered to accept the money and have the ticket forwarded to the person they wished to have it but they had refused to do this stating they would forward her the money by Postal money order.

MR. TRULL was interviewed at Lindsay and confirmed the information set forth above and then proceeded with Agent to the Santa Fe Railroad Station for the purpose of interviewing Mr. DAILY. MR. DAILY stated that between 1:00 P. M., and 2:00 P. M., on January 10, 1938, two men came into the railroad station and one of them came behind the counter and made

inquiries relative to the cost of a ticket from Temple, Texas, to Lindsay, California; that it is unusual for anyone to come behind the counter and for this reason he took particular notice of this one man; that his general description fitted that of THEODORE COLE and that the other man's description was very close to that of RICH ROE. MR. DAILY gave Agent a description of these Subjects and it was noted that the description was about the same as it is set forth on the identification orders issued on these subjects. Pictures of both Subjects were exhibited to Mr. DAILY and his assistant, RUSSELL W. WELLS, and they both stated that one of the men closely resembled the picture of THEODORE COLE and that there is a slight resemblance between the other man and ROE. However, neither Mr. DAILY nor Mr. WELLS could make a positive identification on either Subject, merely stating that the men they saw greatly favored the Subjects. However, it should be noted that Mr. DAILY was inclined to believe that the man ^{who} came back of the counter more closely resembled COLE than the other man resembled ROE.

Agent and Mr. TRULL made inquiries in the neighborhood of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE B. MORRIS, Route 1, Box 495, Lindsay, California, to determine whether there had been any strange visitors at their home recently and after it had been determined that none of their neighbors had seen anyone there recently they were interviewed. It was learned from Mr. and Mrs. MORRIS that Mrs. MORRIS' son, G. I. DANSON, 6225 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, married one of THEODORE COLE's sisters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, several years ago; that they have never seen THEODORE COLE and do not know RICH ROE; that they have seen several pictures of him but doubted if they would be able to recognize him if they should see him; that they seriously doubt that he knows anything about them; that they do not have any information that might be helpful in locating COLE as they have never seen him and for that reason would not know any of his friends or contacts; that Mrs. COLE, Subject's mother, had spent Thursday before Christmas with them en route to Los Angeles where they were going to spend the holidays; that at that time they did not talk very much about THEODORE, but did state that they felt that he had not been successful in making his escape from Alcatraz Prison; that Mrs. COLE stated that she hoped that he had lost his life in this attempt to escape from prison as she thought that this was his method of committing suicide; that the only reference she made to the investigation being conducted by the Bureau was that some men had made a request to live in her home for a time and that she had refused to allow this as her family fills their home and makes it impossible for her to have any outsiders. MRS. MORRIS stated that Mrs. COLE was very reluctant to discuss the case and for that reason she did not feel at liberty to ask her very many questions relative to the matter.

MR. and MRS. MORRIS were questioned relative to their attitude towards furnishing any information they might receive as to the whereabouts of either Subject and they both stated that they would be more than glad to furnish any information that might come into their possession relative to the whereabouts of either Subject.

It was ascertained from Mr. TRULL that the MORRIS family enjoys an excellent reputation in Lindsay and that in his opinion they would not harbor either Subject should he come to their home and would not hesitate to call the local law enforcement officials and advise them if they should be contacted by the Subjects. Mr. TRULL stated that he had personally examined the money order applications in the U. S. Postoffice at Lindsay since the escape of Subjects and had failed to note any money orders having been purchased for Temple, Texas, and that the Postmaster had agreed to notify him in the event anyone attempted to purchase a money order for this point so that he might question them and take their fingerprints. Mr. TRULL also stated that he had made inquiries about Lindsay for strangers fitting the description of the Subjects but had been unsuccessful in locating anyone that had seen them, other than Mr. DAILY. It was also pointed out by Mr. TRULL that there are a lot of transient laborers in that section of California and that it was entirely possible that Mr. DAILY had seen one of these persons that resembled Subject and thought that they were the same person.

At Kingsburg, California, ROBERT V. ISH, 1830 21st Avenue, was located by reporting Agent and interviewed at the public school where he was teaching music approximately fifteen miles from Kingsburg, California. He advised that on Thanksgiving evening, 1937, which was November 25, he and his father, ROY V. ISH, 140 Page Street, San Francisco, were at the Croix Tower at about 8:30 P. M., and they observed a man on the platform around the base of the tower approximately ten or fifteen feet from the ground level, sending what appeared to be a code message to Alcatraz with a flashlight. ISH stated that they watched this man altogether for about one-half hour and that during this time he picked up some of the letters and a few words of the Morse Code inasmuch as he is somewhat familiar with the code, but was unable to obtain sufficient information to make the message intelligible to him; that the message was sent very fast and he was unable to read it; that they observed that Alcatraz Island was the only point where the message could be received; that during this time they observed no boat or other point than Alcatraz Island as a possible point for the reception of this message; that during this period while the unknown man was sending the message they observed no answering message; that they observed that this man was sending the message in a straight line towards Alcatraz Prison; that they became interested and walked up close to the tower and were almost directly underneath the man and when he observed them he immediately ceased sending the message and walked around to the side of the tower; that they then stepped back quite a way from the tower out of sight from the unknown

man and very soon thereafter the message began to be continued. ISH stated that the night was very clear and that they could see the man on the tower and they obtained the following description: 30 years; 5'8-10"; dressed in grey business suit and was wearing a hat.

ISH stated that he estimated the message was being sent at the rate of twenty-five to thirty words per minute. ISH could furnish no further information, but stated that this circumstance seemed to him significant in view of the escape of fugitives shortly thereafter from Alcatraz Penitentiary and he thought it best to call it to the attention of the Department of Justice.

At Bell, California, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. H. Franke on January 11, 1933: WILLIAM B. McCURE, who operates the Bell Auto Top Shop, 6234 Gifford, next door to the Dawson residence, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Field Division that he saw a young man in the Dawson home about eight P. M., but was unable to get an accurate look at this individual. However, this man left in a minute or so and he thought he would report the incident inasmuch as he had been previously requested by the writer to pay particular attention to anyone visiting the DAWSON home.

The writer personally interviewed Mrs. DAWSON who stated the above-mentioned individual was an insurance man, name unknown, who came to visit her husband in regard to his insurance policy. She also advised that she had no additional information concerning Subjects and stated she would immediately communicate with the writer if she received any.

Undoubtedly this insurance man is the same individual who previously visited the DAWSON home when Agents of the Los Angeles Field Division were maintaining a constant surveillance of the DAWSON home.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION will interview ROY V. LISH, 140 Page Street San Francisco, California, for any additional information concerning the sending of the Morse Code message from Croix Tower to Alcatraz Penitentiary on Thanksgiving, November 25, 1937.

LCS LOS ANGELES DIVISION will complete the leads in reference report.

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-752**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/18/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2-4/38	REPORT MADE BY T. W. DANSEY TWD:ETA
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:

Theda Best and son, Mr. Best, have never resided at Jessups, Md. Identity not known by Postmaster G. C. Kirm. Walter Gayden located and states he served part of his time in Alcatraz Prison with the subjects in this case. Is personally acquainted with both Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and states both were Southerners and refused to have anything to do with him. Can furnish no valuable information. Mrs. L. J. Shepherd, sister of James Vessila, located at 1612 G St. S.E., Wash. D.C.; can furnish no valuable information. Further efforts being made to locate James Vessila.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea at San Francisco, Calif., dated December 28, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT JESSUPS, MD.

Postmaster G. C. KIRM advised the writer that he had been Postmaster at Jessups, Maryland for several years; that during this time he had never heard of anyone by the name of **THEDA BEST** or

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WILLIAM BEST in that vicinity; that they had never received mail at that post office, and that he had never heard anyone mention their names. MR. KIRK advised that the mail carrier, C. L. OUSLER, was thoroughly familiar with everyone in that vicinity, and upon questioning, Mr. Ousler stated he was positive that no one by the name of THEDA or WILLIAM BEST had ever resided in the locality of Jessups, Maryland. He advised that he had been carrying mail in that section of the county for the past twenty years, and that he had never heard of a BEST family living around Jessups.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

At 328 Oakdale Place, the writer interviewed MRS. MARY LOVE, the mother of WALTER GAYDEN who at the time, was seriously ill, but advised that during her son's incarceration in Alcatraz Prison, he had never written her concerning the escape or association with any of the other prisoners; that Walter Gayden never discussed his prison life with her. She advised that her sister, MRS. W. R. DUDLEY was very close to Walter Gayden, and that if anyone had received any information from Gayden, it would be she.

At 465 Florida Avenue, N.W., the writer interviewed MRS. W. R. DUDLEY, and she advised that she was making every effort to take care of Walter Gayden and keep him on the straight path; that she had obtained employment for him in the Atlantic Coast Line Railway as a cook, traveling between Jacksonville, Florida, and New York City; that at the time of the interview he was out of town, but immediately upon his arrival in the city, she would bring him to the Washington Field Office.

On February 3, 1938, Mrs. W. R. Dudley called at the Washington Field Office with Walter Gayden, at which time he was interviewed, and stated that he knew both RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE; that he had worked with them in the mat factory, and that during this time he had never heard either of these men say anything about escaping. Walter Gayden seemed to be very cooperative, and was extremely willing to talk about this matter. He advised that he had played on the baseball team with Cole, but in view of the fact that both Roe and Cole were Southerners, they refused to have anything to do with him.

When asked his opinion as to why they escaped, Gayden stated he understood that both of the men were long termers, and that it was his belief that they merely committed suicide; that it was also his belief that it was impossible for anyone to leave Alcatraz Island in bad weather.

At 465 Florida Avenue, N.W., the writer interviewed MRS. JANE GAYDEN, who advised that she is the grandmother of WALTER GAYDEN, and that at no time did Gayden discuss his prison life with her; that he had never informed her about any of the activities of the prisoners in Alcatraz Prison.

At 1612 G Street, S.E., the writer interviewed MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD, who advised that she is a sister of JAMES VESSILA, and that upon Vessila's release from the penitentiary, she had forwarded him money and had requested him to come to her home; that he had done so, but later, at her request, moved to one of her sisters. Mrs. Shepherd refused to give the name of this sister, stating that she did not want her brother contacted; that he had served his time in the penitentiary, and that she did not want him haunted by Agents; that she was doing everything within her power to get him a job but that she would endeavor to have him call at the Washington Field Office where he could be interviewed.

On February 3, 1938, James Vessila called at the Washington Field Office and asked for the writer but refused to give his name to anyone. He stated that he would call again, but has since failed to do so.

Mrs. Shepherd stated that during Vessila's incarceration at Alcatraz, he had never written anyone in the family except herself and his mother; that she had read all of his letters, and that he had never mentioned about the activities of other prisoners at the Alcatraz. She stated that her brother was a very quiet boy and refused to talk about his prison experience. Mrs. Shepherd refused to give any of the names or addresses of her mother, sisters and brother. Further contact is being made with Mrs. Shepherd in an effort to obtain this information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At WASHINGTON, D. C., will contact MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD 1612 G Street, S.E., in an effort to locate and interview her brother JAMES VESSILA.

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

FILE NO. **76-614**

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 2-18-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-22-37-2-8-38	REPORT MADE BY G. H. TREADWELL goc
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

William F. Leaman released from U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio, 7-22-37. Records reveal no forwarding address. Lieutenant Bailey of Reformatory states probably located at Columbus, Ohio. Leaman's file transferred from Alcatraz Prison reviewed and list of visitors and correspondents while at U. S. Prison, McNeil Island, Alcatraz Prison and Chillicothe Reformatory obtained and set forth.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent W. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37.

Details:

AT CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Henry F. Clayton:

The records at the U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio, reveal that William F. Leaman was transferred to that institution on 7-6-37 and that he received a commutation of sentence on 7-22-37. Records fail to reveal any forwarding address. Lieutenant Bailey of the Reformatory states that he put Leaman on the bus for Columbus, Ohio.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. D. Harrington</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
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The following investigation was conducted by reporting Agent:

The file of William F. Leaman as transferred from Alcatraz Prison with this convict when he was transferred to Chillicothe, Ohio, was reviewed and the following list of correspondents obtained:

While subject was incarcerated at the U. S. Prison, McNeil Island, he wrote one letter to Otis Mohn, 845 Oak St., Stockton, Cal., and while incarcerated at Alcatraz Prison the following persons were corresponded with, in the order set forth:

1926

Bill Minix, brother-in-law, 3154 Gallis St., Portsmouth, O.,
Mrs. Florence Scoggins, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, Cal.,
J. George O'Hanneson, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles, Cal.,
U. S. District Attorney, Los Angeles, Cal.,
John J. Irwin, Los Angeles, Cal.,
Special Agent in Charge, F.B.I., Los Angeles, Cal.

1927

J. George O'Hanneson, Attorney, 4th and Spring Sts.,
Los Angeles, Cal.,
Special Agent in Charge, F.B.I., Los Angeles, Cal.,
Mr. Hall, District Attorney, Los Angeles, Cal.,
William Minix, brother-in-law, 3154 Gallis St., Portsmouth,
Mrs. Scoggins, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, Cal.,
H. A. Holzer, Federal Building, Los Angeles, Cal.,
Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.,
Bill Minix, brother-in-law, 3154 Gallis St., Portsmouth,
Florence Scoggins, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles,
J. George O'Hanneson, Attorney, 4th and Spring St.,
Los Angeles.

This convict's file did not disclose that he had received any visitors while in any of the U. S. Prisons enumerated. Mr. Clark, Record Clerk at the U. S. Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio, advised that the lack of a form showing visitors received would indicate that he had not had visitors.

Mr. Clark furnished Agent voluntarily with two photographs of William F. Leaman, one of which is being forwarded herewith to the office of origin, the other being retained in the Cincinnati Office file.

Enclosure:

TO OKLAHOMA CITY- one photograph of Wm.
F. Leaman.

Undeveloped Lead:

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at Columbus, Ohio, will ascertain the whereabouts of Leaman who is well known to the Columbus Police Department and the County Prosecutor's Office, and interview him along the lines contained in reference report.

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon,
February 16, 1938.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are thirty-eight "K" photographs which were forwarded to this Office with Bureau letter of December 22, 1937.

Please be advised that these photographs have been displayed to witnesses at Portland and no identification effected.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 2/16/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/23, 28, 31; 2/3/38	REPORT MADE BY Daniel Currie, Jr.
TITLE THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1471; RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1472			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>D. O. Vicars, 1937 B. C. license 16830, bears good reputation in Kamloops, B. C. W. C. Honeywell, 1937 B. C. license 42723, unknown to B. C. police. R. H. Baldwin, J. A. Blanchard, R. B. Boggs, and Wells Gwinn did not purchase tide and current pamphlet. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller, Andrew Ballew, and Joseph Fisher have no information regarding escape. Stuart Johnson, Washington license K-6717, presently San Diego, Calif.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u></p> <p>Report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, 1/17/38; report of Special Agent L. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, 12/28/37; Los Angeles letter to Seattle 1/12/38; report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, 1/21/38.</p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p>Under date of January 31, 1938 Mr. G. H. McMullin, Commissioner, British Columbia Police, Victoria, B. C., submitted a copy of a communication received from Inspector J. Shirras, Kamloops, B. C., in which he advised that Mr. D. O. Vicars was in San Francisco, California, but that he was returning to Kamloops immediately. Mr. Shirras stated that Vicars was a bonafide citizen and bore a good reputation in the community.</p> <p>Inspector Shirras was unable to submit any information concerning William C. Honeywell.</p> </div>			
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It will be recalled that 1937 British Columbia license 16830, registered to Desmond Odell Vicars, was registered at Smith River, California December 16, 1937, and 1937 British Columbia license 42723, issued to William C. Honeywell, was registered at Dunsmuir, California also on that date.

Mr. L. P. Carlson, American Can Company, Vine and Elliott Streets, Seattle, Washington, advised that Mr. P. W. Bass, lithographic mechanic, is presently with the company at San Francisco, California and probably would remain there for a considerable period of time. Mr. Bass was contacted, as reflected in the report of the writer dated December 29, 1937, at which time he advised that he took the trip to San Francisco, California by plane due to sickness in his family. In view thereof no lead is being set out to re-contact this man.

Mr. E. R. Baldwin, vice-president, General Insurance Company, Brooklyn and East 45th Street, Seattle, Washington, stated that he recalled making the trip to San Francisco by airplane around the middle of December. The trip was undertaken on business of his company, and he had no occasion in connection therewith to make any inquiries at the United States Lighthouse Service or to purchase any pamphlets concerning the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

Mr. J. A. Blanchard, Exchange Building, Seattle, Washington, advised that his trip to San Francisco during the middle of December, 1937 was likewise occasioned by official business, and that he had no occasion to make any inquiry at the United States Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, or to purchase any pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

Mr. E. E. Engle, King County Treasurer's office, Seattle, Washington, was again contacted with respect to 1937 Washington license A-18164 which is registered in the name of Clark Mallam. Mr. Engle advised at the present time no application for transfer of that title had been received; that in the event same was he would immediately communicate with the Seattle Field Office.

It will be recalled the car carrying the above license was registered as entering Dunsmuir, California December 16, 1937.

Mr. Wells Gwinn, whose car bearing 1933 Washington license A-40135, entered Dunsmuir, California December 16, 1937, was contacted at the offices of the Acme Finance Company, Central Building, Seattle. Mr. Gwinn stated that on his trip to California he did not make any inquiry

at the United States Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, nor did he purchase any pamphlets concerning the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

Mrs. Frank Keller, 415 South 31st Street, Tacoma, Washington, advised that she visited her brother, Edward Bentz, at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, around September, 1937. She pointed out, however, that the visit was closely supervised by the guards, and that even had Bentz known anything concerning a possible plan for escape he could not have relayed that information to her due to the close proximity of the guard. Mrs. Keller was shown pictures of the subjects in this case and advised of their status as fugitives. At the time she stated that if any information was received by her she certainly would relay it to proper authorities.

Mr. Frank Keller was interviewed at the Bernice Building, 11th and Broadway, Tacoma, Washington, where he acts as day-man. He confirmed the information given by his wife as to their visit to the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz. Keller stated that his visit with Bentz was very brief, and that during the time they talked about relatives. He likewise was shown pictures of subjects in this case and informed fully as to their fugitive status.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Keller, according to their statements, had ever heard anything concerning subjects, nor were their names familiar to them.

At the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, Joseph Fisher, a transferee from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, stated that he was at Alcatraz for approximately two years and during that time he kept pretty much to himself. He said that inmates at Alcatraz had very little opportunity to discuss anything relating to a possible break, and that as a matter of precaution it was a smart thing not to be in a group where a possible break was discussed. Fisher would not advise as to which of the inmates of Alcatraz were friendly with him, but stated that he worked in the laundry and tailoring shop and spoke to all his fellow-workers occasionally. Fisher insisted that he had never heard plans for a break discussed, but he suggested that in his opinion someone must have known about the matter; otherwise they could not have done anything.

Andrew Ballow was also interviewed at the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington. He is likewise a transferee from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz and advised that while at Alcatraz he had worked in the machine shop and laundry, and when not working and the opportunity presented itself for mingling with others, he kept away due to the fact that he had done fifteen years of his life

sentence and had made application for parole. He stated that he had had the application in mind for a long time, and for that reason was particularly careful of involving himself in any violation of prison regulations. Ballew insisted he had never heard any plan for a break mentioned by any of the inmates.

Both Ballew and Fisher disclaimed being intimate with subjects and advised they had never spoken to them except to say hello.

Robert B. Boggs, who presently resides at 3017 West 62nd Street, Seattle, Washington, called at the Seattle Field Office and was interviewed by Special Agent R. H. Simons. Boggs advised that he left Seattle December 15, 1937 with his wife for California. The trip was made in a 1933 Chevrolet carrying 1937 Washington license J-6546. Boggs stated that the purpose of the trip to California was to endeavor to obtain work, as he had recently been laid off at the Bremerton Navy Yard where he was a machinist. At Los Angeles Boggs advised that he stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gardner, 130 West 58th Place until January 17, 1938, when he returned to Seattle. On the trip down Boggs further advised he had had no occasion to make any inquiries at the United States Lighthouse Service, nor did he purchase any pamphlets concerning the tides and currents of San Francisco Bay.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. C. Dunne:

At Wenatchee, Washington:

Mr. James H. Jack, clerk in charge of the payroll at the Wenatchee Produce Company, Wenatchee, Washington, after reviewing his records, advised that no person by the name of Carrie Johnson had ever been employed by the Wenatchee Produce Company, but that his personal knowledge reflected that a Stuart Johnson and wife, Carrie Johnson, residing at Manson, Washington, were orchard owners and bought supplies from and sold through the Wenatchee Produce Company.

Mr. Jack stated that Stuart Johnson, a former county commissioner of Chelan County, owns a 1937 Studebaker coupe with 1937 Washington license plates H-6717, and that this car was purchased through the Wenatchee Produce Company; that Stuart and Carrie Johnson are a married couple past middle age, and bear an excellent reputation in the community of Wenatchee and Manson, Washington. Mr. Jack had no information as to whether or not Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were in California during December, 1937. The nature of agent's inquiry concerning Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was not made known to Mr. Jack.

Sheriff Tom Cannon, Wenatchee, Washington, likewise vouched for

the character and reputation and integrity of Stuart and Carrie Johnson, and advised agent that he had no information as to whether or not the Johnsons were in California during December, 1937.

At Ponsen, Washington:

Mrs. Mother Boaz, Postmaster, Ponsen, Washington, was contacted, at which time she advised that Stuart Johnson and his wife, Carrie Johnson, are residents of Ponsen, Washington, and that they are orchard owners; that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson drive a Studebaker coupe, license unknown, and had left for the State of California some time during the early part of December, 1937 and are presently living in San Diego, California, their post office address being General Delivery, San Diego, California.

Mrs. Boaz advised agent that both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are originally from the vicinity of Waterville, Washington and are well known and respected in the community of Ponsen, Washington; that she had been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for a period of approximately ten years and that they have always been well thought of and respected in Ponsen.

Agent proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson, which is located on the shore of Lake Chelan in the town of Ponsen, Washington, and observed that it is a small stucco bungalow on the edge of Lake Chelan and has the appearance of being well kept. There are no near neighbors residing near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson.

As information received indicated Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would return to Washington at an early date, no leads are being set out to contact them at San Diego, California.

At Cashmere, Washington:

The following investigation was conducted with reference to Anton Bye. Mr. A. P. Farris, Postmaster, Cashmere, Washington, advised that he has been acquainted with Anton Bye for a period of approximately 20 years, and that Mr. Bye is a farmer operating a small truck farm on the outskirts of Cashmere on Route 1; that Anton Bye is a very quiet individual, who lives on his farm with his wife, and that he never associates very much with the people of Cashmere, but minds his own business. Mr. Farris further stated that Anton Bye has never been involved in any trouble in Cashmere, and although being rather secretive about his business, is well thought of in the community. Mr. Farris further stated that Anton Bye owns a 1929 Ford sedan and has been in the vicinity of Cashmere, Washington during the entire winter, particularly the month of December of 1937; that Mr. Bye has no sons or daughters or relatives in Cashmere, and that his Ford sedan was purchased in Cashmere.

Mr. Anton Bye, residing on Route 1, Cashmere, Washington, was contacted, at which time he advised that he is the owner of a 1929 Ford 4-door town sedan, purchased in 1929; that this car was purchased in Cashmere, Washington, and bears 1937 Washington license plates K-203.

As to whether or not he was in the state of California or Portland, Oregon during December, 1937, Mr. Bye advised that he and his wife, Mary Bye, had been at home during the entire winter due to the fact that their finances do not allow them to take many trips; that he has no relatives in the State of California, and for that reason has no reason to make a trip to that state; that no one has driven his car either to Portland, Oregon or the State of California during the winter of 1937, and that he, himself, has not driven his car very much during the winter due to the inclement weather.

From the above it appears that Washington license K-203 registered at Smith River, California December 15, 1937 was probably issued for the year 1938.

UNDEVELOPED LANDS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE at Manson, Washington will contact Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson upon their return from California and ascertain whether they had occasion to purchase the pamphlets at Portland, Oregon covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At Wenatchee, Washington will ascertain to whom 1933 Washington license K-203 was issued in order that the registered owner of the car carrying those plates can be contacted with a view to ascertaining whether he was the party entering California at Smith River on December 15, 1937. Upon contacting such party he will be questioned in the event he did register at Smith River, California whether he had occasion to purchase the pamphlet at Portland, Oregon covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, will contact Mr. D. G. Vicars, resident there, in order to determine if he had occasion to purchase at Portland, Oregon the pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, it will be noted that car bearing 1937 B. C. license 16230, issued to Desmond Odum Vicars, Kamloops, B. C., was registered as entering Smith River, California December 16, 1937.

At Keremeos, B. C., Canada will contact Mr. W. C. Honeywell, to determine similar information. 1937 B. C. license 43723, issued to William C. Honeywell, Keremeos, B. C., is registered as entering Dunsmuir, California December 16, 1937.

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and Francisco, California
January 17, 1843.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir: Re: PAUL JACOB, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472. WILSON CARROLL, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Reference is made to your telegram to the New York City Office, in which you requested that JOHN PAUL GALL be immediately interviewed, which was referred to the San Francisco Office by letter dated at New York City, February 8, 1939.

Please be advised that JAMES EARL RAY, an inmate of the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, has been interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining any information relative to the escape of Subjects LEE and GALT, without results. RAY stated that he did not know anything about their escape, and furthermore, if he did, he would not tell.

Since CHASE'S return to Alcatraz Island, he refuses to be interviewed by anyone.

Very truly yours,

H.J.L. FILER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Oklahoma City Division to the Los Angeles Division, dated January 17, 1938, relative to Andrew Sampson and Lorraine Holland.

For assistance in conducting the investigation requested in paragraph three of reference letter, as to whether there is any connection between Andrew Sampson and the relatives of Theodore Cole, there are enclosed herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent M. H. Price, dated at Buffalo, New York January 12, 1938. From this report it will be noted that Andrew Sampson, while at Brewerton, New York, was employed as an engineer on the lake tug on Skaneateles Lake.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1276,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
FEBRUARY 17, 1938

Mr. Earl A. Brown,
Postmaster,
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Kindly place a cover on all mail received at your office for 1220 "C" Street, N.E., Ardmore, the home of Louise Byrd Pruitt, for a period of thirty days, and furnish this office with tracings of such mail, showing postmark and return address.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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RE: RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.
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James V. Bennett
Director

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

Washington

February 19, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Warden Johnston with which he enclosed an original letter and envelope postmarked at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, purporting to give information about Capone and about Cole and Roe, missing from that institution. This material is forwarded to you for such action as you deem appropriate. You will note that Warden Johnston has asked that the letter be returned for their files when it has served your purpose.

s. W.T. HAMMACK,
Acting Director.

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Warden James Johnston
San Francisco

Sir

I am one of the former gang of Capone. If I get caught at this I will go as the man did yesterday. I want you to know what it is all about. The gang has it all planned, they have money plenty, they plan for Capone to act crazy so you will send him to the mental hospital and then they break him out as that would be easy up there. They went up and looked it all over and they have made plans. On the Island there is a man who keeps the outside in touch and they have been planning for two years. You see he asked again for pardon and it was refused, this is the way how to get him out and each one is promised plenty and they they go to So America.

I am now working and out of it all but I have way to find out. He is dangerous and controls so many you should be able to get enough on him to keep him in for life. he knows about the Lindbergh gang on the snatch and he could tell you plenty about Arnold of N.Y. and a few others money did it all and he has lots put away in different parts under other names.

Watch close, if this does not work there is a plan to make a break at the island. The two who got away are the start they are now on the coast in disguise you could easily pick them up if the federals got on it good. they have map of island and know the entire set.

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

FILE NO. **76-95**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLO.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-20-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-24, 25, 27-37 2-16-38	REPORT MADE BY W. WILLIS FISHER NK
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 concerning Orris O. Dean, Clerk Hill, and Cris C. Knudson, owners of cars bearing Colo. or Wyo. license plates which passed through California-Oregon checking station on 12-15 and 16-37, determines that Dean is now residing Kenwood, Calif., Clark Hill residing Henryetta, Okla., and Knudson departed Sterling recently, present address unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Portland Office, dated 12-24-37
 Telegram to Portland Office from Denver Office, 12-24-37
 Telegram from Portland Office to Denver Office, 12-24-37
 Teletype to Oklahoma City Office from Denver Office, 12-25-37
 Telegram to San Francisco Office from Denver Office, 12-27-37

DETAILS:

Reference teletype from the Portland Office dated December 24, 1937, requested that an immediate check be made on the cars bearing the following license plates, which cars passed through the California State Checking Station at the Oregon-California border on December 15 and 16, 1937:

- Car #1: 1937 Colorado License #8-5540, Ford Two Door Sedan, two passengers
- Car #2: 1937 Colorado License #131356, make of car unknown, two passengers
- Car #3: 1937 Wyoming License #4-1861, Oldsmobile, two passengers

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The teletype in question further desired that the identity of the owner of each car, the others in the party, the occupation, reputation, reliability, and destination and present whereabouts of each be determined.

From Officer F. G. Foster, Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol, it was learned that Colorado license, 1937, #8-5540, was issued to Clark Hill, Route No. 2, Grand Junction, Colorado, for a 1934 Ford Two Door Sedan. Acting Special Agent in Charge R. A. Knittle immediately contacted the Sheriff's Office at Grand Junction, by telephone, and requested that the identity, reputation, and present whereabouts of Clark Hill be determined. Pursuant thereto, the following morning, December 25, 1937, Sheriff Charles S. Lumley, Grand Junction, telegraphed the Denver Office, advising that Clark A. Hill and his wife left Grand Junction on November 13, 1937, and were living at Kenwood, California; further, that Hill was a carpenter and builder by trade. A telegram containing this information was directed to the San Francisco Office, on December 27, 1937, with a request to interview Hill in the premises.

Deputy Sheriff George Stevens, of Green River, Wyoming, advised that Wyoming license, 1937 #4-1861, was issued to Orris O. Dean, Henryetta, Oklahoma, for a 1937 Oldsmobile Sedan, Motor #F-683332, Serial #TS-384776, on February 19, 1937. Deputy Sheriff Stevens further advised after making considerable inquiries in the town of Green River, that Dean's identity was not known at that point, other than that he was either a salesman or an oil field worker, coming up from the State of Oklahoma to work in the Wyoming fields. This information was given to the Oklahoma City Office on December 25, 1937, by teletype, with instructions to locate and interview Dean in the premises.

With respect to Colorado license, 1937, #131356, Officer Foster of the Colorado Courtesy Patrol advised that this number lacked a prefix, and accordingly, a telegram was sent to the Portland Office on December 24, 1937, with instructions to ascertain the prefix number of this license. In answer thereto, the Portland Office telegraphed under date of December 24, 1937, that the checking station did not record the prefix number, and that there was no means of ascertaining the same at that time. Officer Foster then advised that this number was either #1-31356, or 13-1356; that the former license was issued to Joe Gust, 4245 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado, on a 1930 Chevrolet Coupe, and that the latter license was issued to Cris C. Knudson, Sterling, Colorado, for a 1937 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #287463.

Special Agent T. H. Pirnie interviewed Joe Gust, who was ascertained to be a produce merchant, at his place of business, at 1500 - 12th Street, Denver, at which time Gust advised that he had not been out of the State of Colorado except on one occasion when he made a fishing trip into the State of Wyoming, and further, that his car was never out of his possession at any time.

Sheriff Ray Powell, Sterling, Colorado, advised that Cris C. Knudson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Balsar Knudson, of 918 South Fifth Street, and that the son has lived in Sterling, Colorado, practically all of his life. That he is a farmer by trade, and bears an excellent reputation; further, that one of his deputies, Frank Long, is a distant relative of Cris Knudson, and has always spoken of him in the highest terms.

George E. Thompson, switchman, Union Pacific Railroad, Sterling, and a brother-in-law of Cris Knudson, advised that the latter made a trip at the close of the year 1937, to the State of Washington, and elsewhere on the Pacific coast, and that as he recalls no one accompanied Knudson except his wife, and that they returned to Sterling, Colorado, in the latter part of December 1937, and remained there until recently, when Knudson and his wife departed for the coast. It was the opinion of Mr. Thompson that Knudson would either go to Sunnyside or Longview, Washington.

At the Sterling Post Office, Mr. C. Astell, Clerk, advised that although he was aware that Knudson had left Sterling, Colorado, still Knudson had left no forwarding address at the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Balsar Knudson advised that their son, Cris C. Knudson, was in California, Portland, and Washington, during the latter part of 1937, where he made a trip with his wife; that after returning to Sterling, Colorado, he sold his farm, merchandise, etc., and a week or two ago left Sterling, Colorado. Mr. Knudson stated that his son failed to state definitely where he was going, but intimated that he intended to go to the State of Wyoming, and then possibly on to the coast. He suggested that he be re-contacted within a period of approximately ten days to two weeks, at which time he believed he might be in receipt of a letter from his son, advising him where he was.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: at Sterling, Colorado, will interview Mr. and Mrs. Balsar Knudson, at 918 South Fifth Street, for the purpose of obtaining the address of Cris C. Knudson, who should be interviewed for the purpose of determining if he passed through the Oregon-California checking station going from Oregon to California on December 15 or 16, 1937. In the event he did, he should be questioned with regard to his destination, the number of passengers in his car, and whether or not he purchased a booklet on tides at Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937.

P E N D I N G

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(Recorded 2-28-38 9:00 A.M.)

Laboratory Report

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

Number: 76-2686-254

Specimens: 76-2686-254 Q12 One envelope addressed to "Eagle Loan Office,
123 Third Street, San Francisco, Cal.," bearing
return address "Paul Stulges, 413 East 7th St.,
Los Angeles, Cal."
Q13 Accompanying letter, hand printed, beginning
"Enclosed find money order for one..."

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: 2/25/38 (recorded 2/26/38 mtg 10:00 A. M.)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint (chp Feb. 25, 1938.)

Result of examination: Examination by: Potter

CC-Oklahoma City
-Los Angeles

Evid not in file, to date 3/2

Fingerprints of Ben Freeman and Mark Paul submitted for elimination.

Latents to: Engraving - Lab not yet

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number: 76-2686-254

No latent fingerprints developed

Iodine prints developed on

Silver nitrate prints on

 Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS:

E. P. Coffey

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By:

Examiner.

FLM:EG

RECORDED

76-2386-724 ✓

March 19, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir: .

With reference to Laboratory Report #21611 , in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

Q12 and Q13

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

EPC for Hm.

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
February 21, 1938

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 are being transmitted with a copy of
this communication designated for the Technical Laboratory,
a copy of a letter written by one PAUL STULGES to the Eagle
Loan Office, 123 Third Street, San Francisco, postmarked
January 10, 1938, together with the envelope which enclosed
this letter, and the fingerprints of BEN PREISMAN and MARK
PAUL.

Mr. Paul is of the opinion that the in-
dividual who wrote the enclosed letter might possibly be
identical with THEODORE COLE. It is respectfully requested
that the letter and envelope be processed for latent prints
and a comparison of the prints developed thereon made with
the fingerprints of subjects in instant case.

The prints of Preisman and Paul are forwarded
for the purpose of elimination as they stated they had handled
the letter. It is requested that the San Francisco and
Oklahoma City Field Divisions be apprised of the results of
this comparison.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Oklahoma City
cc Los Angeles

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18, 19, 21/38	REPORT MADE BY J. V. MURPHY
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:

Present location of Mrs. William Collins unknown. Information obtained from confidential informant furnished by Chief of Police Jake Sims, Seminole, Okla., that Seedell "Sleepy" Johnson, former associate of Roe and Wilbur Underhill, left Seminole for California in fall of 1937, indicating that he was going to assist Roe to escape. Informant states Johnson moved to Bakersfield, Calif. in fall of 1937, and is now said to be living in Waddell, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix, Ariz., with his mother and brothers; that Bill Crawford, Okla. ex-convict, and friend of Johnson, is also residing in neighborhood with Johnson. Informant states going to Phoenix 3/5/38, and will visit Johnson to ascertain if they have any information concerning Roe and Cole, and will furnish information obtained to the writer or Special Agent F. S. Smith upon return to Seminole, Okla. about 3/15/38.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, 12/23/37. Report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Phoenix, 1/5/38. Report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, Kansas City, 1/24/38.

DETAILS:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. H. Stein</i> <i>SRM</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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This report covers investigation conducted by Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer.

Chief of Police B. C. Van Sickle, Stroud, Oklahoma, was interviewed, and he stated he has been unable to obtain any information concerning the present location of Mrs. William Collins; that he will continue his efforts, and if successful in locating her, he will advise the Oklahoma City Division by letter.

Chief of Police Van Sickle further stated that when Theodore Cole kidnaped Mr. Robinson, for which offense he was convicted and sentenced to Alcatraz, he took Mr. Robinson to Illinois, and after taking Robinson's car at some point in Illinois, Cole then drove to Tulsa, where he stole a Ford V-8 automobile; that he then drove to the home of his brother-in-law, "Rebel" Cornett, near Stroud, Oklahoma; that at that time "Rebel" Cornett and his wife, Pauline Cornett, were temporarily separated. Van Sickle stated Cole got his sister, Mrs. Pauline Cornett, and then drove to some place in Iowa, where "Rebel" Cornett was working on a farm; that "Rebel" Cornett accompanied them to the home of Pauline Cornett, where he left her, and he and "Rebel" Cornett drove to Dallas, where Cole was arrested with Cornett in the Dayton Hotel on Elm Street by the Dallas Police Department on January 6, 1935, Cole being arrested under #13324. Chief of Police Van Sickle stated "Rebel" Cornett was held by the Dallas Police Department about ten days before he was released.

Ernest Bruce, uncle of Theodore Cole, and Mrs. Nettie Bruce, grandmother of Theodore Cole, were not interviewed at this time, as the roads in the vicinity of their homes was impassable due to heavy rains. They will be interviewed as soon as possible.

J. P. Wall, City Marshal, Dewar, Oklahoma, was interviewed, and he stated Orle Turnbull is a farmer living seven miles south and one-quarter mile east of Dewar. The roads, however, in that vicinity are almost impassable at this time due to heavy rains, and Mr. Wall stated he would not advise Agents to proceed to the vicinity of Mr. Turnbull's home until the roads dried out. Orle Turnbull will be interviewed as soon as possible.

Mr. Wall stated he knew the Payne family who used to reside in Dewar, Oklahoma, and who are now residing in the vicinity of Milfay, Oklahoma. He

stated that Ivan Yates, Constable at Milfay, is acquainted with the Payne family, and Mr. Yates is reliable.

J. M. Haslet, Night Marshal, Depew, Oklahoma, was interviewed. He stated that he is acquainted with Theodore Cole, who lived for a short time in the vicinity of Stroud and often visited at Depew, Oklahoma with the Payne family. He stated that J. B. Payne, son of Old Men Payne, is an ex-convict of Oklahoma, having been convicted upon charge of bank robbery; that J. B. Payne now resides somewhere in Bristow, and was a former pal of Theodore Cole before being convicted on a charge of bank robbery. Mr. Haslet stated that Old Men Payne, father of J. B. Payne, resides at Milfay, Oklahoma, and his daughter, Annie Payne, now deceased, was a girl friend of Theodore Cole, and Letha Campbell Jones was the girl friend of Ralph Roe. Mr. Haslet stated that at the time Old Men Payne resided in Depew he made and sold whiskey and always had a gang of outlaws hanging around his place. Haslet further stated that a man by the name of "Buddy" Henry was formerly associated with the Paynes when they resided in Depew, and Henry was a pal of Ralph Roe; that Henry is now working in the Edmond oil field, and resides in Oklahoma City, the exact address he is unable to state. Mr. Haslet stated that he has no information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole at this time. He stated it would be useless to interview Old Men Payne at Milfay, as he will furnish no information to any officer.

Agents left Depew, Oklahoma en route to Milfay and Hickory Grove, Oklahoma, but because of the condition of the roads due to heavy rains it was impossible to reach these town at this time.

Agents interviewed Chief of Police Jake Sims at Seminole, Oklahoma with view to locating Billie Brown, a female friend of Ralph Roe, and Sims' informant Brown. Chief Sims made several inquiries to locate these persons, but was unable to do so, and it appeared from his inquiries that these people are temporarily out of the City of Seminole. Chief of Police Sims will be contacted in the near future with the view to locating and interviewing Billie Brown and Informant Brown concerning letters Billie Brown is said to have received from Ralph Roe.

With reference to Lena Stewart, who is said to be located at Russell, Kansas and frequented the O. K. Dance Hall, Chief of Police Sims stated that was the last information he had concerning Lena Stewart. He stated he would endeavor to secure the present address of Lena Stewart from a girl friend of

Leas's in Seminole, and would advise the Oklahoma City Division.

Chief of Police Sims stated he was informed by C. C. Whitson, the son of Chris Johnson, deceased and former Seminole police officer, that Whitson had overheard a conversation in his work gang of the Carter Oil Company, where he is employed, one and one-half miles north of Stroud, to the effect that an ex-convict named Johnson, who was released from Oklahoma State Penitentiary in the year 1937, had informed somebody that he was leaving Seminole, Oklahoma for California in the fall of 1937 to help Roe escape from Alcatraz Island.

C. C. Whitson was located and interviewed by Agents at the Seminole Police Department, and he repeated the above information, stating that he took no part in this conversation; that the conversation was carried on by Earl Cruz, one of the work gang, and that he later learned from Cruz that the statement of Johnson had been made in a pool hall at Seminole, Oklahoma. C. C. Whitson was requested to endeavor to locate Earl Cruz for the purpose of ascertaining to whom Johnson made that statement in the pool hall. After considerable effort on the part of C. C. Whitson, he informed Agents he was unable to locate Earl Cruz, who was temporarily absent from his work and out of the City of Seminole.

Chief of Police Jake Sims then informed Agents that he believed he could secure the location of the Johnson, who was believed by Special Agent Smith to be "Sleepy" Johnson, who was handled by Agent Smith in connection with the harboring of Wilbur Underhill. Chief Sims contacted a confidential informant of his, who is being referred to in this report as Confidential Informant R., and after talking to Informant R., Chief Sims called in Agents, and Informant R. stated to Agents that Seedell Johnson, alias "Sleepy" Johnson, had left Seminole in 1937, and gone to Borger, Texas, where he was employed by the Sinclair Oil Company; that "Sleepy" Johnson was injured by falling off of a truck at Borger, and he was sent by his fellow employees to a Phoenix, Arizona hospital; that "Sleepy" Johnson returned to Seminole from Phoenix in September, 1937, and his constant conversation was about Ralph Roe and that Roe would escape from Alcatraz Island. The informant stated she told "Sleepy" Johnson that she did not believe Ralph Roe had enough nerve to try anything like that, as he did not display any nerve at the time he associated with Underhill, when Underhill was killed and he was shot at Shawnee, Oklahoma. The informant stated that as a result of this remark "Sleepy" Johnson became very angry, and walked

the floor, stating that Ralph Roe has lots of nerve and he would escape from Alcatraz Island and he has lots of friends who would help him. Informant R. stated that in September, 1937 Mrs. Johnson, the mother of "Sleepy," and also Rufus Alonzo Johnson, alias Lon Johnson, who is also an ex-convict, moved from Seminole, Oklahoma to Bakersfield, California, where she resided for several months. She stated that the last she heard from "Sleepy" Johnson was about two months ago, when she received a letter from him mailed from Los Angeles, California; that "Sleepy" Johnson informed her he had been in jail at Bakersfield, after he got out of jail he went to Los Angeles, and he expected to go to Phoenix, Arizona, where his mother and brother, Lon, are now residing.

Confidential Informant R. stated there are five Johnson boys, Rufus Alonzo, who is known as Lon, is the oldest, Seedell alias "Sleepy" is next to the oldest, [redacted] and [redacted] is the youngest. The informant stated that [redacted] have no criminal records. The informant stated she expected to make a trip to Phoenix on March 5, 1938, and would contact the Johnsons at that time to ascertain if they had any information concerning Roe and Cole; that she intended to remain there about ten days; that upon her return, she would furnish what information she had obtained to Agents, who should contact her through Chief of Police Sims. Confidential Informant R. stated the only reason she was talking to Agents was on the recommendation of Chief of Police Jake Sims, for whom she had a very high regard, and that only upon his request would she agree to assist in this matter; that she would not, under any circumstances talk to anyone else other than Agents Smith and Murphy, who were brought to her by Chief of Police Jake Sims.

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Attention is called to the fact that prior to the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, whose criminal record is well known to the Bureau, he was harbored and protected at the home of "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson and at the home of their mother, Mrs. Johnson, who at that time was residing twenty miles east of Oklahoma City on the 23rd Street road. Ralph Roe, it will be recalled, was in the house at Shawnee with Underhill when Underhill was killed and Roe was wounded. Just a few hours prior to the apprehension of Underhill, "Sleepy" Johnson, with a confidential informant of the Oklahoma City Field Division, visited the house in which Underhill and Roe were secreted.

The Johnson boys were subsequently prosecuted for the offense of harboring. Both Lon and "Sleepy" Johnson are ex-convicts and are of a very low criminal type, as is their mother and the entire family, and would not hesitate for a moment to aid and assist Roe in any way they possibly could in escaping from Alcatraz and protecting him after his escape. It is possible that both "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson personally know Ted Cole, who has served a sentence at Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

On February 21, 1938 Chief of Police Jake Sims advised the writer by telephone that he had ascertained from Confidential Informant R. that she had received a letter from W. C. "Bill" Crawford at Waddell, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix, and that "Bill" Crawford is residing in the same community as Mrs. Johnson and her sons, "Sleepy" and Lon, and that Confidential Informant R. expects to visit at Waddell, Arizona about March 5, 1938.

Photographs of Rufus Alonzo Johnson, alias Lon Johnson, and his brother Seedell Johnson, alias "Sleepy" Johnson, were obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department, together with their descriptions. The photograph of W. C. "Bill" Crawford was obtained from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. One copy of each photograph is being attached to copies of this report designated for the San Francisco, Portland, Phoenix and Los Angeles Divisions.

No investigation at this time is being requested of the San Francisco Division concerning Seedell and Lon Johnson or W. C. Crawford; however, these persons should be kept in mind by the San Francisco Division in connection with investigation being conducted in that district.

For the information of the file the following are the descriptions of Rufus Alonzo Johnson, Seedell Johnson and W. C. Crawford:

Name	RUFUS ALONZO JOHNSON alias Lon Johnson
Age	33
Height	5', $\frac{7}{8}$ "
Weight	148
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel brown
Complexion	Medium dark
Teeth	Two upper front teeth slightly spaced
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Police No.	CCPD #15555

Name	W. C. CRAWFORD alias "Bill" Crawford
Age	48 (1936)
Height	5', 10"
Weight	149
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Scars	Burn scar on left hand
P.F.C.	(13) 0 5 U OIO 14 1 17 U OIO 15
Police No.	#35250, Okla. State Pen.

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Name	SEEDALL JOHNSON alias "Sleepy" Johnson
Age	29 (1938)
Height	6'
Weight	139
Race	White
Hair	Medium brown
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium
Scars	Diag. scar at extreme right fore- head in hair; int. burn scar at elbow front.
Police No.	#15565, OCFD

ENCLOSURES: TO THE SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND,
PHOENIX AND LOS ANGELES FIELD
DIVISIONS, one photograph each
of the following:

Rufus Alonzo Johnson alias Lon Johnson
W. C. Crawford alias "Bill" Crawford
Seedell Johnson alias "Sleepy" Johnson

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION is requested to exhibit the photographs of Rufus Alonzo Johnson, W. C. Crawford and Seedell Johnson to employees of the Lighthouse Service at Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of ascertaining if any of them can be identified as the person who made inquiry concerning tides in San Francisco Bay and around Alcatraz Island.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION at Bakersfield, California, is requested to ascertain from the Police Department or Sheriff's Office information concerning the arrest of Seedell Johnson, the date he was arrested and released.

THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION at Waddell, Arizona is requested to discreetly ascertain the location of the residence of the Johnson family, bearing in mind that if Roe and Cole were successful in reaching the mainland, it is possible they may be harbored by the Johnson family. It is requested that the police and Sheriff's Office not be contacted in this connection at this time to avoid the possibility of interfering with the work of Confidential Informant R., and that no investigation be conducted by the Phoenix Division other than the location of the Johnson home at this time and until further investigation is requested by the Oklahoma City Division.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Seminole, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with Chief of Police Jake Sims for any information he may receive from Confidential Informant R., and about March 15, 1938 will, through Chief Sims, contact this informant upon her return from Waddell, Arizona, and obtain all information she has secured from the Johnson family regarding Roe and Cole.

At Milfay and Hickory Grove, Oklahoma, will interview Constable Ivan Yates relative to the Payne family, former associates of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, and if advisable, will interview members of the Payne family concerning subjects.

At Depew, Oklahoma, will interview Orle Turnbull, who resides seven miles south and one-quarter mile east of Depew, concerning his knowledge of subjects and their associates.

At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview Ernest Brace, uncle of Theodore Cole, and Mrs. Nettie Brace, grandmother of Theodore Cole, who reside on a farm south and east of Stroud.

At Bristow, Oklahoma, will endeavor to locate J. B. Payne, and interview him concerning Roe and Cole.

Will endeavor to secure the address of "Sandy" Henry, and interview him for any information he may have concerning Roe and Cole.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION at Dallas, Texas, will contact the Police Department, and ascertain all particulars relative to the arrest of Cole, their #13324, and "Rebel" Cornett at the Dayton Hotel January 6, 1935.

PENDING

March 7, 1938.

ATP:CEK

76-2686-254

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

Re: RALPH MOH, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; THEODORE GIE,
with aliases, FUGITIVE.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 21, 1938,
transmitting an envelope addressed to "Eagle Loan Office, 123 Third
Street, San Francisco, Cal." and accompanying letter beginning
"Enclosed find money order for one..." for examination in connection
with the above-entitled case, your file #76-290.

You are advised that the material submitted was examined,
but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed.

The fingerprints of Ben Friedman and Mark Paul, also
submitted with your letter for purposes of elimination, are
being placed in the Bureau's Civil Identification File for
possible future reference.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

AIR MAIL

CC - Oklahoma City.
Los Angeles.

Nathan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION


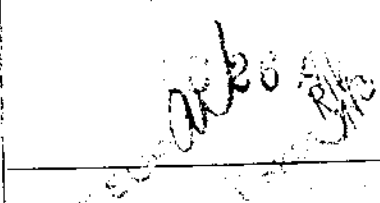
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.

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FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-23-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-17-38	REPORT MADE BY E.C. Dorris jfn
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUG., IO 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUG., IO 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Further efforts to locate Mrs. Otis (Clarabelle) Swan unproductive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent E.C. Dorris 2-8-38, El Paso; report of Special Agent J.V. Murphy, 12-22-37 at Oklahoma City.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT HOBBS, N.M.:-</p> <p>Further exhaustive inquiries through local officers, of the Post Office, and other sources of information, including the Retail Credit Association, were made with negative results. Although information was obtained regarding other families bearing the name of Swan, none of them seemed identical with Otis Swan.</p> <p>Mr. Paul S. Brown, Manager of the local office of the Retail Merchants' Credit Association, advised that he is from Seminole, Okla., and is well acquainted with Otis Swan, but has never seen Swan in Hobbs and does not believe he is located there. At least he has not been there for any length of time as Brown would surely have seen him.</p>			
<p>COPIES DESTROYED</p> <p>51 SEP 8 1966</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">- PENDING -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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March 2, 1938.

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76-2686-257

Mr. J. H. Hansen,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
903 Pacific Commerce Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 26, 1938, transmitting five photographs of latent fingerprints developed at the scene of a holdup at the Burp Hollow Cafe, 1017 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of February 22, 1938, for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #76-362.

It is noted that two of the photographs are of the same area. Two of the latent impressions appearing in these photographs, which are of the same finger, have been classified and searched through the Bureau's single fingerprint file without effecting an identification. Accordingly, a copy of one of the latent prints is being placed in the unidentified section of that file with a view to possible future identification as additional records are added to the file. Five additional latent finger impressions appearing in the remaining photographs are of value for comparison purposes.

All of the latent fingerprints have been compared in the Bureau with the fingerprints of Ralph Roe, with aliases, I. O. #1472 and Theodore Hall, with aliases, I. O. #1471, without effecting an identification.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.
CC - Oklahoma City (AIR MAIL).
CC - San Francisco (AIR MAIL).

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for
S.P.S.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 3-1-38 11:00A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; Number: 76-2686-257
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
IO #1471 - ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Specimens:

Five photographs of latent prints.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: chp Feb. 28, 1938.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

WIRE ANSWER IF IDENT.

cc -Oklahoma City a.m.
San Francisco a.m.

Lat. prints. removed from SFP file 9/18/48
2 photos of same area (2 prints of same finger) - 1 searched in SFP file as I.L.-E-141 - no ident

7 latents of value compared with Roe & Cole - no ident

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March 3, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Los Angeles telegram to the Bureau dated February 24, 1938, and to your letter to the Bureau dated February 26, 1938, referring to an article appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner to the effect that Fugitives Roe and Cole were suspected of a holdup and murder perpetrated in Los Angeles on the evening of February 22, 1938.

The Bureau desires to call your attention to the fact that it was necessary to communicate with you by telephone at 4:35 P. M., Eastern Standard time, to inquire about this article which had previously appeared in a newspaper. At that time, you advised you had sent a telegram to the Bureau relative to this matter. It is noted, however, that the telegram was sent in the form of a day letter and the time it was sent is recorded as 1:43 P. M., Pacific Standard time. Your attention is invited to the fact that this information should have been transmitted to the Bureau as soon as it was received by you and your explanation that you delayed advising the Bureau until a comparison of latent fingerprints found at the scene of crime was made with the fingerprints of Roe and Cole is entirely unsatisfactory. You should, of course, have advised the Bureau of the facts immediately after you learned that the article appeared in the paper. This could have been followed up later when Roe and Cole were definitely eliminated as suspects.

It is desired that you give proper attention to matters of this kind in the future.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

CC-Oklahoma City

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
February 26, 1938

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

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
IO #1471 -- ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram of the Los Angeles Office dated February 24, 1938, in connection with the above-entitled case, in which telegram reference was made to the newspaper article appearing in the Los Angeles EXAMINER to the effect that Subjects ROE and COLE had perpetrated a stickup at the Burp Hollow Cafe, 1017 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on the evening of February 22, 1938 during the course of which stickup the proprietor, a man named THOMPSON, was killed.

As MR. TAMM was advised on the telephone on February 24, 1938, the Los Angeles Police Department has informed this office that the story appearing in the EXAMINER was apparently based entirely on the imagination of the newspaper reporter writing the article. Detective Lieutenant SANDERSON, who is handling this case for the Police Department, informed Special Agent R. P. KRAMER that while he was mentioned in the story as saying that ROE and COLE were suspects in the case, he never had a conversation with any newspaper reporter at all about the matter. SANDERSON said, however, that inasmuch as the newspaper reporters had suggested these two individuals as suspects he had gone through the process of eliminating them by displaying their photographs and also by having the latent fingerprints found at the Cafe, and which it is believed are those of the two hold-up men in question, eliminated in a comparison with the fingerprints of ROE and COLE.

I might also state that the delay in the Los Angeles Office in sending its telegram of February 24, 1938, was due to the fact that it was thought desirable to await this fingerprint elimination before advising the Bureau definitely with respect to this newspaper article.

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51 SEP 8 1966 There are attached hereto photographic copies of the latent fingerprints developed at the scene of this stickup and killing, by the Los Angeles Police Department, which has requested that this Bureau make a comparison of these prints with those appearing in its

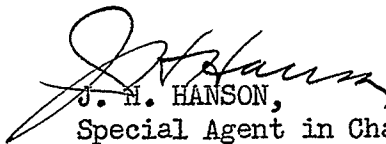
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Director, F.B.I.

February 26, 1938

single fingerprint files. The Los Angeles Police Department will, of course, appreciate being advised concerning the outcome of this search, and it is requested that the Bureau make it at the very first opportunity, advising this office of the results. If an identification is made, it is requested that the Bureau advise telegraphically.

Very truly yours,


J. N. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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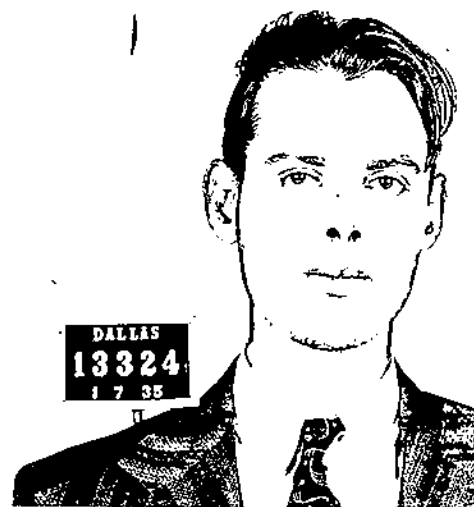
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Theodore Cole



Ralph Roe

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

Fingerprint Classification: 21 17 IM 17
27 0 16

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

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

Sentenced from Western District of Oklahoma for kidnaping.

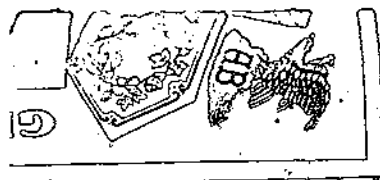
Correspondents:

Mrs. Esther Cole (Mother) P.O.Box 216, Woodlake, California

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

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





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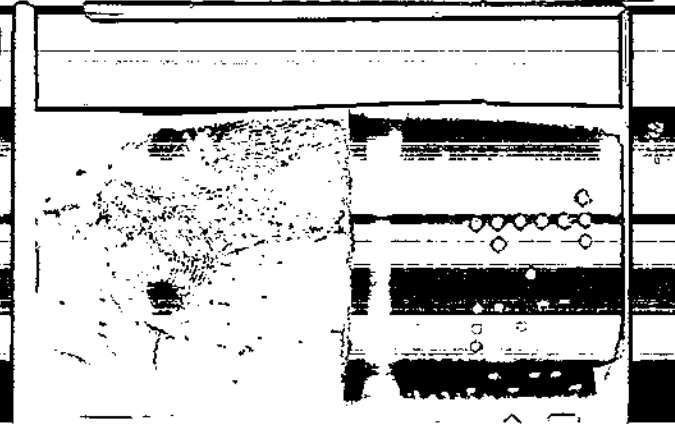
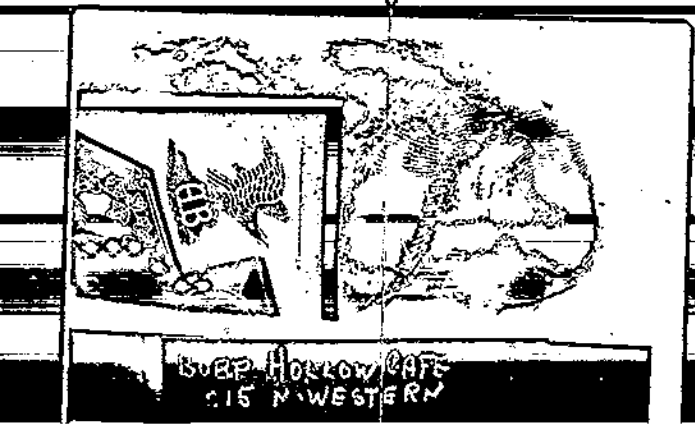
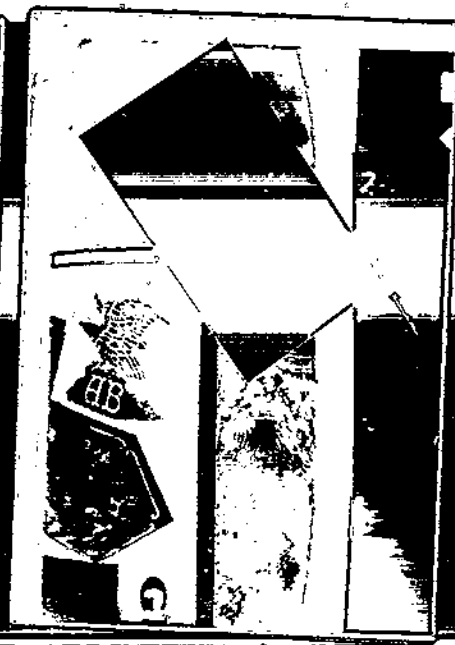
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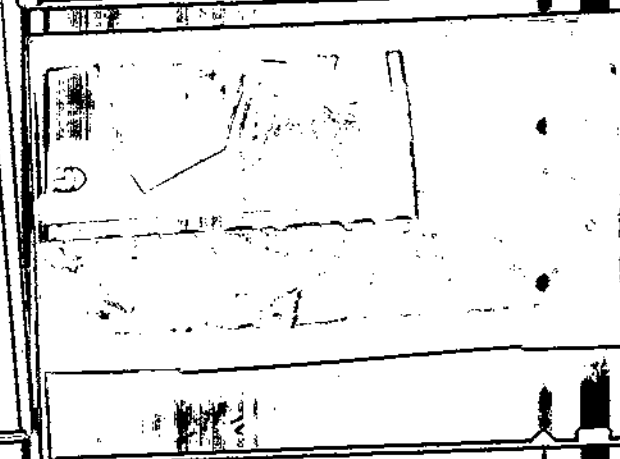
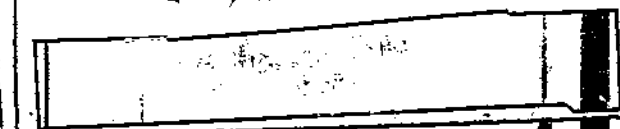
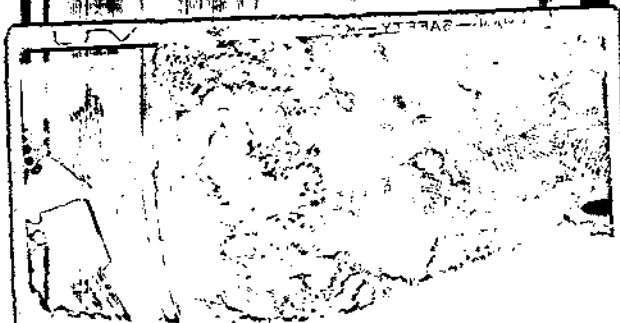
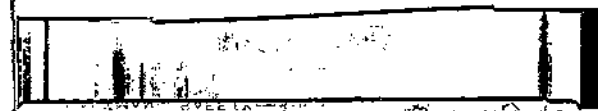


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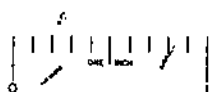
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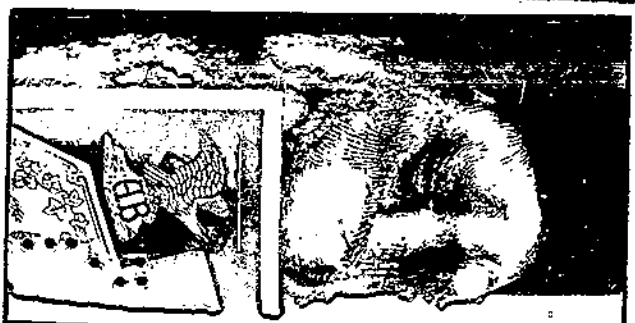
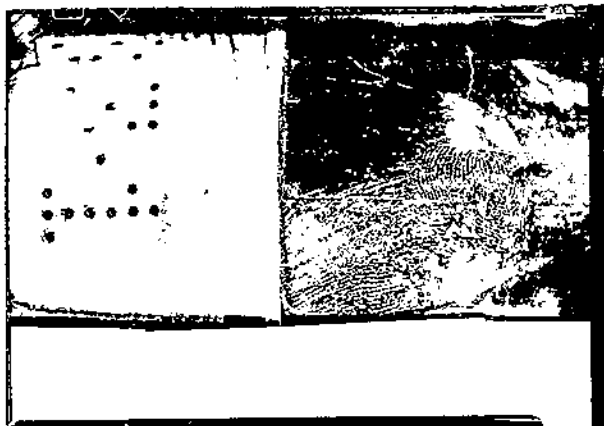
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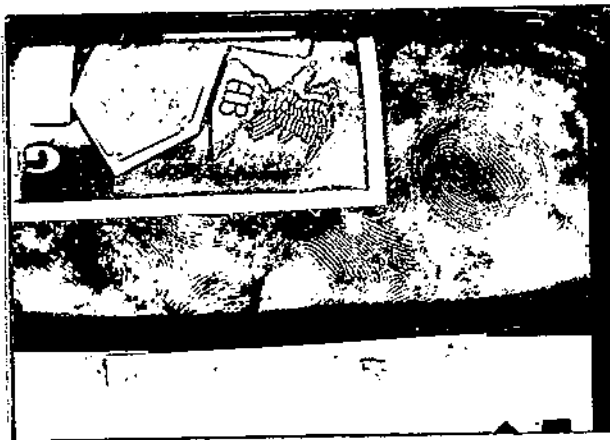
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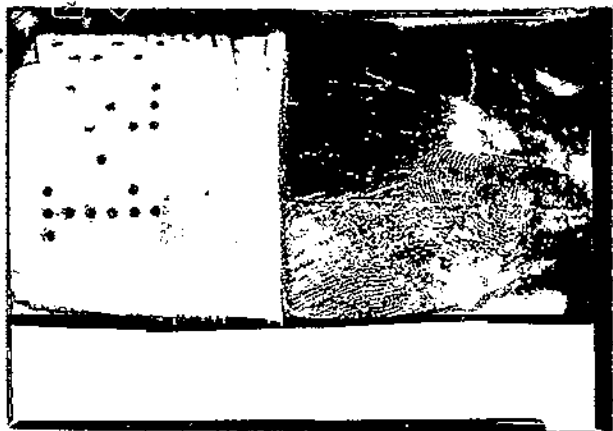
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<u>Mr. Renneberger</u>	<u>Mr. Upton</u>
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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 2/25/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/21/38	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Robert A. Nelson, Attorney, Lincoln, Nebraska, through his contact with Henry Hawk, confined in the State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, had no information concerning whereabouts of Subjects. Henry Hawk likewise was unable to furnish any information of value.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, dated February 3, 1938.

DETAILS:

At Lincoln, Nebraska

Robert A. Nelson, Attorney, who has offices at 310 Federal Securities Building, was interviewed. He has the reputation of being a reputable and ethical attorney. He stated while Henry Hawk was confined in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, he filed writ of mandamus in Federal Court at Lincoln, in which he endeavored to have the Court review Hawk's conviction in the State District Court at Omaha, Nebraska, on murder charge. Federal Judge T. C. Munger, Lincoln, Nebraska, appointed Mr. Nelson as Hawk's attorney and subsequently Mr. Nelson had some correspondence with Hawk.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Mr. Nelson also advised he interviewed Hawk since the latter's confinement in the State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska in November, 1937, and since that time, the writ of mandamus has been dismissed by Judge Minger. According to Mr. Nelson, Hawk made no mention of the escape of Subjects Roe and Cole from Alcatraz Island.

Agent interviewed Henry Hawk at the State Penitentiary, who advised that during his incarceration at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, from August, 1936 to November, 1937, where he was assigned to work in the tailor shop except for a period of several days during which time he worked in the mat shop, he had very little contact with either of the Subjects of this case. Mr. Hawk advised it was general talk among the prisoners that it would not be entirely impossible to effect an escape from the Island. Hawk explained that in the Mat Shop, there were a number of automobile tire casings, which were cut up to construct rubber mats. The prisoners believed that by using the empty ash cans, upon which tire casings could be attached, a raft could be built; further, occasionally a discarded tube was thrown into the ash cans outside of the buildings and a prisoner would be able to effect an escape with one of them.

At the conclusion of the interview, Hawk said he had no definite information of plans which were formulated by Subjects, nor could he name any prisoner who knew of such plans.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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March 8, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a letter forwarded to the Bureau of Prisons by Warden J. A. Johnston of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, in which he advises of the presence of one Elmer C. Brannon in the Leavenworth Penitentiary who is expected to be released from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in the near future and who, on release, has indicated his willingness to communicate with the brother of Ralph Roe and to make an effort to determine if Roe and Cole made a successful escape and, if so, to endeavor to determine their whereabouts at the present time.

It is noted that this matter has been referred to you by San Francisco letter dated February 24, 1938, requesting that Deputy Warden Shuttleworth be contacted and an agent interview Brannon in an effort to obtain his assistance. The Bureau desires that you have an Agent contact Deputy Warden Shuttleworth immediately and appropriate arrangements be made with Brannon whereby he will endeavor to ascertain from the brother of Ralph Roe if Roe and Cole made a successful escape and, if so, where they are presently located. Arrangements should also be made in order that the Bureau will remain in contact with Brannon until this matter is disposed of.

In the event it is deemed advisable to offer any monetary reward to Brannon for information furnished to the Bureau which results in the apprehension of Roe and Cole, it is suggested that you immediately communicate with the Bureau for such authorization.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

W. H. Nathan

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

Enclosure

CC-Oklahoma City
San Francisco

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JAMES V. BENNETT
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Please note the enclosed copy of a letter which has just been received from Warden Johnston at Alcatraz with further reference to the escape of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

I would very much appreciate it if you would ask your Agent in Kansas City to contact Associate Warden Shuttlefield at Leavenworth for the purposes enumerated in the letter.

*This should
receive immediate
attention*

J. V. Bennett
Director.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 26, 1938

Dwight Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

RALPH ROE WAFUG TO FOURTEEN SEVEN TWO THEODORE COLE WAFUG TO FOURTEEN
SEVEN ONE REF THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW EARL CLARK STRAIN WAFUG TO FOURTEEN
SEVEN NINE URGENT FOR THE ELIATED ALCAZAR ISLAND REGARDING KNOWLEDGE
OF ROE AND COLE ESCAPE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JWL:os

cc - Bureau
San Francisco
Los Angeles

FUG. SUR.

March 7, 1938.

ATP:CEK

76-2686 - 260 ✓

Mr. V. G. Zimmer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
301 Continental Bank Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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 your letter of February 26, 1938, transmitting an envelope postmarked "New York, N.Y. 5 JAN. 29, 1938, 9:30 P. M." and a post card which had apparently been enclosed in this envelope and which bears a message beginning "THEY DIDNT BOTH..." for examination in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the material submitted was examined and six latent fingerprints of value were developed on the envelope. Of these, one impression appears on the inside and the remaining latent prints appear on the outside of the specimen. No latent fingerprints could be developed on the post card.

The latent fingerprints developed as reported above, which are of value for comparison purposes only, have been compared with the fingerprints of Ralph Roe, I. O. #1472, and Theodore Cole, I. O. #1471, without effecting an identification.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

AIR MAIL.

CC - Oklahoma City.
San Francisco.
New York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(Recorded 3-2-38 2:00 P.M.)

Laboratory Report

Case: ~~ROBERT~~ ~~ONE~~, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1472. ~~ROBERT~~ ~~ONE~~, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471.
~~EDWARD~~ ~~EDWARD~~ ~~EDWARD~~.

Number: 76-2661-260

Specimens:

76-2661-260 Q 14 One envelope postmarked New York, N.Y. 5, JAN. 30, 1938, 9:00 PM.
and addressed to Garden, Alcatraz, Calif.
Q 15 One post card apparently enclosed in Q 14 which reads: "GARDEN
ALCATRAZ"

Examination requested by: ~~San Francisco~~ ~~City~~

Date received: (Docket C-1-33) (Rec. 3-2-38 10:00 AM ET) (chp. Mar. 1, 1938.)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

C. L. 2/26

Examination by: Potter

cc-San Francisco City
San Francisco
New York

Latents:

Q14 - 5 outside, 1 inside - comp. only

Q15 - none

Compared with Roe & Cole - no ident

T-Photog 3/5

*Produced
4/15/38*

*Ans
3-7-38
at P-CH*

Date 3/4 1938

Case Number: 76-2686-260

Silver nitrate prints on Q14 + Q15 -

10 Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS: _____

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E. P. Coffey

By: Mulla

Examiner.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 26, 1938

VCZ:JU
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
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of the Technical Laboratory a copy of a letter dated February
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Alcatraz Prison, together with the post-card in question.

The copy of the letter and the post-card were indicated
for the Technical Laboratory, but were apparently inadvertently
mailed to this office, and were received here today.

Very truly yours,

Val C. Zimmer
VAL C. ZIMMER
Special Agent in Charge

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301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 26, 1938

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WAL C. ZIMMER
Special Agent in Charge

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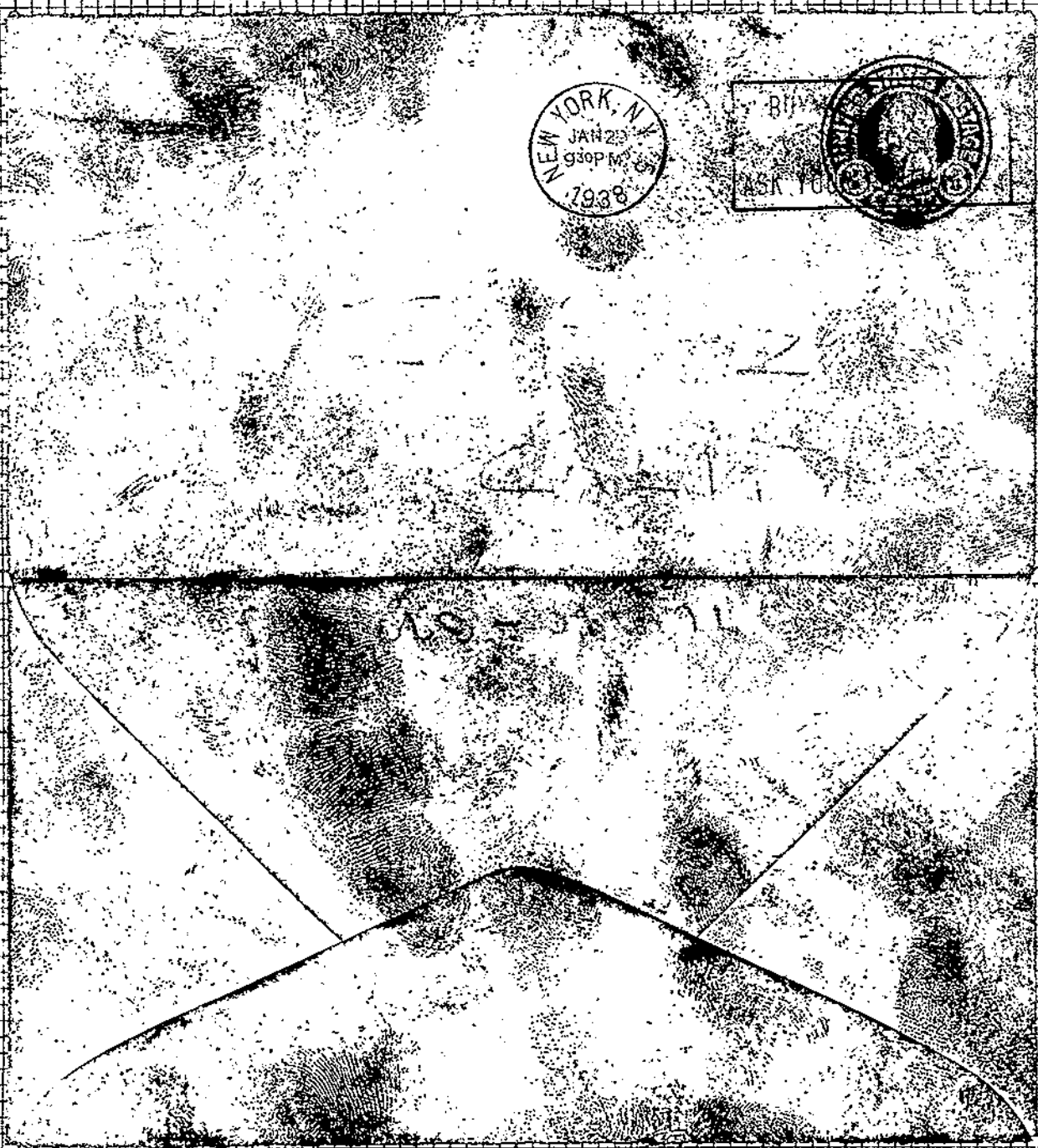
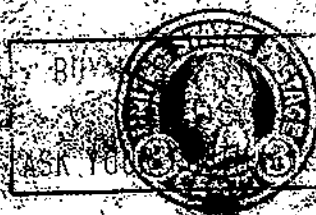
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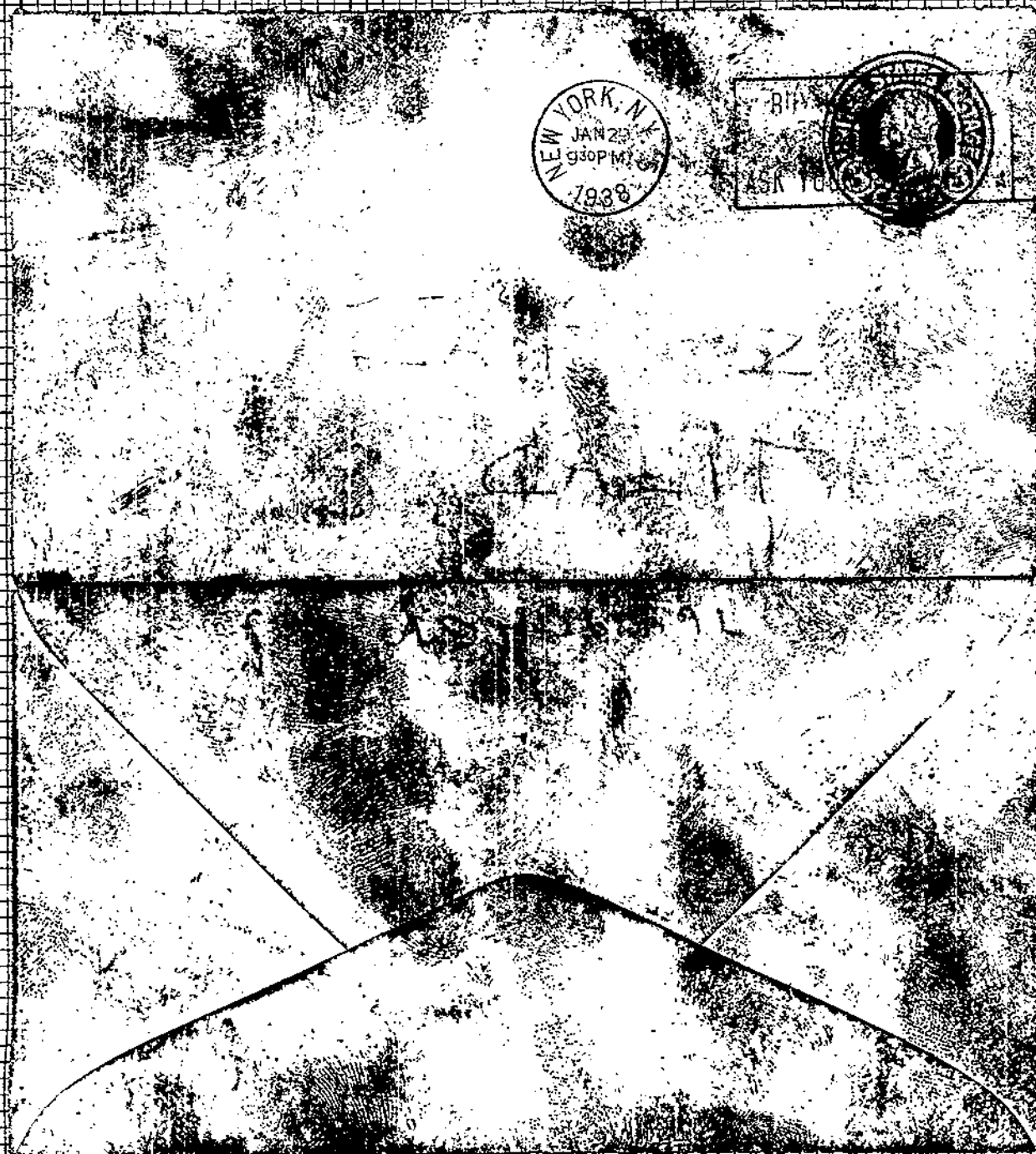
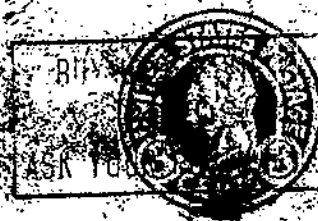
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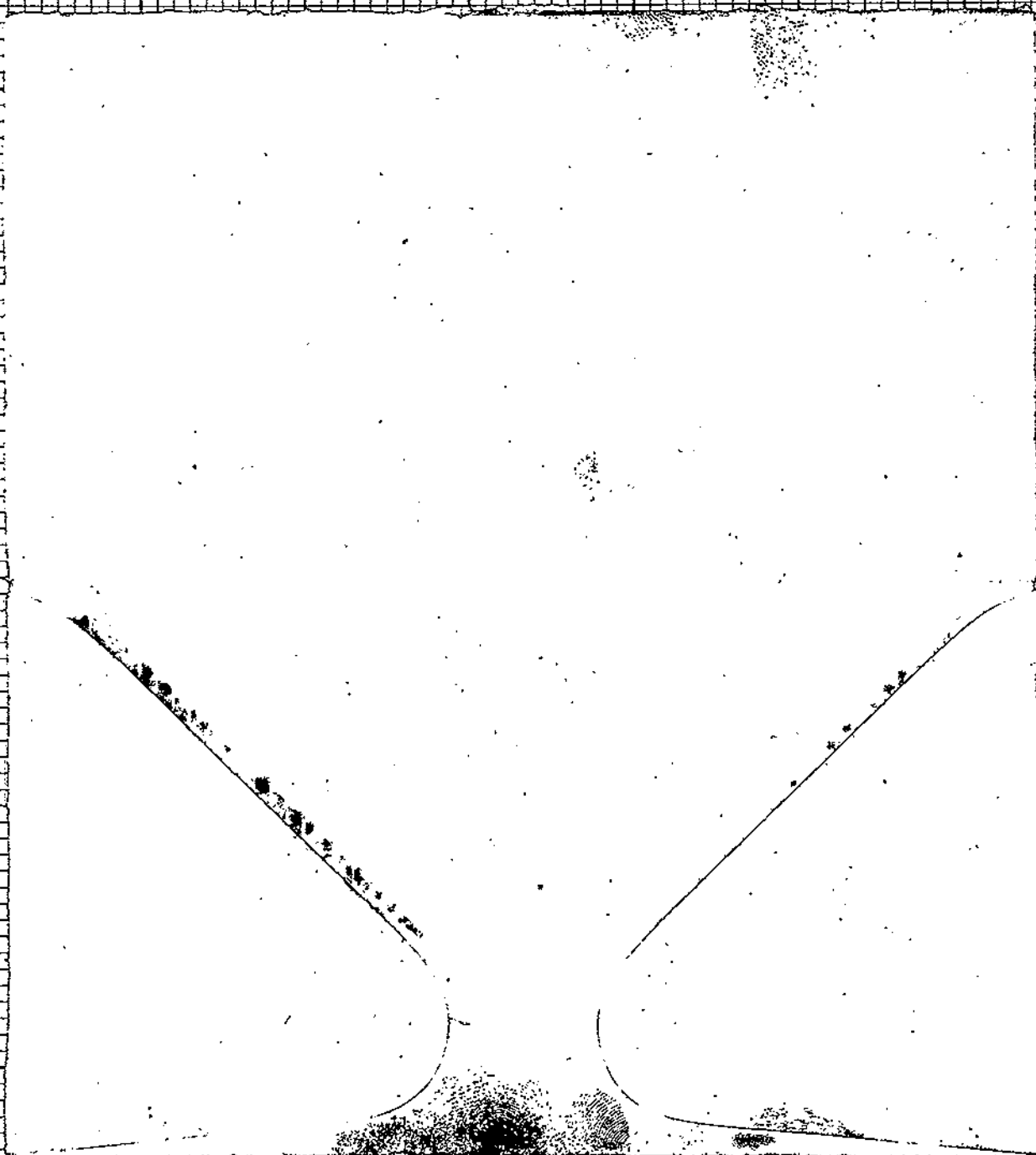
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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
February 24, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472.
THEODORE COLE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
L. A. File No. 76-362

Dear Sir:

On or about February 10, 1938, Resident Special Agent W. H. Osborne, at San Diego, California, observed an article in the San Diego Tribune relative to a body which was found on the beach near San Diego which appeared to be of a man who had been in the water for approximately thirty days or two months.

Agent Osborne obtained from Detective JACK WELLS, Missing Persons Detail, San Diego Police Department, a copy of the report of DR. J. EDWIN ARMSTRONG, Suite 708 First National Bank Building, San Diego, California, covering an examination of the teeth of this unknown man. WELLS further stated that he examined the body and found that all of the flesh was missing from the legs, arms, and skull; but that there remained a small amount of flesh on the chest and around the abdomen; further that when the body was washed out of the sea it did not have any clothing on it; and due to the decomposed condition of the body, it was impossible to obtain fingerprints. WELLS further advised that the body of this party is still unidentified, although he is believed to have been about 5' 10 or 11" in height and to have weighed between 160 and 170 pounds.

The following is the result of the report submitted by DR. ARMSTRONG:

"General characteristics: Square type arch, with marked overlap of anterior teeth. Teeth well formed, with no evidence of abrasion or alveolar absorption. Complete dentition was present with the exception of L.L.6, which has been extracted some time. Also the L.L.8 is impacted. Note: Nine teeth of original dentition have fallen out of sockets.

"Special characteristics:

U.L.1, small mesial synthetic porcelain
U.L.6, small mesial cavity
L.R.5, small distal gold foil
L.R.6, D.O. amalgam—also large M.O. cavity which probably held amalgam

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L.R.7, buccal pit amalgam. "

A photograph of the skull, showing the teeth, was obtained and is being transmitted herewith to your office. It is requested that the information appearing in this report, together with the photograph, be exhibited to the dentist at Alcatraz in an endeavor to ascertain whether this skull with teeth may be identical with subjects' in this case, as it has been noted that the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, dated at San Francisco, California, December 21, 1937, advised that dental charts were obtained for subjects. Please expedite this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

RMP:RK
Enclosure
cc - Bureau
Oklahoma City

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Suite 1729 - 111 Cutter
San Francisco, California
February 24, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Seattle, Washington,

Dear Sir: Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

The San Francisco Office was advised by
letter from Mr. J. P. SHERMAN, Customs Agent, that the oil
screw "LONA LEE", Official No. 236939, was put into service
on December 17, 1937, at San Francisco, and that there was
suddenly a great hurry on the part of the owners to com-
plete documentation and clear the vessel for Seattle.

Mr. SHERMAN advised that RODGER HILLMAN,
3120 Fuhrman Avenue, Seattle, Washington, is the owner of
the "LONA LEE".

It is requested that RODGER HILLMAN
be located and interviewed, and it be determined from him
who were employed on this boat, in an effort to ascertain
if anyone employed on the vessel could possibly have been
one of the escaped Subjects.

Very truly yours,

c.c. Bureau.
c.c. Oklahoma City.

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Refer file
#76-290.

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

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

February 24, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

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

I just received a telephone call from Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary who advises me that he has heard from Leavenworth that one FLINT C. BRANNON, Leavenworth Number 49670 was willing to cooperate with the FBI in ascertaining from ROE'S brother whether or not COLE and ROE affected their escape from Alcatraz.

WARDEN JOHNSTON states that BRANNON is very familiar with ROE'S brother and is intending to meet him when he gets out of Leavenworth which is supposed to be some time during March.

WARDEN JOHNSTON suggested that Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH be contacted as he was familiar with the facts.

It is therefore requested that an agent interview BRANNON and endeavor to obtain his assistance in determining if possible through ROE'S brother, whether or not the escaped convicts have contacted any of the family or any other information which would be of assistance in this case.

Very truly yours,

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

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AIR MAIL

cc: Bureau
cc: Oklahoma City

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Portland, Oregon,
February 22, 1938 4:30 pm

V. C. ZIMMER,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
301 CONTINENTAL BANK BUILDING,
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT COMPANY HERE ADVISES HAS INFORMATION ONE BARBERA BOYATT

WANTED BY BUREAU SALLAKECITY. FURTHER ADVICE RECEIVED BARBERA BOYATT

SUPPOSED TO BE ENROUTE FROM SALLAKE TO PORTLAND IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN

CHRYSLER SEDAN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ADVISE IF WANTED AND DETAILS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAR 1938 A. M.

FUG. SUP. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 unreported message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

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 a 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.

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.

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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.

(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 undisturbed at the 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 first 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.

CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing and in language permitted.

REDUCED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. For particulars as to service, where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French when transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of that class of full and deferred rate messages. May be prepaid, when sender so elects, to countries where this service is not available, in transit to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances messages must contain verbatim address including chargeable posting instructions, as "Paris, France, 1000." First word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code address to be used for messages delivered by post. Figure supplied by text abbreviations "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply to any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
February 24, 1938

VCM:FR
76-244

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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 your telegram of last evening advising that the Commercial Credit Company at Portland had furnished information that Barbara Boyatt was wanted by the Salt Lake City Division and that she was supposed to be en route from Salt Lake City to Portland in a 1937 Chrysler sedan.

As indicated in my telegram to you of February 23, you were requested to refer to the report of Special Agent Howard S. Hoover, dated here January 20, 1938 wherein information concerning Barbara Boyatt was set out as predicated on facts contained in the report of Special Agent in Charge H. Z. Andersen, dated at Butte January 13, 1938. It is suggested that you maintain contact with the Commercial Credit Company in order that Barbara Boyatt may be located and interviewed.

There appearing to be no further investigation in this district, this case is MWO'd.

Very truly yours,

Val C. Zimmer
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau
Oklahoma City
Butte
San Francisco

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:CDW

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 24, 1938.

Time - 4:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cole and Roe.

I telephoned Mr. Hanson at the Los Angeles Office with reference to the attached newspaper article coming out of Los Angeles to the effect that the two above named fugitives from Alcatraz have been identified as the murderers of a night club owner at Los Angeles.

Mr. Hanson said that he has sent a telegram to the Bureau about this matter informing that a check with the local police reveals that none of them has made any such statement to the police, and there are no indications that the perpetrators of this crime are the above named fugitives. While Mr. Hanson does not know the identity of the persons who did commit this crime, there is no reason to believe or suspect that they were the above fugitives. However, Mr. Hanson is going to keep in touch with the police on the matter, since he understands they found some fingerprints at the scene of the crime, and if this is so, those prints can be checked against the known fingerprints of the fugitives.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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Miss Gandy

Alcatraz Fugitives Linked to Murder

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.). Two bandits who shot and killed Harold A. Thompson, owner of a small night club here, during a holdup Wednesday may be the Oklahoma convicts who recently escaped from Alcatraz, police said today.

Officers declared descriptions of the two men resembled Ralph Rose, 29-year-old bank robber, and Theodore Cole, 23, kidnaper, of Oklahoma who vanished from the Federal prison last December.

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Suite 1735 - 111utter
San Francisco, California
February 26, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARP, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1472. THOMAS COLE, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

The San Francisco Office was advised by Gordon J. M. JONES, of Alcatraz Prison, that he had received a post-card on which was printed in red pencil the following:

"N.Y. Jan 29

"WE'Y BINT BOTH DASH. ONE BUILT UP
S.E. ROAD TONIGHT."

This postal-card had been indiscriminately handled, and it is not known how many persons handled it before it reached Alcatraz. However, it is being sent to the Bureau Technical Laboratory, in a cellophane envelope, with the request that the handwriting be examined, and any pertinent information be supplied the New York City Office, as well as the office of origin and the San Francisco Office.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be made concerning the persons who might possibly have sealed on the card, "M/A", in an effort to ascertain if either of the escaped subjects might possibly have obtained work on this ship, or obtained passage in any way or manner.

Very truly yours,

S. C. Bureau.
S. C. Technical Laboratory
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S. C. Oklahoma City

J. J. L. KILPATRICK,
Special Agent in Charge.

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202 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.

February 23, 1929

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

RE: 1. LIAISON with aliases - NYC. ID 1470;
2. LIAISON with aliases - NYC. ID 1471;
3. LIAISON with aliases - NYC. ID 1472.
NY File # 76-392

Mail tracing indicated on 1/11/41 that Mr. James Lee, Kansas City, Mo., resulted in receipt of a tracing of a letter postmarked Kansas City, Mo., 12:30 PM, 1933, addressed to Mrs. James Lee, Kansas City, Mo., with return card "The Duke, 2. 118."

The above information is furnished you in order that appropriate investigation may be made at the Drake, presumably, Hotel.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/25/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/1 to 21/38 2/5 to 14/38	REPORT MADE BY J. E. Thornton--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:

Mrs. RALPH PAXE, Penryn, cousin of Subject COLE, interviewed, with negative results. Investigation concerning GLENN MITON, Sacramento, California, negative. General investigation covering leads in San Francisco Bay Area conducted, with negative results.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letters dated 12/30/37, 1/4/38, 1/6/38, 1/7/38 (Bureau file #76-2686).
Report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. SPEARS, Portland, Oregon, dated 12/22/37.
Report of Special Agent R. P. IRNER, Los Angeles, California, dated 1/8/38.
Letter from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 1/17/38.
Los Angeles telegram, dated 12/23/37.
Salt Lake City telegram, dated 12/30/37.
Salt Lake City conference teletype, dated 12/30/37.
Butte teletype, dated 12/27/37.
Report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Seattle, Washington, dated January 21, 1938.

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DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

Arrangements having been made with the Coroner's Office, Coast Guard Patrol, Military authorities, and light-house people to notify the San Francisco Office in the event any body is located in the San Francisco Bay area, investigation was conducted concerning the following four:

JOHN DOE No. 76, whose fingerprints were sent to the Bureau, and Bureau letter dated January 6, 1938 advised that no criminal record was available for this person.

JAMES LESTER, whose fingerprints were sent to the Bureau, and Bureau letter dated January 6, 1938 advised no criminal record.

Information concerning a dead body, which was obtained by Captain HARRY CHAPMAN, in charge of the launch "El Aquario", on January 18, 1938. This person was taken to Laguna Pier No. 1, at which time the body was viewed by Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON, Special Agent in Charge PIEPER, and Special Agent TRICHAK and the reporting Agent. The body was later identified as being HIRO YAMADA, a Japanese, and the complete description, identifying witnesses, and Coroner's report is being made a part of the San Francisco file, and is not being set forth in this report, since HIRO YAMADA could not possibly be identical with either Subject.

On January 18, 1938 information was obtained from the Coast Guard, which indicated a body had been washed ashore near Fort Funston. Special Agent A. V. TRICHAK, and the reporting Agent, viewed this body on the shore, and it was immediately apparent that he could not be identical with either Subject. He was later identified as RED DONALDSON. His complete description, report of death, Coroner's report, and list of identifying witnesses, are being made part of the San Francisco file, but are not being set forth in this report.

Bureau letter dated January 6, 1938 advised that the glass which had been obtained from the home of J. B. ~~HERSCHLER~~, and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination, had been examined by Technical experts of the Bureau, and one latent impression had been developed, which was found to be of value for comparison purposes. This latent print was compared with the fingerprints of the two Subjects in this case, without effecting any identification.

This letter also advised photographs of the latent impressions had been made for the completion of the Bureau's file.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 7, 1938, which advised that the original note beginning "Things went as", which had been forwarded to the Bureau on December 23, 1937, and one blue form of the Eagle Loan Office, San Francisco, which was dated December 22, 1937, No. 4789, had been examined for latent fingerprints, and that one fragmentary latent fingerprint was developed on the form of the Eagle Loan Office, which had been compared with the fingerprints of Subject RALPH ROE and Subject THEODORE COLE, without effecting an identification.

No latent impressions of value could be developed on the note beginning "Things went as".

Reference is made to Los Angeles telegram dated December 23, 1937, which advised that Mrs. RALPH PAYNE, cousin of Subject ROE, lived at Roseville, California.

The following investigation was made at Roseville and Penryn, California, by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH:

At Penryn, California

Agent called at the PAYNE residence, having located it with the assistance of Postmaster A. E. FLINT, at which time Mrs. RALPH PAYNE, and two of her children, were found at home. Mrs. PAYNE readily admitted that she is a cousin of TED COLE, whom, she stated, she has not seen for thirteen years. She recalled that the last time she had seen Subject COLE was when he was approximately eleven years of age, and was being tried for the robbery of the Dr. Pepper Bottling Works in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She stated that she was not even certain that she would recognize him if she were to see him. However, she stated that the photograph of him which was shown her was very much like her recollection of him.

She advised that she and her husband had left Oklahoma in 1934, and that since that time they had resided in California, during which time they had never seen any of her relatives until on July 4, 1937, she and her husband had visited Mrs. PAYNE'S aunt, Subject COLE'S mother, Mrs. ESTHER COLE, at Woodlake, California, they having learned through relatives that Mrs. COLE had moved to California.

She stated that so far as she knew, Subject COLE did not know that she, Mrs. PAYNE, lived in California, unless he had been so advised by his mother on some visit subsequent to July 4, 1937, and that Mrs. COLE herself did not know the present address of the PAYNES, they having only, within the past three weeks, moved to Penryn from nearby Newcastle, California.

Mrs. PAYNE stated that a Christmas card had been received by her from Mrs. COLE, which card had been forwarded from

the PAYNE'S old address, but that the card had contained no message other than the printed greeting. This was said by Mrs. PAYNE to be the only mail received by her from Mrs. COLE since Subject's escape.

It was claimed by Mrs. PAYNE that never in her life has she and Subject so much as written to each other. Further, that she has never visited him at any of the penal institutions in which he has been incarcerated. She pointed out that she has had but little contact with any of her people since her marriage to PAYNE, which marriage her relatives did not approve because, she stated, PAYNE'S cousin, J. D. PAYNE was, and presumably still is serving a sentence at the McAlester Penitentiary for bank robbery.

Mrs. PAYNE, whose maiden name was ALTA MAE BAUGHMAN, advised that upon reading in the newspapers of her cousin's escape, she and her husband had agreed that in the event COLE should ever appear at their home, they would certainly not shield him. She stated that she would be afraid of him, should he appear, but that she would endeavor to notify the local law enforcement officials without COLE'S knowledge, if possible. She also agreed to immediately notify the San Francisco Field Division should her cousin ever come to her home.

Although Mrs. PAYNE seemed sincere in her statements, the Federal Harboring Act was explained to her, the penalties which may be inflicted under it being emphasized.

Mrs. PAYNE advised that she has three sisters, a Mrs. JEAN HYATT, residing near Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and her sisters CLARA and MARGARET, last names unknown, believed to reside in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma. She stated that her mother, FANNIE BAUGHMAN, resides on Route #2, Stroud, Oklahoma. The whereabouts of her father had allegedly been unknown to her for many years.

The house occupied by the PAYNE family is a frame structure of five rooms. Each of these rooms was examined without anything of a suspicious character being noted.

RALPH PAYNE was located, by the directions given by his wife, at a mine he is working about two miles from the PAYNE residence. PAYNE stated, as had his wife, that the Subjects in this

case had not appeared at their home since they had escaped from Alcatraz, and that as a matter of fact he had never seen either of them in his life. He advised that he had never gotten along well with his wife's people, and that there was no reason whatsoever why he should shield his wife's cousin, especially as she had herself stated that she would not even feed COLE should he come to their home. PAYNE advised that through the newspapers he had advised himself of the Federal Harboring Act, and that he had no intention of jeopardizing himself and his family to possibly aid a worthless escaped convict, who meant nothing to him, but whom, under the circumstances, he would not protect if it were his own brother.

PAYNE readily agreed to notify the local law enforcement officers, and the San Francisco Field Division should either of the Subjects in this case ever appear at his home.

Postmaster A. E. FLINT, upon being re-contacted, agreed to the placing of a thirty-day mail cover on the PAYNE family's mail, stating that he would personally make tracings from the envelopes of all correspondence received, and would forward them to the San Francisco Field Division. He also stated that he would be on the alert for the arrival of anyone in the community resembling either of the Subjects in this case.

No information pertinent to this case has been received from this mail cover.

At 7:55 p.m., December 23, 1937, Mr. STOFFELS, of the Sheriff's Office, Martinez, California, telephoned to advise that at 6:30 p.m., he had received a telephone call stating that a boat had been beached and burned near Rodeo, California, on Rodeo Beach, near Richmond.

A Deputy was immediately assigned to investigate the incident, and had determined that BOB WHITE, and a fellow named ESCHER, who live in a beach house at Rodeo Beach, had seen a boat run up on the beach, and its occupant immediately get out, and deliberately set fire to it, and then leave.

WHITE and ESCHER attempted to salvage the boat, but it burned to the water's edge. Investigation disclosed the boat to be an 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot dory, combination motor and sailboat, its registry number being 28G998, and its name "Detrel". The boat had a red bottom and white sides, and was equipped with a one-cylinder motor, make or number unknown, and was also equipped with a Marconi rig sail. Mr. STOFFELS advised that the owner of the boat had not been determined by means of the registry number since it was his impression this information was recorded in San Francisco, and the particular office would, in all probability be closed at this hour.

The man who had beached the boat and left was described as five feet, nine inches tall, about one-hundred and forty-five pounds, black hair, slim build, and wearing blue jumper overalls, and a blue shirt and heavy shoes.

Investigation at Rodeo determined this individual had purchased a Greyhound bus ticket for Sacramento at 5:08 p.m., 12/23/37, and was believed to have boarded a bus passing through Rodeo during the next forty-five minutes.

Mr. STOFFELS advised that he had immediately teletyped the Sacramento Police, instructing them to cover the bus terminal, and endeavor to apprehend and question this unknown individual.

Mr. STOFFELS volunteered to notify this office immediately should he receive any further information.

A check of the records of boat licenses from the file maintained in the San Francisco Office, reflected license 28G998 was issued to GLENN ALTON, of Sacramento, California, and Agent J. R. McCULLOCH made the following investigation:

Agent proceeded to 4042 - 43rd Avenue, where GLENN ALTON, registered owner of the burned boat, was believed to reside. At that address Mrs. EDITH D. STOUT advised that she is the mother of GLENN ALTON, who resides with her and Mr. STOUT. She stated that her son had built a boat recently, had sailed it down the Sacramento River, out through the Golden Gate, and had then run out of gasoline, and had been adrift for several days before a fishing boat picked him up and towed his boat into the bay. She exhibited a copy of the "San Francisco News", dated December 22, 1937, which seemed to corroborate her statements relative to her son having been adrift in the small boat.

She stated that he had told her that after he had finally gotten back into the bay, he had made very slow progress sailing toward Sacramento; that he was thoroughly disgusted with the boat, and so as he neared Rodeo he anchored the boat near shore, saturated the boat with what little gasoline had not already leaked throughout the craft, and had set a match to it, watching it burn to the water's edge, and then had caught a bus for Sacramento.

It having been learned from Mrs. STOUT that her son had accompanied Detective LINCOLN to the police station for questioning, he was located there, and questioned at length, at which time his statements were the same as those already given by his mother.

He advised that he had previously built a boat in which he had sailed out over the bar, and had gone as far south as Santa Cruz. This boat he had sold, and so about three months ago he commenced to build another boat. He advised that when unemployed as a painter and carpenter, he had put in much of his spare time at work on his boat, and had invested about \$75.00 in it. Early in December he had started on a sort of "trial spin" in his boat, with the intention of going to sea in it. He had gotten down the Sacramento River about ten miles, when he had turned back to Sacramento to obtain more ballast.

On December 14, 1957 he had again started down the river in his boat, it being December 16th when he reached that part of San Francisco Bay, on the shores of which San Francisco is located. He advised that the bay was very foggy on that date, and that he had anchored in Paradise Cove, near Sausalito, California, until the fog had lifted sufficiently for him to be able to go out the Golden Gate, which he had done, in comparatively good visibility, on the ebb tide, at approximately 11:00 p.m., on the night of the seventeenth.

Outside the bay, in the open sea, he went out approximately thirty-five miles, and as far south as Pigeon Point, midway between the Gate and Santa Cruz. When he was ready to return to the bay, on about the nineteenth, he discovered that the five gallon reserve tin of gasoline had sprung a leak, and he was without this fuel. From that time until picked up on the night of the 21st of December, by the fishing boat "Adventure", he tried to ride currents, rowed considerably, and kept as near the land as possible by the means of his sails. He stated that if it weren't for certain currents, he would have been able to sail to shore, but that he finally had to give up, and had signaled a fishing boat to tow him in.

Once inside the bay he had moored at the Yacht Harbor, and had slept in his boat there on the night of the twenty-second. He stated that he was very much disgusted with the craft as it was not a good sailor, being very slow; that it was almost saturated with the gasoline which had leaked all over it, and further, it had leaked somewhat. He stated that it took the boat six hours to travel from the Yacht Harbor to a point on San Pablo Bay, near Rodeo, California; that he was cold, hungry, thoroughly disgusted, and so he had sailed near shore, anchored his boat, poured what gasoline he had over it, got into a nearby skiff rowed by a young man, threw a match into the boat, and was rowed to shore where he stated he stood for twenty minutes, watching the boat burn to the water's edge. He recalled that three or four other boys had stood beside him, and that one of them had read aloud the boat's number, 28G998. He had explained to one of the boys why he had burned his boat.

He then walked to Rodeo, about a quarter of a mile distant, bought a bus ticket to Sacramento, ate a hamburger in a nearby restaurant, and had then caught the bus at 7:40 p.m.,

arriving in Sacramento shortly after 9:00 p.m., after which he had ridden a street car to his home.

He stated that he had not desired to simply beach his boat, and leave it, as he felt that it might get into someone's hands who would possibly have a collision with some other boat, or do something else which might make him liable for damages, or at least cause him some sort of trouble in the event the person who actually had the boat got away, but the license number of the boat was taken. He stated that he also had in mind that there is a law against loosing derelicts which might become a menace to navigation.

As for his reason for not selling the boat, he advised that he had worked hard on it, and that he preferred to destroy it rather than to sell it for the very small sum he would receive in the event he could sell it at all.

ALTON displayed a letter which he had on this date written the Treasury Department, Office of Collector of Customs, Motor Boat Division, San Francisco, notifying that Department of the destruction of his boat, which he informed is required by law. He advised that the boat was uninsured.

ALTON impressed Agent as not trying to conceal any information, and to be telling the truth concerning his boat trip, and the burning of his boat. He stated that he did not sail near Alcatraz Island on December 17th, but had chosen the water between Angel Island and the Marin mainland. He saw no craft or anything else that excited his suspicions. The instant escape was not known to him until he returned to San Francisco on the twenty-first, but he advised that he cannot now recall anyone seen in any fishing craft or any place else which resembled either of the Subjects in this case, their photographs being displayed to him. He stated that at no time on the trip was there anyone in his boat other than himself.

ALTON stated that he had never been arrested, and has never been fingerprinted. A subsequent examination of the records of the Bureau of Identification, Sacramento Police Department, failed to disclose any record for him therein.

ALTON is described as follows:

Age	26 years.
Height	5'8".
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Brown, slightly receding off forehead.
Eyes	Blue.
Complexion	Ruddy.
Teeth	Good.
Education	Two years high school.
Marital Status	Single.
Nativity	Minnesota, resident of Sacramento ten years.
Nationality	Dutch - English.
Occupation	Painter, carpenter.

This description is being set out for whatever possible value it may be in the future, although the impression is gained that ALTON has no connection with this case.

In checking the background of GLENN ALTON, 26, of 4042 - 43rd Street, Sacramento, California, RALPH H. LEWIS, attorney, Ochsner Building, who is known to Agent as a boating enthusiast, was interviewed. He stated that he had read in local papers of ALTON'S having burned his boat, and subsequently being questioned in connection with this case. He stated that he had derived a great deal of amusement from this story as he well knows ALTON to be what he termed a "half-baked" individual who "didn't have sense enough to contrive the escape of a fly", much less the Subjects in this case.

He stated that ALTON has long been a joke among those men having boats on the river, and that it is typical of him that he should burn a boat which he decided was worthless, which in fact it no doubt was, according to LEWIS, as ALTON is known to him, he stated, to build his boats in the general shape of a trough, and when that is completed, a frame is inserted in the boat to hold it together.

He advised that ALTON had once been employed at the boat house owned by E. S. BROWN at a salary of \$15.00 per month, but that he had been let go when BROWN had sold his boat house.

LEWIS stated in conclusion that ALTON, although a queer individual, was quite harmless, and was not known to have any bad associates. He stated that ALTON had had boats of his own construction on the river for the past several years, none of which were seaworthy.

At the Superior Boat Livery, boat house on the Yolo County side of the Sacramento River, across from the City of Sacramento, Captain ELMER A. PAULSON, proprietor, advised that he, too, had derived quite a "kick" from reading of the questioning of ALTON in connection with this case, as he knows him to be a "little queer, but harmless". He advised that at regular intervals ALTON has applied for work with him at the boat house, and that on each occasion he, PAULSON, has taken ALTON'S name and address, having no intention of ever calling him as he knows him to be hardly mentally balanced, or at any rate to not have "horse-sense". He stated that ALTON'S boats are monstrosities, and that anyone wishing to escape from Alcatraz, or any place else, would not

arrange to have their plans ruined by putting themselves in a tub, which might capsize at any moment.

At the McGill boat house, the proprietor, "MAC" McGill, advised that he knows nothing concerning ALTON other than that the boy and his boats are laughed about among the men who have boats on the river.

E. S. BROWN, 1150 - 38th Street, for whom ALTON was once employed as handiman and caretaker at his boat house at the foot of Y Street, advised that he knows GLENN ALTON to have attended the Sacramento schools, to have no bad habits or associates, and to have never been in any sort of trouble. BROWN advised that ALTON is not possessed of the mentality which he should have; that his boats are not seaworthy in any sense of the word, and that it was a wonder that ALTON had not been drowned before now as a result of his trips in these boats. He advised that although he realized that ALTON'S explanation of why he had burned the boat in question might seem insufficient to most people, he could easily understand that ALTON had done it for the very reasons he has given, due to his knowledge of that individual's manner of reasoning. He stated that there was no question in his mind but that ALTON could have had no connection with the escape of the Subjects in this case, first because of ALTON'S honesty, and second, because no one would entrust themselves or their plans to such as ALTON.

GLENN ALTON, upon being recontacted at his home, advised that from the time he left Sacramento in his boat, he saw no one to speak to, and was never ashore until after he had been picked up by the fishing boat "Adventure", and towed back into San Francisco Bay, and that therefore there is no one who can verify the fact that he was alone during the entire trip, other than that the men aboard the "Adventure", whose names he did not know, could verify that he was alone when picked up at sea.

He reiterated that he had burned the boat because he was disgusted with it, and was convinced that it was of little or no value. He stated that he was cold and hungry by the time his boat reached the point near Rodeo where he had decided to burn it; that he was without food, his blankets were wet, and that he knew it would take him at least two more days to get to

Sacramento in the boat. He stated that he had realized that the boat had nearly cost him his life, and that he wanted to have nothing more to do with it, for as sure as he did take it to Sacramento, he would gradually forget his harrowing experience, and perhaps again put out to sea in the boat.

He stated that he was reasonably sure that he could not sell the boat, as even good boats are difficult to sell at the present time. He stated that he did not salvage the motor as it had only cost \$10.00, was too small to put in any boat he might decide to build in the future, and that it would have been more trouble than it was worth to have removed the motor and carried it to Sacramento in the hope of perhaps selling it for a few dollars.

During the conversations had with ALTON, it was not noted that he appeared to be mentally unbalanced, but that he was definitely a queer sort of individual who is very quiet and shy.

Mrs. EDITH STOUT, ALTON'S mother, advised Agent that it was her hope that this "trouble" GLENN was in would cause him to "snap out of it", get a job, and cease his continued sailing on the river and great interest in boats.

ALTON'S father is a painter in North Sacramento, and his step-father, M. STOUT, is an automobile salesman in the Oak Park district.

STOUT, ALTON'S step-father, was present during Agent's interview with ALTON at the police station in Sacramento. STOUT advised that he was confident that GLENN could have had no connection with this case, as he was a quiet boy of few associates, and had never been in any trouble.

At 4032 - 43rd Street, which is next door to the residence of GLENN ALTON, it was ascertained from Mrs. YOUNG at that address that she had lived next door to GLENN ALTON for fifteen years, knowing him since he was a boy, but that she had never really gotten acquainted with him, as he talked very little, and was not at all sociable. She stated that often when asked a question, even by his mother, he will make no response but will simply look at the questioner until the question has been repeated a time or two. She stated that she felt sure he could have no bad

associates, and so far as she knew he had no close friends whatsoever. At this point a young son and daughter of Mrs. YOUNG entered the room, and stated that their mother was trying to be nice in regard to GLENN, and that they considered him "plain nuts". All of the YOUNGS expressed the opinion that GLENN could not have had any part in instant case, judging from their knowledge of him of many years standing.

At 4047 - 43rd Street, across the street from the residence of GLENN ALTON, Mr. and Mrs. KENDRICK were contacted, they having been named by the YOUNGS as long-time residents of that neighborhood. The KENDRICKS advised that they thought GLENN a rather nice, quiet boy, but that he was such a "lone wolf" and stayed so by himself that he was considered by them to be at least a little odd. Mr. KENDRICK stated that GLENN had built several boats in the vacant lot adjoining the KENDRICK residence, and that personally he would not jeopardize himself by sailing in any of these boats, even on the river.

It having been learned from the YOUNGS that STANLEY ALTON, father of GLENN, resided at 2400 - K Street, Apartment #1, STANLEY ALTON was contacted at that address, at which time he advised that his son had worked at the boat house owned by E. S. BROWN for two or three years, and that since that time his son has helped him at painting jobs. He advised that his son had never been in trouble in his life, and that he had no bad associates, in fact, having few close friends at all, and never in his life having had a date with a girl, as he is extremely shy and bashful. Mr. ALTON stated that since the boat-burning incident had occurred, GLENN had told him that he had been so disgusted with the boat, that he had decided to destroy it, and that the boat was so unsatisfactory that if he had had an opportunity to sell the boat, his conscience would hardly allow him to do so. ALTON stated that to him his son's explanation of having burned his boat, and the reason therefor, is entirely satisfactory, knowing as he does his son's nature.

Lieutenant P. D. ADAMS, of the Presidio, San Francisco, telephonically advised the San Francisco Office that while men at the Presidio were doing foot patrol, the following articles had been noticed:

TIRES: "A" Size 30 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Giant Oversize
 Barnacles growing on under side.
 Heavily weighted down with large
 concrete blocks.

"B" Goodyear; All Weather
 Heavy duty balloon
 7.00 x 20
 J 703992 97C
 14212
 Reverse Side
 Supertwist
 Figure of Golden Bear
 over
 14212
 No barnacles.

"C" The Mason T & R Company,
 Kent, Ohio
 6.20 x 21
 Very old

"D" "Lottamiles"
 4.50 x 21
 450 x 30
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 Comberland Md.
 Des - 6904

The following investigation was made by Special Agent W. F. WOOD:

On December 28, 1957 Lieutenant P. D. ADAMS, Guard House, Presidio, San Francisco, was contacted, and later examination of the fifty-gallon oil drum was inspected. This fifty-gallon drum had a small platform built around the top of it which was held in place by iron bands. The top of the wood part was fringed with canvas. This is the type of float used around San Francisco as a float to which boats are tied when at anchor. The ring usually screwed into the top of the structure

was missing, and apparently this buoy for mooring boats had broken away and floated to a point a short distance this side of the Golden Gate Bridge, on the south shore.

It was also noted that this structure was half buried in the sand, indicating its presence at the particular spot where it was noticed for a period of about one month.

Lieutenant ADAMS was thanked for his interest in reporting this float, as well as some tires (casings) which bore no distinguishing marks, indicating they had been used as floats of some kind.

KENNETH TALBOT, San Francisco ferry attendant, telephonically advised the San Francisco Office that a man had driven on a ferry in a 1935 Ford, California license #7H753, and he had noticed the man bore a resemblance to Subject ROE.

Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON and the reporting Agent, contacted KENNETH TALBOT, and arranged that he accompany Agents to the Oakland side of the ferry, at which time this individual was stopped as he drove off the ferry. He identified himself as BENJAMIN LUTHER SHARPSTEIN, 933 - 32nd Street, Oakland. He is described as follows:

Age	24 years.
Height	5'11".
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Blond.
Eyes	Blue.
Marital Status	Married.
Chauffeur's license No.	206532.
Occupation	Employed by the Greyhound Bus Line, 401 Kansas Street, San Francisco, in the Maintenance Department.

The motor number of his car was checked, and found to be 18-1480537.

SHARPSTEIN was questioned at length by both Agents, and established, beyond a doubt, his identity. His employment with the Greyhound Bus Line was also checked, and found to be true. This person does not bear any resemblance to either of the Subjects, and does not compare with their descriptions.

No further investigation will be conducted with respect to SHARPSTEIN.

Reference is made to Salt Lake City telegram, dated 12/30/37, and to Salt Lake City conference teletype to the Director, Los Angeles, Portland, and the San Francisco Office, of the same date.

The following investigation was made at Sacramento, California by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH:

At the Lohhart Hotel, 9th and L Streets, Sacramento, California, STANLEY RAYNOCK was located and interviewed at which time he advised that he heads a crew of young men who solicit subscriptions and renewals for magazines for the National Circulating Company of New York City, address 1270 - 6th Avenue, New York, N.Y. He stated that his crew had arrived in Portland, Oregon on approximately December 4, 1937, and had been in that city for one week, stopping at the Sovereign Hotel. In Portland he had obtained from ORRIS A. BEAN, his immediate supervisor in the National Circulating Company, a 1937 model Oldsmobile Sedan bearing 1937 Wyoming license #4-1861. In this car RAYNOCK had proceeded to Medford, Oregon on December 12, 1937 where his crew of nine men had worked that territory, four of the men accompanying him, and the other four traveling in a 1937 model Chevrolet Sedan, bearing 1937 Oklahoma license plates #321 R 978, which car was driven by HAROLD FRAZIER.

RAYNOCK stated that inasmuch as BEAN had driven the Oldsmobile into Oregon from the State of Washington, and had not obtained an Oregon non-resident permit for the car, he, RAYNOCK, while in Medford, obtained such permit in the name of BEAN, in whose name the car is registered. On what RAYNOCK recalled as being December 19, 1937, the crew, in the two automobiles, had left Medford and driven to San Jose, California. At Hilt, California, the cars were examined at the California Quarantine Station, and at Dunsmuir, California, non-resident permits for the State of California were obtained in the name of BEAN.

The crew had worked in San Jose for one week, driven to Los Angeles for over Christmas, and had then driven north to Sacramento.

RAYNOCK produced papers which showed the Oldsmobile to bear motor #F 683332, that the car was issued 1937 Oregon license #57221 on 12/11/36, to ORRIS A. BEAN, Sovereign Hotel,

Portland, Oregon. On February 19, 1937 the Wyoming plates had been issued to BEAN at Sweetwater, Wyoming. RAYNOCK was unable to explain why both Oregon and Wyoming licenses had been purchased for the car.

The Oldsmobile and Chevrolet automobiles which were parked near the Lenhart Hotel were examined, and noted to carry the license plates as aforementioned, also that the Oregon visitor's permit was noticed to have been issued in Medford, Oregon, on December 17, 1937, for instant Oldsmobile in the name of ORRIS A. BEAN, Henrietta, Oklahoma. The out-of-state permit for the State of California was noted to have been dated at Dunsmuir, California, on December 19, 1937.

RAYNOCK, who appears to be not over twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, advised that he is the eldest member of his crew. He stated that he had made no purchase of a booklet on tides while in Portland, or anywhere else.

Each of the other eight members of the magazine crew were interviewed, all of whom were quite young, only two appearing to be over twenty-one, and all of whom denied having at any time purchased, or made inquiry relative to a booklet concerning tides.

The names and addresses of the members of the magazine crew are as follows:

STANLEY RAYNOCK, 680 Clearview Street, Scranton, Pa.
HAROLD FRAZIER, Oakley, Utah.
BILL OLSON, 718 - 10th Avenue East, Duluth, Minn.
(Picked up by BEAN while in Seattle, Wash.)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON, 54 W. Crema, Seattle, Wash.
(Picked up by BEAN while in Seattle, Wash.)
DON DRANTZELL, St. Peter, Minn.
(Picked up by BEAN while in Portland, Ore.)
CLARENCE JAMES, 37 Fine St., Portland, Maine.
(Picked up by RAYNOCK while in Yreka, Cal.)
WILLIAM VOITEK, Church Road, Avon, Ohio.
PAUL ROBINSON, 5710 Wellsley Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
EUGENE MAGY, 20186 Raymond St., Maple Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

Another boy, one ALFRED CAMPBELL, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had been with the crew when it crossed the Oregon line, but has since been discharged, and is no longer with the crew.

RAYNOCK advised that the crew intends to leave Sacramento on January 1, 1938, that it will work its way north, and intends to arrive at Eugene, Oregon, within a week.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Louis D. Mino.

At San Mateo, California

Examination of the records of the San Mateo Post Office, San Mateo, California disclosed that the town of Hillsborough, California, is covered by this post office and that the address, 680 Brewer Drive, is the address of C. W. COLLIER, who is a prominent citizen in the community, lives in a large, pretentious home at that address, and is the president of the North American Investment Company, Russ Building, San Francisco, California. At this post office, AELLA REID, said to be residing at this address, was not known.

Inquiry was made at the home of C. W. COLLIER, 680 Brewer Drive, Hillsborough, California, where it was learned that MISS AELLA REID is employed as a domestic in the household of C. W. COLLIER. She was interviewed and stated that she is the sister of MRS. EILEEN BESSY JACKSON, who operates a rooming house at 123 Bell Street, Seattle, Washington; that her sister, MRS. JACKSON, drove from Seattle to Hillsborough and arrived there about December 18, 1937 for a visit; that she spent about a week with her and left Hillsborough about December 26, 1937, returning to her home in Seattle, Washington.

MISS AELLA REID seemed to be honest and straightforward, and her statement tends to corroborate the statement made by MRS. EILEEN BESSY JACKSON which is incorporated in report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
E. I. Lobbitt:

at San Francisco, California.

On December 22, 1937, a call had been received, as set out in report of Special Agent J. F. Thornton, dated at San Francisco, California, 12/23/37, from the Eagle Loan Office, 125 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, California. The party making this call stated that he had found some articles for a person whom they believed resembled subject.

On January 10, 1938, another call was received from subject of the Eagle Loan Office stating that they had received a letter from this individual whom he thought resembled subject asking that the suit turned at that time be forwarded to subject, 413 1/2 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Agent secured this letter which was postmarked Los Angeles, California, 1-17-38 at 10.30 A.M. and the same, with the fingerprint cards of subject and subject, employees of the Eagle Loan Office who stated that they had handled this letter, were being forwarded to the Federal Laboratory under separate cover for examination with the fingerprints of subjects in instant case.

A letter has also been directed to the Los Angeles FBI Office requesting that they determine whether or not subject, 413 1/2 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, is identical with subject subject.

at Berkeley, California.

While conducting other official investigation, Agents E. V. Twicker and E. I. Lobbitt met at the apartment location of Point Leland and police jurisdiction of subject, Custodian of the property, to discuss the instant matter. He advised that he had not heard nor seen any persons whom he might connect with instant subjects on the day of the evening of December 16 or the day following. However, he stated that his son, subject, had been with Deputy Sheriff John P. and Constable Charles subject on the afternoon of December 16, 1937, watching for the arrival of subjects, when they noticed the presence of a boat a short distance from shore. Due to the fog they were unable to determine the type of vessel this boat was or the name thereof; that shortly thereafter, about 6.00 P.M. a man approached the shore from the shore. Upon questioning him they learned that he was a seaman, name unknown to him, from Berkeley, California, and that the boat they mentioned had grounded during the afternoon and that he had been told to go to a dock nearby; that he was then returned to the boat to inform one "ONE" that he had told "ONE" partly of the grounding of the boat and that "ONE"

would remain on board until the next morning, at which time he would take the boat on into Richmond Pier.

Upon interviewing R. McCULLY he corroborated the above statements of his father and added the following facts:

That the doctor had requested him to row him out to this boat and that he had done so and that after arriving there the person whom he knew as "GAIL" had asked him to go through the boat and that at that time he observed no other person on board the ship other than the doctor and "GAIL."

He described this boat as a forty five footer with a master's cabin and motor driven; that after visiting the boat he had returned to shore and the doctor then had driven away in a Packard coupe with 1937 license plates of 1 G 8582. He added that he had not seen the doctor or any of the party since that time, but he believed that the duck hunter whom his father had spoken of was a sign painter who lived in Berkeley, California and whom he had known for quite some time, this sign painter having a duck blind off the point and visiting it quite frequently.

JOHN REEK, deputy sheriff of Contra Costa County, 4625 Cutting Boulevard, Berkeley, California, advised that he had been present at the time spoken of by R. McCULLY and that he could confirm the above facts; that he had determined that the Packard Coupe with the above license number was registered to DR. D. W. CORNELL of Berkeley, California.

DR. D. W. CORNELL, 2580 Pancroft Way, Berkeley, California, advised that he, DR. J. J. GREGG, American Trust Building, Berkeley, California and MR. R. GAYSON AGLER, mining engineer, residence 1730 Arch Street Berkeley, and a fourth party whom he did not know, had left Richmond Pier about 8.00 A.M. on the morning of December 16, 1937, to go fishing, momentarily expecting the fog on the bay to lift; that they had gone from there to San Pablo Bay and had done some fishing in San Pablo Bay and then had moved to Red Rock, anchoring there about 1.00 P.M.; that they had left Red Rock shortly thereafter and attempted to get their way back to Richmond Harbor, but due to the fog DR. SCHLOFFER, who was the pilot and the owner of the boat, went aground off Point Isabel about 5.00 P.M. and they could discern the shore from their boat and had heard voices of some persons talking; that they had tried to persuade those persons to come after them in a boat. These individuals had refused, stating that it was too foggy; that he thereupon jumped overboard with a line in his hand and pulled to shore which was about 60 yards away; that he had then secured a boat from the duck hunters and returned with the same to the vessel and had taken off DR. GREGG and the guest of MR. SCHLOFFER; that the three of them had then gone in with the duck hunter to his home who had called their respective homes from that telephone; that he had then returned to the boat about 6.00 P.M. to inform MR. SCHLOFFER of the fact that he had called MR. SCHLOFFER's family and also to see if he could aid MR. SCHLOFFER in any way; that he had then

been accosted by Deputy Sheriff JOHN LIRE and two other men and had later been taken to the boat by R. McCAULEY in a skiff and after talking to MR. SCHLICKER had returned to his home. He stated that during the time they were on the water he had observed nothing that he could connect in any manner with the escape of the subjects from Alcatraz nor had he seen any persons other than the duck hunters he had spoken of and he had also observed no boats upon the bay.

DR. J. CARRICOTT, dentist, American Trust Building, Berkeley, California, and Deputy Sheriff of Contra Costa County, confirmed the above story of DR. COLEMAN and also stated that he had seen nothing that he could connect, in any manner, with the escape from Alcatraz Island nor had he seen any strange persons or boats upon the bay that day.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

M. BARTMAN and ED. BARTMAN, 815 Main Avenue, advised that they had gone duck hunting about 12.30 PM on December 16, 1937, at Point Isabel and remained there until about 4.30 PM when they saw the mast of a boat pull up near shore and were accosted from this boat; that they had refused to go to shore due to heavy fog and in a few minutes a person whom they later learned was DR. COLEMAN of Berkeley rode ashore. They then permitted him to take their boat and in a few minutes he returned with two other men; that they had taken these men to the work shop of M. BARTMAN, 815 Main Avenue, where they had called their homes and left shortly after.

BARTMAN advised that he and BARTMAN had hunted ducks for about two years off Point Isabel; that on the day in question they had neither seen nor heard any strange boat or man other than one spoken of.

G. WICKLEY, 2210 1/2 Stewart Avenue, who happened to be at BARTMAN'S shop at the time of interview and who, according to BARTMAN was on Point Fleming on the instant day, advised that he had gone fishing at 8.00 A.M. and returned at 12.30 PM; that he had been accompanied by PAUL CHAMBER, 1009 Solano Avenue and JIM EARL, 979A Stannard Avenue; that during the time they were fishing they saw no strangers except a group of five boys of 15 or 16 years of age who appeared to be from the vicinity of Fleming Point and one duck hunter from Berkeley, the name of whom WICKLEY did not know.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

MR. F. G. SCHLICKER, Financial Center Building, stated that he was the owner of the "TINY IV" the motor driven boat approximately forty five feet in length mentioned above, and that he in the company of DR. D. L. COLEMAN, DR. J. CARRICOTT and JOHN SIEGHELD, 850 Mendocino Avenue, Berkeley, California, had left Richmond about 8.00 A.M. upon the 16th of December, 1937 for a fishing cruise.

The fog was very heavy at that time and continued to remain so throughout the entire day and that he did all the navigating of the vessel by compass; that they had first come to Alcatraz, San Pablo Bay near the Union Oil Company Refinery and stayed there until about 1.00 P.M. and then had started back to the Richmond Harbor. At about 1.00 or 1.30 P.M. while on the Oakland side of the bay he had heard the title of a large steamer and two small fishing boats; that he did not see these boats, but believed that one of them was operated by the "Fishing Pool" of Oakland, California. Mr. McLELLAN stated that he based this belief upon the fact that the "Fishing Pool" who writes articles in the local newspapers had stated that he had almost been run over by this large steamer at about that time of day and Mr. McLELLAN was sure that due to the proximity of the large steamer and the small boats this was the incident the "Fishing Pool" spoke of. He advised that this individual can be located in the Oakland Hardware Store on San Street, Oakland, California; that after this incident they continued on their way and upon hearing the whistle of the steamer closer to them Mr. McLELLAN stated that he had told the motor of the "MIMI L" and had waited for the steamer to cross before him; that he waited thus for about five minutes and that during this time he later discovered that he had drifted about 500 yards to the east. Due to this drift Mr. McLELLAN stated that he missed the "Big" one harbor and went around off Point Isabel; that after McLELLAN, McLELLAN and Mr. McLELLAN had left the boat about 5.00 P.M. McLELLAN had returned and at that time had told him of the Alcatraz Prison and that he thereupon had permitted McLELLAN to search the vessel in order to show him that there were no persons other than himself on board.

Mr. McLELLAN stated that he had seen no vessels on the water and knew only the whistles of the boats mentioned above; that as far as he knew, there was only one other boat out of the Richmond Harbor that had been on the bay that day and that was the "Ranger" owned by the Hidden Excess and that this boat had come from Alcatraz that day and had docked at Alcatraz in the evening. He advised that he has remained on board the "MIMI L" all the night of the 16th and that at no time had he seen any person upon the bay nor had he heard anything that would lead him to believe that there were persons upon the bay.

Mr. McLELLAN further stated that he would advise this office if he learned of anything from any of the boat operators that he had that night is of interest in this case.

The San Francisco Office received a letter from Customs Agent J. P. SHEEHAN, dated January 25, 1938, advising that the oil screw "Lona Lee", Official #236939, was in the Madden and Lewis Shipyard, at Sausalito, California, and was put into service on December 17, 1937. Mr. SHEEHAN stated he had no information, but thought possibly this ship may have some connection with the escapes. He advised the owner of this ship is RODGER HILLMAN, 3120 Fuhrman Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

A letter is being written for the Seattle Office to contact the owner and ascertain the names and identities of the persons employed on this boat, and make such appropriate investigation as to determine if either of the escapes could have been employed in any capacity.

The San Francisco Office received a letter from Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, of Alcatraz Prison, February 2, 1938, which enclosed a card on which was printed the words: "They didn't both drown. One sailed on S.S. Roma tonight."

The New York Office is being requested by letter to make an appropriate investigation concerning the men employed on this steamship, in order to establish if either escape could have secured such employment.

Bureau letter dated December 30, 1937 requested that further investigation be made at San Francisco concerning AL BARRY and a girl named LEE MACK. Efforts to date have been unsuccessful in locating either of these persons. However, this matter will be investigated further, and both of them will be contacted and interviewed, if possible.

As requested in letter of the Oklahoma City Office, dated January 17, 1937, it was determined at Alcatraz Prison that LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, with aliases, Alcatraz #168AZ, was released on January 26, 1938, at the expiration of his minimum term. A lead is being set forth to locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, at the home of his sister, Miss ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 - 21st Avenue, San Francisco. FAUGUNDAS' FBI No. is 72006.

It was also ascertained that FRANK ANDERSON, Alcatraz #167AZ was released on January 26, 1938, and a lead is being set forth to interview his sister, Mrs. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton Street, San Francisco. His FBI No. is 61543.

Complete information concerning LOUIS FAUGUENDAS and FRANK ANDERSON, together with their photographs, has been obtained, and is being made part of the San Francisco file. However, it is not being set forth in this report, as it is not believed necessary.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, at Sacramento, California:

WILLIAM C. SHULTZ, who, with GEORGE THOMPSON and WILLIAM HOUSE, arrived in California on December 15, 1937, and who is staying with HOUSE and THOMPSON at the residence of HOUSE'S sister, Mrs. R. CARLETON, 4017 - 3rd Avenue, was located and interviewed.

SHULTZ produced Montana registration certificate which showed his address as Box 117, Wheeler, Montana; that there was issued to him 1937 Montana license plates #20-4587 for a 1937 model Chevrolet, motor #601-630, G.M.A.C. being the legal owner of the car.

SHULTZ advised that in company with HOUSE and THOMPSON, he had left Phillipsburg, Montana on December 4, 1937, driving to Spokane, Grand Coulee and Seattle, Washington. On the night of December 14, 1937 they had stopped at Bucoda, Washington, near Centralia. On the following day they had driven South, crossing the Oregon - California State line on December 15th. They had stopped that night in Redding, California, the name of the hotel being forgotten. On December 16th they had driven on to Sacramento, where they had stayed at the Carleton residence at 4017 - 3rd Avenue, until December 30th, at which time they had driven to Los Angeles on a visit, returning to Sacramento on January 6, 1938.

SHULTZ stated that HOUSE, THOMPSON, and himself intended to stay in Sacramento, and have been seeking employment in that city.

HOUSE and THOMPSON were also questioned and verified the statements given by SHULTZ. Descriptions of the men as obtained by observation and interrogation, are as follows:

Name WILLIAM C. SHULTZ
Residence Wheeler, Montana.
Age 23 (born St. Paul, Minn.)
Height 5'9".
Weight 145 lbs.
Eyes Blue.
Hair Brown.
Marital Status Single.
Occupation Oiler.

Name BILL HOUSE.
Residence Anaconda, Montana.
Age 34 (born, Sparta, Wis.)
Height 5'7".
Weight 142 lbs.
Eyes Blue.
Hair Brown (greying).
Marital Status Single.
Occupation Mechanic.
Relative Mrs. R. Carleton, 4017 - 3rd,
Sacramento, California.

Name GEORGE THOMPSON.
Age 33 (born N.D.)
Residence Phillipsburg, Montana.
Height 5'7".
Weight 145 lbs.
Hair Black.
Eyes Blue.
Marital Status Married.
Occupation Mechanic.

None of the above admitted having ever been arrested. All three denied having purchased a booklet on tides while in Portland, stating they hadn't even stopped in that city.

Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR located and interviewed Mr. F. F. BELLOTTI, Box 957, at Eureka, California. Mr. BELLOTTI owns and operates a 1937 Ford pick-up truck, bearing California license #AC3883. He advised that he made a trip from Dunsmuir, California to Grants Pass, Oregon, on December 15, 1937, but investigation definitely eliminated him so far as this case is concerned.

Special Agent D. L. TRAYNOR attempted to locate and interview PAUL ENGLISH, 1151 Second Street, Crescent City, California, who owns a 1937 Dodge, bearing California license #9J5611, and learned that Mr. ENGLISH is presently located at Route 1, Box 278, Grants Pass, Oregon, and a lead is being set forth for the Portland Office to locate and make appropriate investigation concerning ENGLISH.

Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, on January 22, 1938 advised that he had obtained rather indefinite information that it is possible that Subjects, if they did actually escape, might contact a woman known as "GOLDIE", at the Mattery Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and he advised that DOC BARKER, Alcatraz No. 2684Z had used this place as his hide-out.

It is presumed that the Little Rock Office will have complete information concerning this person, who is believed to be GRACE GOLDSTEIN, therefore investigation is being requested of the Little Rock Office by letter.

Special Agent L. D. WIFE made appropriate investigation concerning the following cars and the persons listed were definitely eliminated as having any possible connection with this case.

A. C. COIT,
20 South Market Street,
San Jose, California.
1936 Chrysler, motor #C-6-6856,
bearing California license #5A3591.

EARL HES,
General Delivery,
Gilroy, California.
Owner 1936 Chevrolet pick-up Truck,
motor #K6006417, bearing California
license #AF1586.

FENTRESS HILL,
150 Sycamore Avenue,
San Jose, California.
Owner, 1935 Packard business Coupe,
motor #X30001, bearing California
license #7H8752.

Special Agent J. S. ROGERS made an investigation concerning the following cars and owners, and definitely eliminated them as having any possible connection with this case:

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THERON A. RUTAN,
Redding, California.
Owner, 1935 Pontiac Sedan, bearing 1937 California license #4K2069.

J. B. TUTTLE,
Dunsmuir, California.
Owner, 1936 Pontiac Sedan, bearing California license #6D4173.

FRANK CORTESE,
Weed, California.
Owner, 1929 Chevrolet Sedan, California license #2E5818.

Complete information as to the background and occupation of these persons has been submitted in memorandum form, and is being placed in the San Francisco file, but is not being set forth here.

The following investigation was made at Sacramento, California by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOUGH:

Relative to a clipping from the "Sacramento Bee" of 12/22/37, stating that a man arrested at Broderick, Yolo County, was said to have worn convict pants and shoes, ELLI BARRY, Constable, Broderick, the arresting officer in the case in question, was interviewed, at which time he advised that he knew the newspaper story to be a gross exaggeration, to say the least.

He advised that on what he recalled to have been December 20, 1937 he had arrested one THOMAS E. DARDIS, when that individual had attempted to sell a Broderick druggist a half-pint of cognac which BARRY suspicioned had been stolen from the Washington Market in that town. BARRY had "shock down" the man, and had noted that on the band inside the trousers the man wore, at the right hip, there was a number stamped. This number was recalled to have been in five figures, and to have

commenced with the numbers "14". DABDIS had claimed that the trousers had been given to him by some man in room 87 at the St. George Hotel in Sacramento, and that this man had claimed to be a war veteran from the Veterans' Hospital at Mountville, California. BARRY stated that the trousers were of a khaki color, and were very possibly of the type issued the inmates of Veterans' Hospitals. However, he had taken the trousers to the California State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation, where CHARLES SWINE of that Bureau was asked by BARRY to have examined the trousers, and given the opinion that they were of the type issued State and Federal Hospital inmates.

BARRY stated that he had no case against DABDIS, and so had had him "floated" out of Crocker's. He had returned the trousers to DABDIS, and the shoes had never been taken from him at all, they being ordinary shoes, and the newspaper story to the contrary being without foundation.

At the Sacramento Police Department, Bureau of Identification, the following description was obtained of WILLIAM T. DABDIS:

Height	5' 9 1/2".
Weight	133 lbs.
Age	36 (in 1933)
Eyes	Hazel.
Complexion	Dark.
Build	Slim.
Nativity	New York.
F.F.C.	1 U 10 17 A 13
Hair	Loose adhering.
Occupation	Truck driver.
Criminal record	4/24/35, reckless driving, 10 days.

CHARLES SWINE, Assistant Chief, California State Division of Criminal Identification and Investigation, advised upon interview that he was convinced the trousers shown him by Constable BARRY were those of the type issued by Veterans' Hospitals, that he was certain they were not of the type worn by convicts and so had made no note of the number stamped in the trousers, and had no recollection of them other than that the first two digits in the number were "14", and that they were followed by three digits.

At the St. George Hotel, 4th and J Street, which is a "flop house" where a night's lodging may be obtained for 20¢, VERNON CUMMINGS, clerk, advised that there are over one hundred rooms in the building, and that there are several men in each room every night, practically all of whom are transients. He had no recollection of DARDIS or anyone named SHIELDS, as mentioned in the newspaper clipping upon which this investigation was predicated. An examination of his hotel register showed the following persons to have stayed in Room 37 from December 6, 1937 to December 22, 1937: PAT O'BRIEN, E. RUBANK, DICK HOAGE, F. R. BURRI, SHEPPARD, J. R. DOUGLAS, R. KROESNER, GEORGE WILTERS, WILLIAM MAYHAN, HOWARD DAVIS, HUGH YILSON, E. WORTH, W. J. COLEMAN, M. C. CARY, WILLIAM SMITH, E. GRILES, CHARLES DAVIS, and H. WESTHUSEN. None of these men indicated any address, and are all unknown to CUMMINGS. However, from the information previously developed, it is not believed the story warrants further investigation.

On December 23, 1937 Agent A. E. FARLAND, who was at Alcatraz, telephonically read the following letter received by Warden J. A. JOHNSTON:

"Greenfield, California,
Monterey County
December 19, 1937

"Dear Warden:

"I am writing to tell you that a clue for you about the two men who escaped from Alcatraz. The description is that what was in the Salinas paper tonight. I was walking down town to mail some letters when down road came a auto which was old, smashed a little, muddy license plates, don't know the numbers. The car was a 1934 Ford. There were 4 men in the car, all tough looking. Two of them were sneezing and coughing and blowing their noses. They stopped and asked me where there was a wild spot to spend about 3 weeks there hunting. They had pistols and machine guns with them. You can see on the back seat partly covered with sacks.

"They had me get some groceries in a store in town. They gave me \$10 bill. They wanted coffee, milk, Lucky Strikes, bread. It was a moonlight night around 8 o'clock this happened. They

gave me \$100 bill for getting groceries. No police in this small town to tell. The serial number of the \$100 bill was 67 YEO 258, year 1938. I sure did need it.

"They are staying somewhere in the Arroyo Section District.

Yours truly

Mr. C. J. BROWN.

"P.S. I have been here about 2 weeks and 1/2."
"I am leaving December 30."

This letter was postmarked Greenfield, California, addressed to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, marked "IMPORTANT", and with it were newspaper clippings showing pictures of the two fellows, Warden's picture, and a picture of Alcatraz.

Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, in connection with this letter, telephonically contacted Sheriff CARL ABBOTT, Monterey County, Salinas, California, and then personally interviewed Sheriff ABBOTT at a later date. It was determined that Sheriff ABBOTT and Deputy Sheriff E. M. YOUNG conducted an exhaustive investigation at Greenfield, California, but were unable to locate C. J. BROWN, the writer of this communication.

Sheriff ABBOTT supplied Agent WINE with a copy of his investigative report, which is being made a part of the San Francisco file. However, it is not being quoted herein.

This report indicates the work done by the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff, and it would appear that the writer of this note is absolutely unknown in that vicinity.

The following confidential report has been received at the San Francisco Office from STANLEY E. PARKER, Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, San Francisco Division. This report covers information concerning the territory covered by the Coast Guard, and is being quoted verbatim for possible future reference:

"1. Complying with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following is a report of the activities of the stations in the Twelfth District that participated in the search for the bodies of the escaped Federal prisoners from Alcatraz Island on 16 December, 1937:

GOLDEN GATE STATION

"A patrol of the area from China Beach to Southside Coast Guard Radio Station was inaugurated by this unit on the morning of 23 December, 1937, and continued until 30 December, 1937.

"The beaches from station northeast to China Beach and south to Southside Radio Station were patrolled each morning after daylight on Ocean Beach and at ebb tide and low water along the area to China Beach. The patrol was made on foot, following the shore line at all times when possible. Patrolmen were equipped with binoculars for use in searching crevices and caves which were inaccessible to persons on foot. The entire area was accurately searched without any trace of missing bodies.

FORT POINT STATION

From 23 December, 1937 to 31 December, 1937 a shore patrol was made at daybreak, patrol extended from China Beach to Yacht Harbor. Each day, on the ebb tide, a patrol was made, in picket boat CG-4325, of shore lines and eddies from Yacht Harbor to China Beach and from Point Diablo to Point Cavello. A daily search, in picket boat CG-4325, was also made of the Bay from Alcatraz Island to the Golden Gate Bridge. All floating objects were investigated, but no bodies were found.

POINT BONITA STATION

A daily search was made for the bodies of two Federal prisoners who escaped from the Federal Prison at Alcatraz Island on 16 December, 1937. The search was made in the power surfboat and all eddies, beaches, and shore line were carefully examined between Point

"Diablo and Gull Rock each day from December 23, 1937 to December 30, 1937, inclusive. All beaches in vicinity of station were also inspected, but to date no trace of any bodies have been found.

BOLINAS BAY STATION

"Patrols were made each day from 23 December, 1937 to and including 30 December, 1937 in search for the bodies of the two escaped Federal prisoners.

"Coast line and beach from the R.C.A. Radio Station to Gull Rock, a distance of approximately eight miles, was recovered during the last hour of flood tide and the first hour of ebb tide when ever practicable to do so. Many floating objects were reported and investigated, but no bodies were found.

"The last patrol was completed at 11:45 a.m., 30 December, 1937.

POINT REYES STATION

"A patrol was made from 24 December, 1937 to 31 December, 1937 along the entire coast line in Drakes Bay from Double Point to Chimney Rock, certain men patrolling the coast line and the motor lifeboat being used to cover Drakes Bay in the event that any bodies might have drifted into the bay during this period. No bodies were found.

S. B. JOHNSON."

The following investigation was made at Grass Valley, California, by Special Agent J. R. McCULLICH, concerning E. R. LANNING, Partridge Hotel, 205 Auburn Street. Mr. LANNING is the owner of a 1937 Buick Sedan, bearing 1937 California license #7D8587. Investigation definitely eliminated him as having any connection with this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND OFFICE, at Grants Pass, Oregon, will locate and interview PAUL ENGLISH, Route 1, Box 278. Mr. ENGLISH is the owner of a 1937 Dodge, bearing California license #9J5611. He should be specifically questioned as to whether or not he purchased the booklet entitled "Current Chart of the San Francisco Bay", and as to any information that he might possibly have in connection with this case.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION, at San Rafael, California, will make appropriate investigation concerning the boat which was reported stolen between Sunday, December 19, 1937, and Friday, December 24, 1937. Information concerning this is contained in the report of Special Agent R. F. KRAMER, Los Angeles, 1/8/38.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at San Quentin, California, will make appropriate inquiry concerning Inmate No. 56684. Information concerning this party is set forth in the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, California, dated January 3, 1938, page eleven. In this connection, if possible, it should be established whether there was an inmate at San Quentin by the name of ALLEN or HOLLAND, and if so, whether there is any possible connection between Mr. and Mrs. J. L. ROSE and LAWRENCE HOLLAND.

At Stockton, California, will make appropriate investigation concerning a gambler referred to as "DUTCH" HILL, and a Chinaman named WONG. Information concerning these two is set forth in the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, California, dated January 3, 1938, page twenty-one.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will complete the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated January 1, 1938.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will endeavor to locate AL BARRY and LEE MACK, and interview them for any information they may have.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at OKLAHOMA CITY

File No. 76-50

Report made at Seattle, Washington	Date made 1/7/38	Period 12/24, 25, 29, 30, 31/37; 1/2, 3, 4/38	Report made by Daniel Currie, Jr.
Title: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472, THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

R. C. Davis, 1937 Washington license A-120757; C. T. Moffatt, 1938 Washington license A-36164; E. E. Case, 1938 Washington license V-50; Frank Kerchhoff, 1937 Washington license 83428, identified as automobile travelers into California. Advise made no inquiries re tides and currents San Francisco Bay. Wells Gwinn, 1938 Washington license A-40135; G. B. Cedarholm, 1938 Washington license A-40165; Rolfe J. Paquin, 1937 Washington license A-59272; Dr. W. R. Fishleigh, 1937 Washington license C-6291; Roy Walker, 1937 Washington license U-3998; William Tergoning, 1937 Washington license A-50172; F. Barcott, Jr., 1938 Washington license D-3249; H. Kraiger, 1938 Washington license D-5295; H. T. Redick, 1937 Washington license M-9756, now in California. Fred T. Mershon, 1937 Washington license A-52776, and Belton Bleue, 1938 Washington license A-14285, now in Texas. Spainhour Coffy, 1937 Washington license H-846; Joe Rose, 1937 Washington license GT-854, at Yakima and Dayton, Washington respectively. R. S. Ricks, 1937 Washington license C-44214, home address Charleston, S. C.; Ralph Henderson, 1937 Washington license U-2122, Boulder City, Nevada. Pearl Will, 1937 Washington license U-629 is to return to Coulee, Washington. K. Ward, 1937 Washington license U-4762 at Portland, Oregon. Mrs. E. B. Jacobson, 1937 Washington license A-7500, claims to have visited sister at San Mateo, California. 1937 Washington

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REFERENCE: Portland letter to Seattle 12/23/37; Seattle letter to Los Angeles 12/31/37; Seattle letter to San Francisco 1/1/38.

DETAILS: At Seattle, Washington:

Information concerning the issuance of 1937 Washington license plates was ascertained through the publication issued by the Motor Lists, Inc., 1929 Third Avenue.

1937 Washington license A-120757 was designated as being issued to one Raymond C. Davis, 1523 East 63rd Street, for 1937 Ford sedan. Upon calling at that address agent was advised by Mrs. Davis that her husband could be contacted at the Comptroller's Office at the University of Washington.

Upon arrival at that office it was noted that Mr. Davis is the Comptroller of the University. He advised that he had taken a recent trip to California for a vacation, and that he believed he arrived in the state on about the 15th of December last. With respect to inquiries at Portland, Oregon concerning the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, Mr. Davis informed that he made no stops whatsoever at that point, and that he had had no occasion to contact the United States Lighthouse Service.

1938 Washington license A-36164 was issued for a 1938 Willys coupe to the Pacific Meat and Packing Company, Kirkland, Washington. Mr. C. T. Moffatt, manager of that company, stated that during the floods in California he had decided to take advantage of the opportunity of purchasing some of the pigs which would be available at considerably lower than market price. Accordingly his recent trip was occasioned for that purpose. He advised that while he stopped at the Imperial Hotel at Portland, Oregon at midnight of either the 14th or 15th of December, he left at 6:30 the next morning and did not, nor did he have the opportunity to, make any inquiries at the United States Lighthouse Service. Mr. Moffatt further informed that while in California he had traveled rather continuously, and he was quite sure that his car had been registered at the stations at both Dunsmuir and Hornbrook.

1938 Washington license A-40135 was issued for 1938 LaSalle sedan to Mr. Wells Gwinn, 834 Central Building. It was ascertained, upon contacting the Acme Finance Company, that Mr. Gwinn is manager of that concern and has been affiliated with it for the past ten years. Ernest Gwinn, a clerk in the company, stated that his father was presently visiting in Los Angeles, California at the home of G. K. Burns, 5883 Herman Avenue, and

that he would probably remain there until the 10th of January. This information was communicated to the Los Angeles Office by letter under date of December 31, 1937, with the request that they contact Mr. Gwinn and ascertain from him whether he made any inquiries at the United States Lighthouse Service concerning tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, and whether he purchased any pamphlets in regard to same.

It is noted in the list of Washington license numbers submitted with the letter of reference under date of December 16, 1937 that license A-40135 was registered at the checking station at Doris, California. 1937 Washington license by this number was issued to one H. L. Hess, 8009 - 11th Avenue N. W., Seattle, Washington, for use on a 1937 Chevrolet sedan.

Mrs. Hess, upon being interviewed, advised that neither she nor her husband had been in California for over a year. In view of this information, which was confirmed by communication with Mr. T. E. Finlay, clerk at the Seattle Golf Club, where Mr. Hess is employed as caddy master, who stated that Hess had not taken a vacation for over a year, it was concluded that the registration of A-40135 at Doris, California applied to the car driven by Mr. Wells Gwinn mentioned above.

1938 Washington license A-40687 for a 1937 Oldsmobile sedan was issued to one John R. Walsh, c/o Holeproof Hosiery Company, 526 Mission Street, San Francisco, California. This information was communicated to the San Francisco Office by letter under date of January 1, 1938, with the request that the appropriate investigation be conducted.

1938 Washington license A-40165 for a Packard sedan was issued to G. B. Cedarholm, Colman Building, First and Marion, Seattle, Washington. At the offices of the Sheppard Point Packing Company, Room 627 Colman Building, Mr. A. M. Wittig, secretary and general manager, advised that Cedarholm had been affiliated with the company since 1924, serving in the capacity of superintendent of both their packing plants in Alaska. He stated Cedarholm was now on his annual trip to California, and that the only information he could give as to how he could be reached was that contact might be had at 726 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, where a group of his bachelor friends maintained a residence. The San Francisco Office was requested under date of January 1, 1938 to conduct the appropriate investigation at this address. With respect to Mr. Cedarholm's character, Wittig said that he could think of nothing which would reflect on him in any way.

It will be noted in the list submitted with the letter of reference that 1937 Washington license A-40165 was registered at Dunsmuir, California on December 15, 1937. Records reflect that 1937 license plates by that number were issued to one Nathan H. Kassel for a 1937 Oldsmobile. As the registration further reflects that this was a Packard sedan, and in view of the fact that Mr. Cedarholm recently made a trip to California, it

is concluded that the designation of the year of the license should have been 1938.

1937 Washington license A-7500 for a 1931 Ford coupe was listed as being issued to W. C. Keeney, 1628 - 31st Avenue. Mrs. Keeney stated that the car had recently been sold by them to a service station at 55th and Roosevelt Way. She was not sure whether they had made further disposition of same or not.

Mr. Paddy Driskel, at Driskel's Service Station, 55th and Roosevelt Way, stated that the car in question was sold to a Mrs. Ellen Jacobson, who had a rooming house at 2nd and Bell Street. Mr. Driskel stated that the deal was cash, and he did not, therefore, have any further information concerning the transaction.

At 123 Bell Street, a rooming house, Mrs. Ellen Bessie Jacobson was interviewed, and she advised that she went to California on or about December 15, 1937 to see her sister, a Mrs. Amelia Reid, 620 Brewer Drive, San Mateo, California. She stated that on the trip down she had made no inquiries in Portland, Oregon at the United States Lighthouse Service, nor had she purchased any books of the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

At this time it is desired to point out that the rooming house, as it is designated by Mrs. Jacobson, is a former house of prostitution, and the barred door with the peephole still appears to be used. At the time of the visit, however, only two other occupants were observed. Mrs. Jacobson was extremely nervous when being questioned, and in view of that fact further investigation in addition to that set forth below will be made. The San Francisco Office is also being requested to confirm the stated visit of Mrs. Jacobson with her sister at San Mateo.

Mr. C. F. Perkins, who runs a taxidermist shop immediately under the rooming house of Mrs. Jacobson, advised that he did not think she was running a house of prostitution at this time, although they threw some "mighty noisy" parties there. Her roomers, he informed, for the most part appeared to be lumberjacks who were former friends of hers in Aberdeen, Washington, from where Mr. Perkins stated he understood she came. He was unable to provide any further information except to state that in his opinion it was a typical "Bell Street joint."

1937 Washington license A-125797 was issued for a 1921 Ford coupe to one William A. Casteel, 1205 Stewart Street. It was ascertained that Casteel at the present time was living with one James Will, 8915 Fifth Avenue N. E. Mr. Will was contacted, and he advised that Casteel is a 16 year old high school student who now attends the Broadway High School at Broadway and Pine, Seattle. With respect to any possible trip to California, Mr. Will pointed to a 1921 Ford coupe sitting in the yard and suggested that it would be practically impossible to get the car to Tacoma. The car is in

rather bad shape; two of the tires were flat, and it showed no evidence of having been used on a long trip. He stated he was quite positive Casteel had not been out of the state, and that he was also sure he had not loaned his license plates to anyone. This information was confirmed by Casteel himself, who at the time was endeavoring to repair a 1926 Ford with the hope of getting it in running condition. Casteel said that he had had the plates in his possession all the time, and stated that since the acquisition of the 1926 model he had placed them on it. Both plates were observed by the reporting agent.

At the King County Court House, Auditor's office, inquiry was made to determine if a 1938 plate by this number had been issued, and information was received that at that time no license plates carrying a number that high had been issued. In view of that fact it is suggested that the San Francisco Office be requested to check the number as set forth in the list submitted with the letter of reference.

1937 Washington license A-59272 was issued for 1937 Chevrolet sedan to one Rolfe J. Paquin, 1562 Olive Way. At the Faneuil Hall Apartments, located at the latter address, no record was contained in their files as to a previous residence for this party there. However, while at the office of the Post Office Inspector, Mr. Roy Hawkinson, secretary, advised that Paquin was a postal inspector who worked out of Billings, Montana; that he had recently taken a trip to California for a vacation and was due back on or about the 9th of January, 1938. Mr. Hawkinson checked his records and stated they were unable to provide a forwarding address for Mr. Paquin, but that he would be glad to leave a note in his box and request that he contact the Seattle Office upon his return to the city prior to going to Billings, Montana.

1937 Washington license A-52776 was issued for a 1936 Dodge sedan to Fred F. Mershon, formerly of 1809 Harvard Avenue. At the office of the Postal Inspector it was ascertained that Mr. Mershon had moved to 119 Harvard Avenue North. At this address Mrs. T. C. Smith advised that Mershon and his wife had stayed at her home for approximately four months, and that she had found them to be very nice people. She suggested, however, that Mr. Hesse of the Hesse Southern Barbecue, Broadway and John, could advise more definitely concerning Mershon, as he had worked for him for several years.

Mr. Leonard S. Hesse, owner of the aforementioned barbecue, stated that Mershon had worked for him for two years and three months in the capacity of chef and buyer, and that he had quit the middle of December to return to his home at Bowie, Texas. Mr. Hesse stated that he was confident Mershon will be of every possible assistance to the Bureau. With respect to his character, he pointed out that he had acted in the capacity of buyer, and that over the period in which he so served, he had never had occasion to question his accounts.

1937 Washington license A-14285 was issued for a 1930 Franklin sedan to a Mrs. Patience J. Nelson, 306 Blanchard Street. Inasmuch as the list submitted with the letter of reference reflects that a Chevrolet carrying this license number was registered at Hornbrook, California on December 16, 1937, the 1938 licenses were checked, and it was found that the number in question covers license issued to Belton Belue, 1312 John Street.

Miss Thelma Brant, at that address, advised that Belue had been boarding and rooming at that address for over a year, and that he was presently in Texas visiting his folks. She suggested that Miss Olive Jane Voight could provide further information as to Belue's occupation and character.

Miss Voight, who works as a waitress at Rudy's Lunch Counter in the Public Market, First and Pike Street, advised that she had known Belue for a considerable period of time; that he was employed by the Lee and Eastes Auto Freight as a service man. She stated that due to a slack period in the work he had been laid off for a short time, and in view thereof had decided to visit his folks in Texas. The last letter she received from him from Texas he had advised, according to Miss Voight, that he was starting back and would probably arrive on or about the 8th of January.

Mr. George Andrews, in charge of the Service Department, Lee and Eastes Auto Freight, 717 Dexter Avenue, stated that Belue had worked for their company and the Fageol Motors, Inc. for about two years, and to his knowledge before that time he had worked for Frye & Company. Mr. Andrews advised that while he could not be absolutely positive about Belue's character, from his observation he had noticed no acts which would reflect on him in any way. He further stated that as soon as work permitted Belue would be re-employed by the company.

1937 Washington license A-50172 was issued for 1936 Ford to Frank Tergoning, Des Moines, Washington. Mr. E. J. Baker, postmaster at the latter point, stated that the Tergonings had lived in that vicinity for a considerable number of years; and that they formerly had operated a boat factory. Several months ago, however, Frank Tergoning had died, and he was not sure just what his son was doing at the present time. Mr. Baker was rather definite in his statements, however, as to the reliability of Mr. Tergoning's son, William.

At the Tergoning residence it was ascertained that William Tergoning had taken his father's car to California and could be contacted through his uncle, Hugh M. Thompson, 1023 East First Street, Long Beach, California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. M. O'Donnell:

At Hoquiam, Washington:

In an effort to check the identity of Spainhour Coffy, who according to the reports of the California checking stations entered the state of California on December 16, 1937, agent called at his address, which at the time of his application for Washington license tags H-846 was 2907 Sumner Avenue, Hoquiam, Washington, and located Mrs. J. Nyland, owner of several apartments and houses in the immediate vicinity. Upon inquiry she advised that she was acquainted with Mr. Coffy and his wife and that both of them resided at 2907 Sumner Avenue and were her tenants until about two months ago, when they moved to Yakima, Washington. She stated that they lived at this address for the past year and that she found them to be very satisfactory tenants; that they had few associates, and were very quiet and orderly. She went on to state that Mr. Coffy paid his rent promptly and was employed at the Grays Harbor Chair Company while living at Hoquiam, Washington; that the reason he left Hoquiam for Yakima, Washington was that employment was reduced at the plant, and he was laid off. She stated that she received a Christmas card from them but after considerable search was unable to locate it for the purpose of ascertaining from where it was mailed. She further advised that she was positive that Mr. Coffy's address was Hillcrest, Yakima, Washington, and that he and Mrs. Coffy were residing with Mrs. Coffy's father, a Mr. Nelson.

Agent then separately interviewed Mr. Nyland concerning the activities of the Coffys, and he stated that he was positive that they were very fine people; that Coffy and his wife were from South Carolina, and he appeared to be very anxious to work all the time and did so until the employment at the chair factory shut down. He stated that they had few associates, and that they were ideal tenants.

At Raymond, Washington:

In order to ascertain the identity of one E. E. Case who owns a 1937 Ford sedan, Washington license number for the year 1938 V-50, agent contacted Mr. John Eager, postmaster at Raymond, Washington, and he stated that Mr. E. E. Case had resided at Raymond, Washington for the past forty or fifty years; that he was a very well-to-do shingle mill owner and still did own and operate the Case Lumber and Shingle Mill Company. Mr. Eager stated he was of the opinion that Mr. Case was presently in California visiting his daughter, as he knew that he left Raymond, Washington about two or three weeks ago for such a trip. He further advised that Mr. Case had a son, Albert Case, who is actively in charge of the Case mill at Raymond, Washington, and who no doubt would know the exact address of his father.

Agent then proceeded to the offices of the Case Shingle Mill Company, Raymond, Washington, and contacted Mr. Albert Case, who advised that his father, E. E. Case, did leave Raymond, Washington about three weeks ago to visit his daughter, Mrs. John Lavinder, 2938 Fernside Boulevard, Alameda, California. He stated that his father was driving a 1937 Ford sedan bearing

1938 license number for the state of Washington V-50. Mr. Case stated that his father is in the habit of making yearly winter trips to California, and that he will be at the home of his daughter until sometime around January 1, 1938 and will then leave for someplace farther south in California, the exact address of which he does not know. He did state, however, that the same could be obtained by contacting Mrs. Lavinder at the above address.

It is to be noted at this time that this agent has had occasion to contact the Case Shingle and Lumber Company for information concerning the Mattson kidnaping case in the past, and they have been very willing and ready to cooperate with agent in such matters and are without question people of excellent character.

At Vancouver, Washington:

In order to check the character and reputation of Mrs. W. T. Clique, 1811 Franklin Avenue, Vancouver, Washington, who, according to the records of the California Checking Stations, entered the state of California on December 16, 1937 in a car bearing 1937 Washington tags, number G-188, agent contacted Mrs. Clique at her home, and she advised that she had not been out of the state of Washington since last June when she and her daughter and two nephews made a trip to California. She further advised that she was positive that her car had not been in California since this last trip. At this agent asked to see the car, and it is to be noted that it bears 1937 Washington tags number G-188.

During the course of the interview with Mrs. Clique she mentioned to the writer that she had tried to obtain these same license numbers for the year 1938 but had been unsuccessful, as they had been issued to a Mr. L. C. Brunner, a car salesman for the Linham Motor Co., and that Mr. Brunner is the man who sold her the car that she now owns. She went on to state that Mr. Brunner travels a great deal, and it is possible that he might have made a trip to California and that he might have had his 1938 tags on the car at the time of the trip.

Agent then contacted Mr. Robert Kemp, who resides next door to Mrs. Clique, and questioned him as to whether or not Mrs. Clique had been at home during the entire months of December, 1937, and he stated that to the best of his knowledge neither she nor her husband had been away at any time, and that if they had been away for any length of time he would have noticed it. He stated that they are very respectable people and live very quietly.

Agent then contacted Mr. L. C. Young, 508 West 18th Street, Vancouver, Washington, concerning anything that he knew of Mrs. Clique having been out of the city during the month of December, 1937. It is to be noted here that Mr. Young's home adjoins Mrs. Clique's home on the corner. He stated that he was Mrs. Clique's brother, and that he knew positively that she had not been out of the city during the month of December, 1937, and

that he recalls that he was in the local hospital during the middle part of December, 1937, and that she came to visit him on several occasions while he was there.

It is to be noted here that Mrs. Clique was apparently telling the truth concerning her not having been in California during the month of December, as she appeared to be a very high type, well mannered person of about sixty years of age. She appeared to be willing and ready to assist agent in this matter and was very cooperative.

Agent then proceeded to the Linham Motor Car Company, located on the corner of Third Street and Washington Street, Vancouver, Washington, and inquired of Mrs. R. M. Sale, office manager, concerning the whereabouts of Mr. L. C. Brunner. She stated that he was presently on a vacation and had been on a trip to California, but that she thought that he had returned a few days ago. She further advised that he had been employed by this firm for the past three years as a salesman, and is a very reliable, honest man and bears an excellent reputation in the community.

Agent then proceeded to the home of L. C. Brunner, located at 316 East 7th Street, Apartment No. 2, Vancouver, Washington. He stated that he had been on a recent trip to California with his wife, and that he was of the opinion that he entered California on December 16, 1937, and that he and his wife went to San Francisco, Alameda, Venice, and then returned home. He went on to explain that the title and license registration is in his wife's name, as was their other car which he sold to Mrs. Clique during the past spring. He further advised that the reason that he took the trip was that he had a thirty day vacation, and he and his wife were to visit some relatives in California prior to Christmas, and that they returned home a day or so before Christmas.

Upon being questioned as to whether or not he made any inquiry at the United States Lighthouse Service in Portland, Oregon concerning the tides in San Francisco Bay area, and whether he purchased two tide and current booklets on December 15, 1937, he advised that he did not and that he was of the opinion that they did not stop in Portland on their trip to California.

Mr. Brunner appeared to be willing to cooperate with agent in this matter and answered all questions straightforwardly and without any hesitation. Later agent observed his car parked in front of the apartment house, and it is a 1937 tan Studebaker sedan, bearing 1938 license tags number G-188, and the foreign license permit issued by the state of California bears the date December 16, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. C. Eberstein:

At Spokane, Washington:

Investigation at the License Bureau, County Auditor's office, developed that 1937 Washington license C-6291 is registered to Dr. W. Reginald Fishleigh, who has offices at 316 Mohawk Building.

1938 Washington license C-6291 is not registered to a DeSoto sedan, but is registered to a 1933 Chevrolet sedan belonging to Mr. A. W. Rodgers, the president of the American Engraving Company. Further investigation develops that this car has not been out of the city during the past month and as Dr. Fishleigh is known to be in California at present, it becomes certain that the 1937 license number C-6291 is the number in question.

Dr. Reginald Fishleigh is an osteopathic physician and has been in Spokane for about ten years. His reputation is good. He is at present making an auto tour on his honeymoon and was married in Spokane on December 14, 1937. Agent ascertained from his office secretary that he was supposed to have gone to Mexico and was to return to California for New Year's and that he could probably be located at Los Angeles in care of the Los Angeles Osteopathic College at the present time. This information was immediately given to Special Agent in Charge Suran by telephone. From Attorney Joseph Lavin, who offices in the Mohawk Building, agent ascertained that Dr. Fishleigh is between 32 and 34 years old, about 5 feet eleven inches tall, hair black, complexion dark, extremely well dressed and dapper in appearance. The Los Angeles Field Office was advised in this respect by letter under date of December 31, 1937, with the request that the appropriate investigation be conducted.

At Grand Coulee, Mason City, Osborne, Electric City, Washington, and vicinity:

1928 Dodge sedan bearing 1937 Washington license U-3998 was registered in 1937 to Roy Walker, who gave his address as the General Delivery at Grand Coulee Post Office. It was ascertained that Walker was a former employee of the M.W.A.K. Construction Company, the builders of Grand Coulee Dam. Upon checking this registration, however, it was ascertained that Walker has sold this car to Mr. E. F. Bovee, who gave his address as Box 1661 at Grand Coulee. Bovee was also employed by the M.W.A.K. Company as a laborer, has left, and gave his address at the Grand Coulee Post Office as Box 166, Grass Valley, California.

Pontiac coupe bearing 1937 Washington license C-44214 was registered to Robert S. Rix, P. O. Box 35 at Mason City, Washington. Investigation develops that Rix was also an employee of the M.W.A.K. Company, was laid off work in the general shutdown of December 1, 1937, and can likely be reached through his home address of 5 Lucas Street in Charleston, S. C.

Chevrolet sedan bearing 1937 Washington license number GT-854 was registered to Mr. James F. Foyd, a former employee of the M.W.A.K. Company

at Mason City. This car, however, was sold by Boyd to a Mr. Joe Rose, who gave his address as Dayton, Washington.

Chevrolet sedan bearing 1937 Washington license number U-2122 is registered to Ralph Henderson, a former employee of the M.W.A.K. Company at Mason City. Henderson's home address is Tonasket, Washington, but he is at present residing at Boulder City, Nevada, address care of General Delivery. There is no transfer of record on this car.

Oldsmobile sedan bearing 1937 Washington license number U-629 was registered to Mrs. Pearl Will at Osborne, Washington. Interview with Mrs. Will developed that this car was sold in November, 1937 to Mr. Jack Roberts, an employee of the M.W.A.K. Company at Mason City. Mr. and Mrs. Will advised that Roberts left Osborne about the middle of December and went to California, returning about December 27th to Osborne; that he went to California so far as they know to get work at the new dam being built in the Imperial Valley; that he had been unsuccessful, and when he got back he stated that he would be unable to keep up the payments on his car and had turned the same in to the finance company in Grand Coulee. Mr. Will stated that he had no idea where Roberts might be at present, but stated that he would undoubtedly be back when the new contract at Grand Coulee is approved. He described Roberts as being about 27 or 28 years old, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches tall, weight about 170 pounds, light brown hair, and blue eyes. He stated that he thought Roberts' home was in South Dakota, and that he had been at Coulee Dam for about a year. Mr. Will advised that Roberts had boarded at the company barracks in Mason City, but had received mail at the post office at Osborne. The postmaster at Osborne advised that Roberts had left no forwarding order for his mail, and would likely return as soon as work opened up at the Coulee.

DeSoto sedan bearing 1937 Washington license number U-4762 is registered to Kenneth Ward, who gave his address in care of General Delivery at Electric City, Washington. Ward was formerly employed at Grand Coulee, was laid off and can now be reached at his home address at 3646 S. E. Tallman Street in Portland, Oregon.

It will be noted that all the above named persons at Grand Coulee and vicinity have been employed by the M.W.A.K. Company, and they were laid off work in the general layoff of the company during the fall of 1937. It will be impossible to ascertain to any degree of certainty their reputations or reliability at Coulee Dam as the population is too much of a floating character. In this investigation agent was unable to interview the personnel director of the M.W.A.K. Company, whose files would give a meager physical description of the employees and their home addresses, but this can not be entirely relied upon.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. L. Welch:

At Everett, Washington:

With reference to Washington 1937 license D-3249 issued to Mr. Benjamin C. Pilbean, Box 210, Everett, Washington, on a 1936 Lafayette car, Special Agent F. L. Welch interviewed Mr. Pilbean at the Everett, Washington City Park, where he is employed as a gardener. His home is at Fowler Avenue and North 47th Street. Pilbean stated that during the month of December, 1937 he worked every day with the exception of Sundays and holidays at the Park, and that he has never had his Lafayette car out of the state of Washington. To verify this agent interviewed a Mr. Hall, superintendent of the City Park, who stated he was certain Mr. Pilbean was not outside of Everett during December and that he brought his car to work every working day during that month. While attempting to locate Pilbean, agent also interviewed his next door neighbor, Mr. Henry A. Erickson, who stated he was positive Pilbean was at home each night during the entire month of December, 1937.

Inasmuch as the above investigation indicated that 1937 Washington license D-3249 for Mr. Pilbean's car was not the license in question, agent conducted investigation concerning 1938 Washington license D-3249, issued to Mr. Frank Barcott, Jr., 1212 Everett Avenue, Everett, Washington.

Mr. Frank C. Barcott, 2819 Hoyt Avenue, a cousin, stated that Frank Barcott, Jr. left Everett for California with his wife and daughter sometime about the middle of December, 1937. He understood that Frank intended to go fishing out from the coast, but he believed Frank had found other work. He stated that Frank could be located at 325 West 15th Street, San Pedro, California. Agent then interviewed Mrs. Frank Barcott, 2701 Grand Avenue, Everett, Washington, and she stated that her son, Frank Barcott, Jr., could be reached at 325 West 15th Street, San Pedro, California.

With reference to 1938 Washington license D-5295, the records of the County Auditor's Office, Everett, Washington, showed this license was issued to Mr. Harold Kraiger, Richmond Beach, Washington, on a Plymouth sedan. Investigation at Richmond Beach, Washington reflected that Harold Kraiger is presently in California. Interviews with Mr. W. A. Fairmont, Richmond Beach, a friend, and Mr. Rowland Hanson, Richmond Beach, a brother-in-law, reflected that Harold Kraiger left for California with his mother during the middle of December, 1937. The trip was for the purpose of visiting a sister, Mrs. Ethel Matzek, 4946 Sullivan Drive, Los Angeles, California. It is noted that Harold Kraiger's father, William Kraiger, is janitor at the Richmond Beach High School; however, he was in Seattle at the time of agent's trip to Richmond Beach and consequently was not interviewed.

At Arlington, Washington:

With reference to Washington license 1937 M-9756, issued to Harry T. Redick, RFD 4, Arlington, Washington, it was learned through the post office at Arlington that Mr. Redick, a retired mail carrier, is now in California. Agent was informed that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isakson, relatives

of Mr. Redick, could probably furnish his California address.

Mr. and Mrs. Isakson were then interviewed and stated that Mr. Redick left his farm on December 11, 1937 for California and that he intended to stop in Seattle, Washington and take a Mr. and Mrs. Oaks to California with him. They stated that they understood Mr. Redick left Seattle about December 14, 1937, and they do not expect him to return before March, 1938. They pointed out that he is the father of Mr. Harry H. Redick, a member of the Seattle Police Department, working out of the Wallingford Station, and that he is a man 64 years of age, weighing about 200 pounds. He is bald and stands five feet ten inches. Mr. and Mrs. Isakson stated that they recently heard from Mr. Redick, and that his address was 4476 Oregon Street, San Diego, California.

At Marysville, Washington:

With reference to 1937 Washington license D-729, issued to Mr. P. T. Ambler, Route 1, Box 52, Marysville, Washington, Agent Welch interviewed Mr. Ambler on December 31, 1937. He stated that he turned his Overland car, 1925 model, bearing this license tag, into Mr. M. M. Gottschalk of Marysville, Washington in May, 1937, when he purchased a new Chevrolet from Mr. Gottschalk. Mr. Gottschalk was then contacted, and it was learned that this car was sold to Irvin K. Orcutt of Marysville, Washington, who took the car to the Grand Coulee Dam. Irvin K. Orcutt was then interviewed at Marysville, Washington, and he stated that in August, 1937 he turned this car in to Mr. "Bill", William Loyear, then running a garage at Grand Coulee Dam. Orcutt stated he heard Mr. Loyear shortly afterwards sold this Overland car to another party, but Mr. Orcutt had no idea as to whom the car was sold. He stated that Mr. Loyear is now connected with the Hudson-Terraplane Garage at Moscow, Idaho.

At Bellingham, Washington:

Mr. George Stillman, Identification Officer, Police Department, Bellingham, Washington, whose home was originally at East Sound, Washington, stated that he had known Frank Kerchhoff for several years, and that Frank was presently operating a trucking business around the San Juan Islands. Stillman's opinion was that George Kerchhoff was a reliable person with no criminal record of any kind. He stated that Kerchhoff was "wry necked," causing him to hold his chin down close to his shoulder, and that anyone seeing him would readily notice this. He stands with his face turned toward one shoulder, and his shoulder and chin almost meet. Inasmuch as the ferry trip to East Sound, Washington and return requires one full day, agent telephonically contacted Mrs. Frank Kerchhoff at East Sound. She stated that her husband was presently in the vicinity of East Sound, but that she did not expect him home before evening. Mrs. Kerchhoff then advised that on December 13, 1937 she and her husband took a load of furniture from East Sound, Washington to the home of Rainer Kolkow, Route 1, Grants Pass, Oregon. She estimated that they drove into California on

December 15, 1937, and stated that they did not stay in California for more than six hours, swinging back into Oregon in order to get to Grants Pass. She stated that the farthest they went into California from the Oregon line was approximately 7 miles. She advised that after the furniture was left at the Kolkow home they drove down to the Caves and spent some time in a pleasure trip before returning to East Sound. She recalled that they arrived back at East Sound on December 19, 1937.

It is noted that Mr. Kerchhoff does not fit the description of the man who called at the United States Lighthouse in Portland, Oregon. In this connection, Mrs. Kerchhoff advised that she was with her husband on the trip to Grants Pass, Oregon, and that she was positive her husband did not contact any such place enroute. It is also noted that from the description of Kerchhoff's "wry" neck it would appear that if he were the party who called at the Lighthouse Service, this physical defect would have been observed, inasmuch as it is very noticeable, according to Mr. Stillman.

For the information of the field offices who did not receive a copy of the report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, dated December 22, 1937, and of the letter of reference of the Portland Field Office dated December 23, 1937, it is desired to point out that on the forenoon of Wednesday, December 15, 1937, the day prior to the escape of the subjects from Alcatraz Penitentiary, an unknown individual made inquiry in Portland regarding tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz, and on the same date purchased United States Department of Commerce booklet entitled "Current Tables, Pacific Coast" and another publication issued by the United States Hydrographic Service entitled "Current Chart of San Francisco Bay."

All airplane passengers leaving Seattle December 12, 1937 through December 15, 1937 for Portland and San Francisco, and all such passengers from Portland to San Francisco, are being checked to determine that the party making the above mentioned inquiry can be identified. The best description obtainable from the employees of the United States Lighthouse Service, where the inquiry was made, follows:

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

In addition to the check mentioned above, a list of cars bearing Washington license plates which were checked at the stations upon their entrance into California was submitted by the Portland Field Office in the letter of reference dated December 23, 1937, with the request that immediate investigation be conducted to determine the identity of the owners of the cars, their reputations, reliability, and other data which might assist in ascertaining whether any of these persons could be identical with the unknown individual who purchased the tide and current booklets in Portland pertaining to Alcatraz Island on December 15, 1937. It was further requested that the owners of instant cars be located, and even though their reliability and standing be established, that they be interrogated as to whether they purchased the two tide and current booklets. The letter of reference further reflects that the Bureau has instructed that the investigation of these cars be given immediate and expeditious attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California will conduct the investigation requested in the communication of the Seattle Office dated December 31, 1937 in regard to Dr. W. Reginald Fishleigh and Mr. Wells Gwinn.

Will contact Mr. Harold Kraiger, 4946 Sullivan Drive, in order to ascertain the information requested in the letter of reference.

At Long Beach, California will interview William Tergoning, who may be contacted through Mr. Hugh M. Thompson, 1023 East First Street, with respect to the information requested in the letter of reference.

At San Diego, California will interview Mr. Harry T. Redick, 4476 Oregon Street, likewise for the purpose of checking the information desired in the letter of reference.

At San Pedro, California will contact Mr. Frank Barcott, Jr., 325 West 15th Street, and ascertain if he can be identified as the party specified in the letter of reference or whether he purchased the booklets in question.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at San Francisco, California will conduct the investigation requested in the letter of the Seattle Office dated January 1, 1938 regarding John R. Walsh and C. B. Cedarholm.

At Alameda, California will interview Mr. E. E. Case, who is now staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Lavinder, 2938 Ferside Boulevard, in order to determine whether the inquiries in question could have been made by him, and also whether he purchased the pamphlets.

At Grass Valley, California will interview Mr. E. F. Bovee, whose address is given as Box 166, and ascertain information requested in the letter of reference.

At San Mateo, California will interview Mrs. Amelia Reid, 620 Brewer Driver, in order to determine whether she was visited by a sister, Mrs. Ellen Bessie Jacobson. In this connection, as suggested above, there is considerable question as to Mrs. Jacobson's present occupation.

At Dunsmuir, California will check with the California State Checking Station #7 with respect to the registration of the Dodge sedan entering under California permit #268591, purportedly carrying 1937 Washington license A-125797.

THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Charleston, South Carolina is requested to locate and interview Robert S. Ricks, home address 5 Lucas Street, for the purpose stated in the letter of reference.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at Boulder City, Nevada will locate and interview Ralph Henderson, whose address is given as General Delivery, for the purpose stated in the letter of reference.

THE PORTLAND OFFICE at Portland, Oregon will locate and interview Kenneth Ward, 3647 S. E. Tallman Street, for the purpose stated in the letter of reference.

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Bowie, Texas will locate Mr. Fred Mershon, who, according to information received, is now visiting his folks at that point. Mr. Mershon should likewise be interviewed for the purpose specified in the letter of reference.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE at Seattle, Washington will contact Belton Belue, 1312 John Street, upon his return to the city on or about January 8, 1938, in order to determine if the party making the inquiry in question and purchasing the pamphlets is identical with him.

Will contact Rolfe J. Paquin, Postal Inspector, upon his return to the city on or about January 9, 1938 for similar information.

At Dayton, Washington will locate and interview Mr. Joe Rose in order to determine whether Mr. Rose made the inquiry and purchases in question.

At Yakima, Washington will interview Mr. Spainhour Coffy, who is presently living with his wife and father-in-law, a Mr. Nelson, in the Hillcrest section of Yakima, for the purpose specified in the letter of reference.

At Olympia, Washington, at the State Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain to whom 1937 Washington license D-729 was transferred subsequent to the purchase of the Overland car from

one William Loyear at Grand Coulee Dam, in order that a lead for the transferee may be set out and the appropriate interview had.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

January 12, 1938.

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Captain H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent,
Lighthouse Service,
Customs House,
San Francisco, California

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 recent escape of the two inmates from Alcatraz Island in which this Bureau is conducting considerable investigation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation for the considerable help extended by members of your department to this Bureau which made possible a complete and thorough search of certain portions of the Bay Region.

Very truly yours,

WFW:FB

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H. J. L. PIERCE,
Special Agent in Charge

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

L.R. FILE NO. **76-86**

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 1/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6, 8, 11, 13/38.	REPORT MADE BY ALMAN P. BARBER opw
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. Paul Patton vaguely recalled subject Roe as companion of Mattie Fine, Ardmore, Okla., during 1934 or 1935. Advised, sister, Mrs. Cecile Noel, former wife of Jack Lloyd, residing Las Vegas, N.M. Mattie Fine re-married and residing at Ardmore, Okla. Dick Galatas returned to Hot Springs, Ark., about Jan. 2, 1938. Records of Arkansas State Penitentiary reflect subject Cole confined in that institution from Aug. 27 to Sept. 26, 1929. Records reflect Cole did not correspond with anyone during this confinement.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent M. R. Curnea, dated at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 28, 1937;
Report of Special Agent D. R. Morley, dated at Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 4, 1938;
Letter from Oklahoma City Division dated Jan. 4, 1938.

DETAILS:

In accordance with previous arrangements made with Paul Patton, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. Patton called at the Little Rock Field Office on January 5, 1938 and advised that his wife had returned from her visit to Mansville, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Paul Patton was interviewed at her home in the Oaklawn sub-division, Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following day. She advised that she had accompanied Mrs. Avery Jones to Ada, Oklahoma, in Mrs. Jones' automobile just prior to Christmas, 1937, and had proceeded directly from that point to her home at

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Manassville, Oklahoma, and returned to Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Mrs. Jones on January 4, 1938. She advised that her mother informed her that she had been recently interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau at her home in Manassville, Oklahoma, and that at that time these agents questioned her mother concerning the fact that she, Mrs. Patton, was reported to have kept company with subject Ralph Roe. Mrs. Patton stated that she questioned her mother as to the source of the information at the time her mother informed her of it, advising that she had never kept company with Roe, stating that she had only been out with him once, that being either during the year 1934 or 1935, at which time Roe was keeping company with Mattie Fine. She stated that upon this occasion she, together with her mother, Mattie Fine and subject Roe, attended a carnival or fair at Ardmore, Oklahoma. She stated that on this occasion they all rode to Ardmore in the same automobile. Mrs. Patton was unable to recall exactly how Mattie Fine had become acquainted with subject Roe, but stated that it was the best of her recollection that Roe was traveling about with Jack Lloyd at that time. She also related that her sister, Inez, was the former wife of Lloyd, but had divorced this individual and married Cecil Noel, and that they were presently residing at Las Vegas, N.M. Mrs. Patton also advised that Mattie Fine has re-married and is living at Ardmore, Oklahoma, where she is employed as a waitress in a cafe. Mrs. Patton was unable to furnish agent with Mattie Fine's married name or the name of the cafe where she is reported to be working. However, it is noted in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 22, 1937, that Mattie Fine was located and interviewed at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and it is also noted that information concerning the marriage of Inez Sheets to Jack Lloyd is set forth in Agent Murphy's report.

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Mrs. Patton was advised the fugitive status of both subjects of this case in the presence of Special Agent W. A. Winter, who accompanied reporting agent at the time of the above interview. Mrs. Patton was also furnished with copies of the Identification Orders issued by the Bureau for these individuals, and she was advised of her criminal liability in connection with harboring these fugitives.

Agent re-interviewed "Dub" Lewis, manager of a Standard Oil station in the vicinity of Dick Galatas' home on January 6, 1938, and ascertained that Galatas had returned to his home a few days prior to that time. It is to be noted that Dick Galatas has his automobile serviced at the above station, and Lewis is personally acquainted with him. Lewis was also casually questioned as to whether or not Galatas made any statements as to where he had been over the Christmas holidays, with negative results. Lewis informed that Galatas merely stopped at his service station for the purpose of having his automobile serviced and did not enter into any conversations during the short periods that he was there.

Agent, upon driving past Galatas' home at 18 Dell Street, observed a gray Plymouth sedan bearing 1937 Arkansas license plate number 58-480, standing in the driveway of his yard. No unusual activity was noted about the

place, nor were any strangers observed thereabouts. It is noted that the Bureau is extremely interested in the activities and whereabouts of Galatas since the escape of the subjects of this case from Alcatraz. In view of the past reputation of this individual no efforts have been made to openly interview him to date, and in view of the fact that his connection with the subjects of this case is not known to the Little Rock Office. Accordingly, the matter of having an open interview with Galatas is being left to the discretion of the office of origin in this case, and he will not be interviewed unless instructions to that effect are received.

Paul Melton, Record Clerk, Arkansas State Penitentiary, Cummins, Arkansas, upon being communicated with by telephone in connection with the imprisonment of subject Cole in that institution, advised that his records indicate that Cole had been committed to that institution on August 27, 1929, from Carroll County, Arkansas, on a charge of burglary and grand larceny, and was released to the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 26, 1929. He advised that the records reflected that Cole gave the names of the following relatives:

Bather Cole, mother, Los Angeles, California
Pauline Cole, sister, Stroud, Oklahoma
Marie Cole, wife, Alpena Pass, Arkansas

Melton further informed that the records reflected that Cole did not correspond with anyone during the short time he was incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary. He also informed that his records failed to reflect the names of any accomplices of subject Cole in connection with the above crime of burglary and grand larceny, in the theft of a Buick automobile valued at \$1,800. Melton informed that the records reflected that subject Cole entered a plea of guilty to instant charge.

Through a telephone conversation with Sheriff Jim Sanderson, Ashdown, Arkansas, on January 8, 1938, Special Agent in Charge Chapman Fletcher ascertained that Amin Pierce, a recent releasee from the Alcatraz prison, whose name is mentioned in the reference report of Agent Gurnea, was presently in custody at Idabel, Oklahoma, and was being transferred to Hugo, Oklahoma, for Federal authorities. This information was furnished to the Oklahoma City Division by Special Agent in Charge Fletcher by telephone in order that this individual could be appropriately interviewed.

The mail cover which was placed on the mail of Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, Arkansas, on December 28, 1937, has been unproductive of results to date, no information having been received from the Postmaster there in connection with either incoming or outgoing mail from the residence of Mrs. Cole.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The LITTLE ROCK OFFICE, at GARFIELD, Arkansas, will interview Will Brown, who is reported to be the father of Floyd Brown, Alcatraz #302, FBI-458776, in accordance with the undeveloped lead set forth in the reference report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea.

At BERRYVILLE, Carroll County, Arkansas, will conduct an appropriate investigation in connection with the conviction of subject Cole on a charge of burglary and grand larceny, as reflected by his criminal record, for any information which may be of value in this case, and will particularly determine whether Cole had any accomplices at the time he committed that crime. If so, appropriate arrangements should be made to interview any such accomplices.

At LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, will report the results of the mail cover placed on the mail of Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, which will expire on January 28, 1938.

At HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas, will observe the home of Dick Galates from time to time, and conduct an appropriate investigation to determine whether the subjects of this case have been observed about this home.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

January 12, 1938.

Major General George G. Simonds,
Presidio,
San Francisco, California

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 the Shore Patrol duty performed
by soldiers of the various military establishments in the Bay Region
adjacent to San Francisco in an attempt to locate the bodies of the
two escaped inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary, or possible wreckage
of rafts or other floats they may have used in effecting their escape.

May I express to you my sincere appreciation for the
splendid cooperation furnished by the army in this patrol of the shores
of the Bay Region.

I wish particularly to call attention to the helpful
and extremely courteous assistance rendered by LIEUTENANT P. L. JAMES
on duty at the Guard House, Presidio, San Francisco, California, which
was most gratifying.

Very truly yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: Jan. 15, 1938	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/22, 23/37 1/10/38	REPORT MADE BY: S. J. Lackey
TITLE: RALPH ROE with aliases; FUGITIVE; I.O.#1472 THEODORE COE, with aliases FUGITIVE; I.O.#1471			CHARACTER OF CASE: Escaped Federal Prisoners

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Roy Roe, brother of fugitive Ralph Roe determined to be presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. P.

Reference: Telegrams from Oklahoma City to San Antonio on Dec. 21, 22, and 23, 1937, and telegrams from San Antonio to Oklahoma City dated Dec. 22, and 23, 1937.

DETAILS:

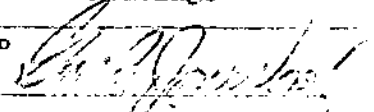
The referenced telegram from the Oklahoma City office dated December 21, 1937, advised that Roy Roe had been reported released from the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville early in 1936 and had subsequently been reported at Houston, Texas.

Inquiry of General Delivery Clerks at the Houston Post Office developed that Roy Cole was not known there nor was he listed in any Houston directories.

Telegraphic inquiry of the Texas State Penitentiary developed that ~~Ray~~ Roy Coe was discharged from the Texas State Penitentiary on Dec. 18, 1936, and as Roy Rowe #35609 was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla. Feb. 9, 1937.

This information was furnished to the Oklahoma City office by wire and that office subsequently advised that Roy Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, is presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma Penitentiary on a seven year sentence.

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

FILE NO. **76-107.**

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/24/37 to 1/11/38	REPORT MADE BY H. E. Andersen
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:

Numerous automobiles which passed through California checking stations from Oregon, December 15 and 16, 1937, traced through motor vehicle bureaus of Idaho and Montana, and interested offices requested to investigate drivers and passengers who entered California on dates in question.

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Reference:

Conference teletype from Portland Division, 12/24/37.

DETAILS:

The Idaho and Montana license numbers mentioned in the teletype of reference were traced through the respective motor vehicle bureaus in Idaho and Montana, and information pertaining to them will be set out hereinafter, together with information pertaining to the individuals to whom the cars are registered. It should be noted that this information was obtained by telephone.

The motor vehicle division for the State of Montana advised that 1937 Montana license 14-2422 was issued to William A. Rae, 24 North Cottage, Miles City, Montana, for Chevrolet sedan, motor #248202. Upon receipt of this information Special Agent W. L. Parker telephoned Deputy Sheriff J. H. Anderson, Miles City, Montana, who

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conducted investigation and advised as follows by telephone:

William McKae has been employed for years as janitor in the grade schools at Miles City and is considered as reliable. He left Miles City accompanied by his wife on November 18, 1937, for a vacation trip to Canada, Washington and Oregon. On December 24, 1937, he was reported visiting at 668 - 24th Street, Ogden, Utah. This information, with pertinent background taken from the teletype of reference, was furnished to the Salt Lake City Division by teletype on December 24, 1937, with request for appropriate investigation at Ogden, Utah. William McKae's description was furnished in this teletype.

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The records of the motor vehicle division for the State of Montana reveal that 1937 Montana license 18-690 were issued to Clyde Edwards and Harris L. Gibson, 405 West Granite Street, Butte, Montana, for Chrysler coupe, motor #21739.

Special Agent W. L. Parker called at 405 West Granite Street, Butte, where an interview was had with Mrs. J. T. Bicknel, daughter of the owner of the house. She advised that Clyde Edwards and Harris L. Gibson had roomed at that address until recently, but left town when they were dropped from the payroll of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, where they had been employed in the mines. She referred Agent to Mrs. Marie Neal for further information regarding these individuals.

Mrs. Neal was contacted by telephone, number 4436, and advised that Edwards and Gibson left Butte on November 28, 1937, accompanied by Mrs. Gibson, the mother of Edwards. Edwards left his parents at Wallace, Idaho, and they proceeded to Grass Valley, California, where they were reported to be residing, on December 24, 1937. The San Francisco Division was requested by teletype under date of December 24, 1937, to conduct investigation with reference to the above-named individuals.

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The records of the motor vehicle division for the State of Montana reveal that 1937 Montana license 20-4587 were issued to William C. Schutz, box 117, Wheeler, Montana, for 1937 Chevrolet Master Town sedan, motor #601630.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe telephoned Deputy T. J. Brummer, Wheeler, Montana, who advised that William C. Schutz is a drag-line operator with a fair reputation and insofar as he knew, Schutz had never been in trouble. He further advised that Schutz had been absent from Wheeler for about eight months and had been in California recently, but was believed to have returned to Philipsburg, Montana.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe then telephoned Undersheriff Fred Superneau, Philipsburg, Montana, who, after conducting investigation, called the Butte Office by long distance telephone and advised that on that date, Schutz was reported to be visiting R. Carleton, 4017 - 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, California. The San Francisco Division was requested by teletype on December 27, 1937, to conduct investigation at Sacramento, California, with reference to Schutz.

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The records of the motor vehicle bureau in the Department of Law Enforcement, Boise, Idaho, reveal that 1937 Idaho license 5A492 were issued to Clarence Mueller, St. Maries, Idaho, for Dodge, four-door sedan, motor #D-537245.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe telephoned Sheriff I. B. Horne, St. Maries, Idaho, who conducted the investigation and advised by telephone that Clarence Mueller of St. Maries bears a good reputation and comes from a fine family; that no member of the family has ever been in trouble at St. Maries; further, that Mueller is engaged in the logging business with his brother. The Sheriff also advised that Mueller and his wife left St. Maries December 15, 1937, and on December 24, 1937, were visiting relatives at the home of Mrs. Verbaug, 234 - 12th Avenue, San Francisco California. The San Francisco Division was requested by teletype on December 24, 1937, to conduct an investigation relative to the Muellers.

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The records of the motor vehicle bureau of the Department of Law Enforcement, Boise, Idaho, reveal that 1937 license 8R5 were issued to Richard Alderson, RED #3, Weiser, Idaho, for Studebaker automobile, motor #D124989.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe telephoned Sheriff Frank Kennedy, Weiser, Idaho, and requested that he conduct investigation. Sheriff Kennedy advised that Alderson is a well-to-do farmer and bears a good reputation at Weiser. He further advised that Alderson and his mother, Mrs. J. E. Alderson, and his sister, Dorothy, left Weiser recently on a trip through Washington and Oregon, and on the date of his communication, December 27, 1937, were reported visiting at 707 South Humboldt, San Mateo, California. The San Francisco Division was requested by teletype on December 27, 1937, to conduct investigation at San Mateo, California, with reference to the Alderson family.

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The records of the motor vehicle division of the State of Idaho, in the Department of Law Enforcement, Boise, Idaho, reveal that Idaho license 7A1079 were issued to Barbara M. Boyatt, Box 3, Hailey, Idaho, for Chrysler coupe, motor #C-1664617.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe telephoned Deputy Ward Beck, Hailey, Idaho, who advised that Barbara M. Boyatt is the wife of Paul Martin Boyatt, who was sentenced at Hailey, Idaho, November 6, 1937, to serve twenty to forty years in the Idaho State Penitentiary for second degree murder; further, that the day following the sentence, Barbara left Hailey with Paul's brother, C. V. Boyatt. Deputy Sheriff Beck further advised that Barbara formerly ran a house of prostitution in Hailey, had studied law, nursed and was a qualified stenographer. He said even for a prostitute she was of questionable character and is considered hardened. He advised that her present whereabouts was not known, although she was known at Pocatello and Boise, Idaho.

Captain Oliver, of the Pocatello, Idaho, Police Department, was contacted by telephone by Special Agent V. J. Wolfe and, after conducting investigation, advised the Butte Office telephonically that he had been unable to locate Barbara Boyatt, or obtain any information regarding her present whereabouts.

Special Agent Russell Bryon was contacted by telephone at Boise and after making an investigation advised that he could not obtain any information regarding the whereabouts of the Boyatt woman.

When obtaining information regarding Idaho license 7A-1079, issued to Barbara M. Boyatt, it was learned through the motor vehicle division at Boise, Idaho, that the Chrysler coupe to which the license was assigned was purchased from the Bullock Motor Company, Pocatello, Idaho, October 10, 1937, the purchase being financed through the Commercial Credit Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah. In view thereof, a teletype was forwarded to the Salt Lake City Division, December 29,

1937, furnishing pertinent information regarding Barbara M. Boyatt and requesting investigation at the Commercial Credit Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, in an effort to locate her for interview.

On December 30, 1937, a conference teletype was received from the Salt Lake City Division, advising in part that due to a delinquency in her payments to the Commercial Credit Corporation at Salt Lake City, the company had referred its claim to the Boise, Idaho, branch. It was suggested that the Butte Office contact the Commercial Credit Corporation at Boise to determine Barbara Boyatt's whereabouts.

Upon receipt of the teletype referred to above, the writer telegraphed Chief of Police J. Emer Harris, Boise, Idaho, requesting him to conduct investigation at the Commercial Credit Corporation and advise the Butte Office.

To date, no information of value has been received from the Boise Police. However, on January 11, 1938, the Salt Lake City Office telegraphed the Butte Division to the effect that the Commercial Credit Corporation at Salt Lake City had advised that Barbara M. Boyatt is now located at 194 Montana Street, San Francisco, California, and that the San Francisco Division had been informed of that fact.

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The records of the motor vehicle division for the State of Idaho, Department of Law Enforcement, Boise, Idaho, reveal that 1937 license 1K593 were issued to Harvey R. Sizsmith, Spirit Lake, Idaho, for Chevrolet truck, motor #A-1034856.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe telephoned Sheriff Frank Kennedy, Weiser, Idaho, and requested him to make an investigation. Sheriff Kennedy advised by telephone as follows:

Harvey Sizsmith left Spirit Lake on December 14, 1937, in his truck, being accompanied by Walter Collins of Blanchard and Connie Rookn. Walter Collins, who was interviewed by Sheriff Kennedy, advised that they checked into California at Dunsmuir and then drove to Oakland, to Porterville, California. According to Collins, they loaded their truck with oranges from the Sun Kist Packing House, two miles south of Porterville and then returned to Spirit Lake through Dorris, California. He informed Sheriff Kennedy that they were held by State Officers at Klamath Falls, Oregon, in connection with an examination of the truck and fruit. He maintained that they did not pass through Portland. Sheriff Kennedy advised that the three individuals mentioned above bear fair reputations.

On December 30, 1937, conference teletype was sent to the Los Angeles and Portland Divisions, requesting the Los Angeles Division to verify the presence of the three men at the Sun Kist Packing Plant at Porterville, California. The teletype also requested the Portland Division to verify the party's story that they were detained at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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On December 29, 1937, a teletype was received from the Omaha Division, advising with reference to conference teletype of reference. This message stated that 1937 Nebraska license 64-85 were issued to D. W. Longacre for 1935 black Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ233824; further, that Longacre's address on December 29, 1937, was Weiser, Idaho, in care of Ralph Skeen, Route 3.

Upon receipt of the teletype from the Omaha Division the writer communicated by telephone with Sheriff Frank Kennedy at Weiser, Idaho, and requested him to conduct an investigation with reference to Longacre. On December 31, 1937, Sheriff Kennedy telephoned the Butte Division and advised the writer that he had determined that Longacre recently left a forwarding address at Weiser, Idaho, requesting that his mail be forwarded to him at Brookings, Oregon. In view thereof, a teletype was sent to the Portland Office December 31, 1937, requesting investigation of Longacre at Brookings, Oregon.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California
January 12, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Seattle, Washington

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
L. A. File No. 76-362

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from Seattle Office dated December 31, 1937, in the above-entitled case, wherein it was requested that DR. W. REGINALD FISLEIGH be located through D. J. DANIELS, Los Angeles, California, and interviewed regarding whether or not he purchased the tide and current booklets. To date MR. FISLEIGH has not been located, however, MR. DANIELS stated he would have DR. FISLEIGH call at the Los Angeles Division as soon as he, DANIELS, contacts him.

It was further requested that WELLS GWINN, who departed from Seattle, Washington, on December 15, 1937, in an automobile bearing 1938 Washington license No. A 40135, be interviewed at 5883 Harman Avenue, Los Angeles, California. On January 6, 1938, it was ascertained that MR. WELLS GWINN had departed from 5883 Harman Avenue approximately two hours before inquiry was made, to return to Seattle. It is, accordingly, requested that your Division interview MR. GWINN upon his return, relative to his having purchased the tide and current booklets.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, dated January 12, 1938 at San Francisco, California, on pages 18 to 20 of which is reflected an investigation to determine the identity of Mr. and Mrs. Viefer Clas (some letters missing) and family, 230 1/2 Duncan Street, San Francisco, California.

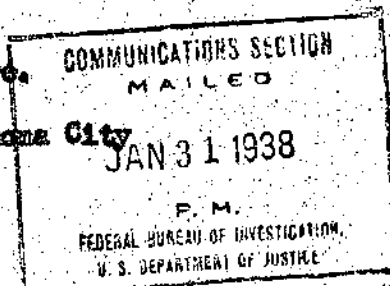
There are transmitted herewith two photographic copies of the envelope on which the address in question was developed. It will be noted that the address on Duncan Street is not distinguishable although it appears almost certain that the last numbers are 230 1/2. It is highly probable that there was a number in front of the 230 1/2 which might be composed of either one or two figures, and the correct address could consist of either four or five figures. It is therefore suggested that the investigation be continued with this in mind. It is also noted that the surname is not at all clear.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure.

cc-Oklahoma City



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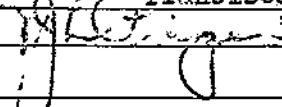
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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/2/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31/37	REPORT MADE BY J. L. Thornton--IST
TITLE RALEH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Postmaster, Sausalito, California, reports automobile with Oklahoma license seen in that city. Investigation discloses this automobile registered to PHILLIP WILLIAMS, who is employed as mechanic, and has no connection with this case. WILLIAM KING, informant, called at San Francisco Office, and stated he believed Subjects may have gotten to shore at Devil's Cove, near Golden Gate Bridge. Sheriff, Marin County, and others contacted. No information to substantiate this report, which was apparently a surmise on the part of KING. All relatives who visited Alcatraz inmates during 1937 interviewed in this district, and report that inmates never mentioned names of other inmates during their visits, or gave any indication of their friendship or acquaintance with Subjects, nor of any plans of escape. All advised of harboring statute, and promised to immediately notify the San Francisco Office, in the event they learn of Subjects' whereabouts. JOHN SANTOS, Mill Valley, re-interviewed, but unable to give any additional information of value. Additional investigation conducted around Richardson Bay, Sausalito, California, with negative results. Efforts to locate Mr. and Mrs. VIEKER CLAS, or similar name, unsuccessful. BARBARA BOYATT visited her sister, ELECTRA CALL, San Francisco, on December 25, 1937. Present whereabouts unknown. On 12/24/37 Warden JOHNSTON received undated postcard, postmarked San Francisco, alleging two escapes from Alcatraz being

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fed at Letterman Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco.
Resulting investigation negative.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco,
California, dated 12/20/37.

Bureau letter dated 12/30/37 (76-2686).

Bureau letter dated 1/4/38 (76-2686).

DETAILS:

Postmaster ROBERT H. FROST, Sausalito, California, telephonically requested that an Agent contact him, as he had information which may be of value in connection with this investigation.

Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, and Special Agent (A) M. B. MYERSON contacted Postmaster ROBERT H. FROST, 84 Sunshine Avenue, at which time he informed that a mail carrier had reported to him that he had noted two cars bearing Oklahoma licenses at 124 - 4th Street, Sausalito. One of these cars had been at that address for some time, and the other was said to have been seen there only recently.

According to FROST, Post Office Box #397 is issued to PHILLIP WILLIAMS, of 124 - 4th Street, and that he, FROST, has recently noted mail for that box as follows:

To: Mrs. PHILLIP WILLIAMS
From: MARGARET ORTOFF,
Blackwell, Oklahoma.

To: Mrs. E. A. DUNNING
From: Perry Oklahoma.

To: Mrs. MARTIN CLARK
From: Mountain Creek, California.

To: E. A. DUNNING
From: Mountain Creek, California.

Agents proceeded to 124 - 4th Street, where it was ascertained that no one was at home. Parked in front of the house was an old Dodge Coupe, about 1928 model, bearing 1937 Oklahoma license #450R694. The out-of-state California permit was issued to PHILLIP WILLIAMS, of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Inquiry at the home of a Mr. ARCHIE I. CLYDE, across the street from 124 - 4th Street, elicited the information that 124 - 4th was the residence of a man, wife, and

child, who had been there several months, the man being believed to be employed in some local garage. CLYDE stated that he is employed at night, and consequently observes what takes place in the neighborhood during the day, but that he has seen no suspicious appearing persons at 124 - 4th. He recalled that a second car bearing an Oklahoma license had called at 124 - 4th several weeks ago, but he had no other information concerning it, or its occupants. He stated that he had seen a third car bearing Oklahoma plates in Sausalito, and that he believed the owner of this automobile to reside in Sausalito, inasmuch as he had seen the car about town for some months.

PHILIP WILLIAMS was interviewed by Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, at his home, 124 - 4th Street, Sausalito, California, where he lives with his wife and small child. He is a young man about twenty-eight years old, of small stature, and slight build, and talked with a decided Southern accent. He stated he has been raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. WINFIELD, Blackwell, Oklahoma. He states his father left home when he was a small boy, and is now residing at Lynwood, California. He does not have any contact with him.

He states that on or about July 2, 1937 he and his wife left Blackwell, Oklahoma in his Dodge Coupe, 1928 model, 1937 Oklahoma license #450R694; that they came to Sausalito, as his wife's father, ARTHUR DUNNING, resides there, and is employed at the American Distillery, Sausalito, California. He states that his father-in-law, ARTHUR DUNNING, has been in Sausalito since August, 1926, and makes his home at 542 Olive Street, Sausalito, California.

He stated that LEE DUNNING, brother of his wife, and also the child of ARTHUR DUNNING, resides in Sausalito with ARTHUR DUNNING, his father, at 542 Olive Street, and is employed as a mechanic for the Oldsmobile Company in San Rafael, California, which is situated a few miles from Sausalito. He stated the purpose of his trip to California was that his wife was lonely, and wanted to be with her father, who was getting along in years. He states that he is well known in Blackwell, Oklahoma, was born there, and lived there all his life, and had been working in Blackwell as a laborer, farm-hand, and auto mechanic.

Mr. PHILLIP WILLIAMS further stated that through his brother-in-law, LEE DUNNING, he obtained employment in the same garage with LEE DUNNING, which is the Oldsmobile Garage, San Rafael, California, and commutes daily on the interurban electric train to that city. He frankly admitted owning the Dodge Coupe, 1937 Oklahoma license #450R694, which car was parked in front of his home. He stated he is not acquainted with any other Oklahomans in Sausalito; that he knows nothing whatever as to the escape of Subjects, other than he read in the paper; that he has noticed a number of automobiles bearing Oklahoma license plates in Sausalito and vicinity; that this is not unusual since there are many Oklahomans in California, and during the winter months, when there is no agricultural activity in California, these Oklahomans drive from place to place in California, seeking employment.

He stated he has observed a number of cars with Oklahoma licenses in the vicinity, but he was unacquainted with Subjects; did not know them in Oklahoma; does not know anyone who was acquainted with them.

PHILLIP WILLIAMS appears to be honest and straightforward, and has no apparent connection with this case. It appears that the only reason he was under suspicion was due to the fact the Postmaster at Sausalito had reported that WILLIAMS was driving a car with an Oklahoma license, and had been in Sausalito only a short time.

TONY QUADROS, Chief of Police, Sausalito, states he was not acquainted with PHILLIP WILLIAMS, but knew ARTHUR DUNNING, his father-in-law, residing at 542 Olive Street, and employed in the American Distillery. He stated that ARTHUR DUNNING has been known to him for a long time, and is generally well thought of in Sausalito, and bears a good reputation.

WILLIAM KING, 805 Franklin Street, Oakland, California, called at the San Francisco Office on the evening of December 20, 1937, and was interviewed by Special Agent H. K. JOHNSON. KING advised that he had been seeking to locate these prisoners; that he had approached the offices of the "San Francisco Examiner", in view of the fact this paper had

offered a reward of \$500.00 for the capture of either of these men, provided the exclusive information surrounding their capture was furnished this paper; that KING endeavored to interest the "San Francisco Examiner" in a proposition he had which he thought would be of assistance in the location of these fugitives; that the "Examiner" refused to cooperate with him, so that KING, at his own expense, hired a motor boat, and according to his statement, proceeded to the vicinity of Alcatraz Island, where he cast a log adrift about fifty yards West of Alcatraz Island; that this log was set adrift on December 18, 1937, at 10 a.m.; that on December 18, 1937, at 3 p.m., and on December 19, 1937, at 2 p.m., he again cast the identical log adrift from the same locality, which is approximately one hundred and fifty feet West of the first abutment of Alcatraz Island, in the direction of Fort Baker.

KING stated to Special Agent JOHNSON that on each occasion the current took the log ashore at Devil's Cove, right beyond the blinker light, probably one and one-half miles from the Golden Gate Bridge. KING stated on the shore he found a sweater, and an old pair of pants, and there were two sets of fresh tracks coming up from the logs on the northeast corner of the Cove. The tracks were trampled about on the beach. KING stated he reported this to Deputy Sheriff FRANK KELLY, Marin County, San Rafael, California.

Special Agent LOUIS D. WILE interviewed WILLIAM B. SELLER, Sheriff, Marin County, and FRANK KELLY, which officers stated that WILLIAM KING had called on them three or four days after the escape, and told them that he had set this log adrift on several occasions, and he believed that the prisoners may have made their escape by riding a similar log, and going ashore at Devil's Cove, on the Marin County shore of San Francisco Bay.

Sheriff SELLER closely questioned KING, and KING told him he was working for the "San Francisco Examiner"; that Sheriff SELLER and Deputy Sheriff KELLY accompanied KING to this Cove, and no evidence whatever was obtained. Sheriff SELLER stated that this Cove is a favorite place for picnickers, and there were numerous tracks leading from and to the beach, which would have no significance. Sheriff SELLER stated he was not favorably impressed with WILLIAM KING, and believed him to be impractical, and "an amateur detective".

Sheriff MILLER stated that he has kept in close touch with this escape, and he and his Deputies immediately investigated any reported thefts or burglaries in his County, directly after the escape, and also notified the San Francisco Field Office. A number of these reports were received by the San Francisco Field Office from Sheriff MILLER, San Rafael, California, were investigated, and no indication was found that any of these offenses were committed by Subjects.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent (A) H. E. MYERSON:

Under date of December 17, 1937 a memorandum was received at the San Francisco Office, from Alcatraz, to the effect that one Mr. COTTON, 646 Call Building, San Francisco, had, after seeing the photographs of the Fugitives in this case, recognized ROE as the man whom he had seen on the street early on December 17th.

Mr. HORACE G. COTTON, landscape architect, 646 Call Building, telephone Sutter 0656, was interviewed by Agent, and stated that as he left the Call Building on December 17th, he noticed a man just passing the building, who, by reason of his jaunty air, and look of complete satisfaction, excited the curiosity of Mr. COTTON, to the point where he followed him for several blocks, and made a distinct note of his physical description, facial characteristics, etc. Mr. COTTON stated that later that day, the photographs of the Fugitives appeared in the local newspapers, and as soon as he saw that of Subject ROE, he immediately identified him as the person he had seen earlier in the day.

He stated that he did not know what to do at first, and mentioned the fact to a traffic policeman, who advised him to forget the entire matter, as it would only get him into trouble. He stated that he was not satisfied to let the matter drop, and decided to call the Warden's Office at Alcatraz, and give him the information, which was subsequently transmitted to the San Francisco Office.

Mr. COTTON advised Agent that after following the suspect for a few blocks, he was forced to discontinue his surveillance, due to the fact he had an appointment with his wife, and that he has not seen him since.

The only difference in description between the man seen by COTTON and Subject R02 is that Mr. COTTON felt quite sure the suspect was in his twenties. His weight and height, however, corresponded in some degree to that of Subject R02.

The following interviews were conducted by Special Agent (A) H. B. MYERSON, of the relatives of Alcatraz inmates, as follows:

THEODORE AUDETTE
Alcatraz No. 208

HARRY SULLIVAN
Alcatraz No. 198

DANIEL J. MORRIS
Alcatraz No. 113

JOHN KENDRICK
Alcatraz No. 105

GEORGE THOMPSON
Alcatraz No. 249

THEODORE AUDETTE

Under date of December 31, 1937 Agent interviewed Mrs. ELLIDA MILLER, sister of THEODORE AUDETTE, located at 5474 Cole Street, Oakland, California, telephone Andover 8041.

Mrs. MILLER advised that she had visited AUDETTE about three times during 1937, but at no time during the past six months; that the principal reason for staying away from Alcatraz during the last six months was that it was so difficult to hear or be heard due to the necessity of talking through the metal grill work. She stated that in her conversation with AUDETTE he had told her that he worked in the prison kitchen, and that that was the extent of his conversations relating to the prison; that he has never once mentioned a name of another inmate; that he has told her repeatedly that he was getting along fine at the prison.

She stated that she had received one letter from her brother during the past eight months, but that she had not written him during that period.

Mrs. MILLER advised Agent that she has always spoken to her brother from the second window in the visitors' room, and that the guard was always within a few feet of her; that a guard was also immediately behind AUDETTE, and consequently it would have been impossible for any confidential conversation to have been had that the Guards did not hear.

She stated that outside of conversing with AUDETTE on his progress at the penitentiary, she had also discussed with him on numerous occasions the death of AUDETTE'S brother, which occurred in February, 1937.

Mrs. MILLER was advised of the harboring statute, and indicated that if any word came to her relative to the whereabouts of Subjects, she would immediately advise the San Francisco Office.

HARRY SULLIVAN

Under date of December 29, 1937 Agent proceeded to 299 Dolores Street, which is the address of the Childrens' Day Home of the Holy Family Convent. This is the address that has been given for Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, the mother of HARRY SULLIVAN, Alcatraz No. 198.

At the above address Agent interviewed Sister CYRIL, who advised that her true name was LENA SULLIVAN, and that she is a sister to HARRY SULLIVAN. She stated to Agent that HARRY SULLIVAN was convicted while she was in a convent, and the information had been withheld from her by her family for approximately two years. She stated that since her brother's incarceration at Alcatraz, she had never visited him.

Sister CYRIL further advised that her father and mother are estranged. She promised to have her mother call at the San Francisco Office the following morning, December 30th, but did not have the address of her father, P. J. SULLIVAN.

On December 30th Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, 1448 - 6th Avenue, San Francisco, called at the San Francisco Office, and stated that she visited HARRY SULLIVAN at Alcatraz approximately every sixty days; that her husband, PATRICK J. SULLIVAN, visited there every sixty days also, but that she never went with him, as they had separated.

Mrs. SULLIVAN is a woman about sixty years old, quite feeble, and a very nervous type, but a quiet and dignified woman. She informed Agent that when she visited her son at Alcatraz, she consumed most of her visiting hour by crying, and the only topics of conversation between them was his well-being and the health of Mrs. SULLIVAN and her daughter, Sister CYRIL.

She stated that she has never visited her son without cautioning him against contacts with other inmates, and that she is confident he is faithful in his promise not to do so. She advised Agent that at no time has her son ever mentioned the name of another inmate, nor spoken of anybody's conduct within the prison besides that of himself.

While it appears extremely remote that any contact would ever be made by Subjects with Mrs. SULLIVAN, nevertheless she was advised of the Harboring Statute, and informed Agent that in the event any information ever comes to her relative to the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case, she will immediately communicate with the San Francisco Office.

On December 31, 1937 Agent located P. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, at the Land Hotel, 936 Mission Street, San Francisco, where Mr. SULLIVAN is employed as a clerk between the hours of 6 a.m., and 2 p.m. Mr. SULLIVAN advised Agent that his conversations with his son were almost identical with those of his wife, that is, that he went to see his son principally to inquire as to his health, and how he was progressing in the penitentiary, and also to caution him against fraternizing with other inmates.

Mr. SULLIVAN also stated to Agent that it was impossible, in his opinion, for any visitor to converse with the prisoner outside of the hearing of the guards, who stand or sit very close to the visitor, in addition to a guard sitting immediately behind the prisoners. He stated that he and others that he has

noted visiting the prison, have extreme difficulty in hearing what was said, or making themselves heard by the prisoners, and yet are cautioned by the guards when they raise their voices. He stated that this was extremely disheartening to him, but that he would continue to make his visits, because he enjoyed seeing his son as often as possible.

Mr. SULLIVAN was likewise informed of the Harboring Statute, and assured Agent that he would immediately contact the San Francisco Office in the event he comes into possession of any information relative to the whereabouts of Subjects herein.

DANIEL J. MORRIS

In connection with this Alcatraz prisoner, Agent has interviewed the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, father and mother, 43 Richland Avenue, San Francisco, telephone Valencia 4843; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, brother and sister-in-law, 57 Paradise Avenue, San Francisco, telephone Delaware 9951; Mrs. MARY STICKLESTAD, sister, 710 Anderson Street, San Francisco, California, telephone Valencia 2684, and MARGARET MORRIS, sister, 43 Richland Avenue, telephone Valencia 4843.

Upon Agent's visit to the home of the parents of DANIEL J. MORRIS, he first spoke to Mrs. MARY STICKLESTAD, who became very nervous at the time, and stated that condition was caused by the fact that she was confident Agent's visit was in connection with DANIEL J. MORRIS' parole. She stated that he was a "trustee", and worked in the Warden's kitchen as cook, and also in the garden; that he had committed only the one offense, for which he was incarcerated, and she was confident that upon his release he would never again violate any law.

She stated that by virtue of his duties at Alcatraz, he has very few contacts with other inmates, and that his parole is now so imminent that she is positive he is exercising more care relative to his conduct than ever before; that in all her visits to Alcatraz, her brother has never mentioned the name of a single inmate; that he has never indicated that there were any plans for an escape, and that she does not know whether or not he is acquainted with Subjects ROE and COLE.

Mrs. STICKLESTAD stated that she has always experienced considerable difficulty in hearing her brother's conversation, and that she knows that he has the same trouble in hearing the conversations of his visitors.

She stated she had visited her brother twice during the past year, and each time in the company of another relative; that the usual conversation that takes place between her and her brother relates to his health, and his conduct in the prison; his method of preparing meals, and taking care of the garden, etc.

Agent, upon interview of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, brother and sister-in-law of DANIEL J. MORRIS, obtained the same information as that given by Mrs. STICKLESTAD, there being absolutely no variation in their stories. The same is likewise true of his interview of Miss MARGARET MORRIS, sister of DANIEL J. MORRIS.

On January 1, 1938 Agent interviewed the parents of DANIEL J. MORRIS, and they informed Agent that they are very hopeful that their son would be able to spend the next Christmas with them, due to his pending parole. Mr. MORRIS, father, advised Agent that his son had never been in any trouble before, nor had any other member of his family; that his imprisonment was due to his mistake in listening to associates, and that those actually guilty of the crime for which his son was convicted were now enjoying their freedom, while his son was in prison.

He advised Agent that there are several positions awaiting his son upon his release from Alcatraz, and that his son will never again violate any law.

He was very bitter in his condemnation of fugitives NOE and COLE, stating that, in his opinion, they were murderers and potential killers, and in the event he ever learned anything of their whereabouts, he would notify the San Francisco Office immediately.

This same assurance was obtained from all of the relatives of DANIEL J. MORRIS, who were interviewed, all of whom have advised they have visited DANIEL J. MORRIS from two to five times during the year 1937.

JOHN KENDRICK

The records at Alcatraz indicate that the only visitor this prisoner has had during the year 1937 was his wife, Mrs. JOHN KENDRICK, Chancellor Hotel, San Francisco.

Agent interviewed J. R. BROWN, clerk at the Chancellor Hotel, and with Mr. BROWN searched all of the hotel's records for the entire year 1937, but could not find where Mrs. JOHN KENDRICK had registered there, nor was it found that any person by the name of KENDRICK had stayed at the Chancellor Hotel at any time during the year 1937.

Mr. BROWN, also in the presence of Agent, examined his record of forwarding addresses without success.

GEORGE THOMPSON

On December 29, 1937 Agent interviewed Mrs. JOSEPHINE GRIMMINGER, sister, 919 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, telephone Mission 3501.

Mrs. GRIMMINGER advised Agent that she and GEORGE THOMPSON'S wife, Mrs. LILLA MILLER, visited THOMPSON every month; that THOMPSON is incarcerated for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Law, and she believes he will be released soon, as he has served since December 1933 on a seven-year sentence for the violation. She stated that her brother had never, at any time, mentioned anything about Alcatraz, except that he was working in the laundry. She stated that their conversations are invariably restricted to family affairs, and business, and she is confident that her brother will never place himself in jeopardy by close contacts with other inmates, due to the fact that he is working toward a parole.

She stated that since her brother's incarceration, their parents had both died, and this is a topic of conversation between them; that he is also interested in her son, a young man who is now studying to become a policeman, on the San Francisco Police force.

Mrs. GREENINGER was advised of the Harboring Statute, and assured Agent that she was acquainted with the law in that connection, and in the event she ever learned of the whereabouts of Subjects, she would immediately advise the San Francisco Office.

On December 30, 1937 Agent interviewed Mrs. LILLA MILLER, wife of GEORGE THOMPSON, who lives at 247 - 19th Avenue, telephone Evergreen 1982.

Mrs. MILLER advised Agent that she is still the wife of THOMPSON, who was convicted under that name, although his true name was MILLER. She advised Agent that she has visited THOMPSON every month for the past eighteen months; that he has never once mentioned the name of another inmate, nor for that matter had he ever discussed his business, or personal affairs with her, even before his incarceration.

She stated that the principal topic of conversation was that of their family and eighteen year old son, the latter's progress in school, etc. She advised Agent that THOMPSON has informed her that he is well treated in the penitentiary. She advised that in her opinion it would be impossible for a visitor and a prisoner to carry on any conversation relative to the inmates, without being overheard by the guards.

Mrs. MILLER was advised of the Harboring Statute, and promised to advise the San Francisco Office in the event she ever learns of the whereabouts of Subjects.

All of the foregoing relatives of the Alcatraz prisoners mentioned here were of the same opinion, i.e., that it would be impossible for anyone to carry on a conversation at Alcatraz, without being overheard by the guards, unless the same were in code. At times, they advised, the guard sits immediately behind them, or immediately behind the prisoners, or both, especially when there are only a few visitors present at one time.

Every relative interviewed appeared to be of a type who would not be a party to any plan of escape, nor the type who would harbor an escape, or withhold any information concerning them. Every one of the relatives interviewed was very pleasant and cooperative, and in Agent's opinion, all indicated their desire to assist, if possible, and further showed a strong

interest in the good behavior of the prisoner, in order that nothing should occur to hinder their parole when they are eligible for the same.

Reference is made to page twelve of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated December 20, 1937, relative to information furnished by H. O. BENTERS, Special Agent, Northwestern Pacific Railroad, Sausalito, California, to the effect that H. M. MILLER had heard a speed boat coming into Richardson Bay, on the afternoon of December 15 or 16th, wherein additional investigation was requested by Mr. TAMM, of the Bureau, this investigation being conducted by Special Agent C. H. OLSON on December 31, 1937.

It was observed by Agent OLSON that the place where MILLER reported he had heard the speed boat is at the mouth of Richardson Bay, located at Sausalito, California, where a number of various types of motor boats are at the harbor; in the same vicinity is a depot of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, a number of electric trains coming and going, creating considerable noise, and further, the main highway through Sausalito, California is only a short distance away.

MILT CROSLY, who lives near the power house, which is located near the Bay, and who has been previously interviewed, stated that on the afternoon of December 16, 1937 he was the only employee on duty at the power house; that the tide on this day had been very high, so that the water came close to the power house. CROSLY made a check of his records, and stated that on the afternoon in question, the machinery around the power house was not running; that on December 16th, or any other date within the past three weeks, he has not heard or seen a motor boat of any description in the vicinity of where he is stationed.

He stated he felt that had one been in the vicinity, he would have heard it.

GEORGE M. BENNETT, Sausalito, California, who is an elderly man, and lives alone in a house located near the shore of the Bay, stated that the day of the high tide, which was about two weeks previous, and as he recalled was on either Thursday or Friday afternoon, he had been out watching the tide,

as the water had overflowed his private road, and was threatening to wash out his bridge; that he was out practically all afternoon, and had not seen or heard a motor boat on that date. He stated that had one been on the Bay, he believes he would have heard it, and possibly seen it. He stated he has not seen any suspicious persons around the vicinity of his home, and no one has come to him for help.

E. A. SEIPER, Box 848, Route 1, Mill Valley, California, whose home is located near Richardson Bay, stated on the afternoon of December 16, 1937 he was walking around his place all day, and did not hear or see any type of a motor boat, or observe any strangers in the vicinity of his home. He stated on the afternoon of December 17th he was out on the Bay for about one hour, in his outdoor motor boat, but did not go beyond the highway bridge, the bridge being located between the place MILLER reported he heard the motor boat, and SEIPER'S home.

ALBERT BRUNO, Post Office Box 1000, Sausalito, California, who is employed by NICK BOUJA, a dog breeder, and who lives with BOUJA on a small peninsula extending out into the Bay, stated that afternoons he takes the dogs of BOUJA'S out for exercising, and while exercising the dogs, he is most of the time around the shore of the Bay; that he recalls on the day of the escape, he was around the Bay all day, exercising the dogs; that he is certain there was no motor boat on the Bay in the vicinity of BOUJA'S land on that date.

He stated that had there been, it would have caused the dogs to bark, which would have attracted his attention.

Reference is made to page thirteen of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, dated December 20, 1937, wherein an individual by the name of SANTOS is mentioned, and additional investigation was requested by Mr. TALL, of the Bureau, this investigation being conducted by Special Agent OLSON on December 31, 1937.

JOHN SANTOS, 48 Catalpa Avenue, Mill Valley, California, stated that at the time he saw the two hitch-hikers it was approximately nine p.m.; that he was driving an old model GMC truck, with very poor headlights, and because of the heavy fog was traveling between twelve and fifteen miles an hour,

proceeding south towards Mill Valley, on a detour of highway 101, this direction being towards San Francisco, and the Bay District. He stated in the dark he could see the outline of two men on the left side of the road, and at the time they appeared to be walking in the same direction he was driving. He stated these two men crossed over to the right of the road, and as he was about even with them, one of the men at the side of the road first called "Halt!", and then said "Stop!". He stated he stepped on the gas, and one of the men jumped on the running board of his truck, and as he did so, he swerved his truck, and the man either lost his balance, and fell off, or stepped off the running board.

He stated he proceeded along in his truck, and looked back, and saw the men cross from the right side of the road to the left, indicating to him that they were proceeding towards Mill Valley.

SANTOS stated he arrived in Mill Valley about six minutes later, and then drove to his home, remaining there a few minutes, when he decided to report the matter to the Chief of Police. He stated he accompanied Police Officer LACEY in an immediate search of the highway, to locate the hitch-hikers, but they had been unsuccessful. He stated because of the darkness and heavy fog, he was unable to describe either man in detail, and was certain he could not identify them.

He stated that one of the men, in his opinion, was about six feet tall, and slender, the other one was shorter and stockier, and both wore coats, which were possibly overcoats or rain coats that came down to their knees, and underneath the coats he could see white sweat shirts. He stated he did not remember if the men had any hats on, and could not give any further description.

SANTOS was asked what he meant by short and stocky, and he stated the shorter of the two men was about one or two inches taller than he, and was much heavier; that he is 5'4", and weighs 154 pounds.

JAMES PATRICK McGOWAN, Chief of Police, Mill Valley, stated SANTOS had reported the hitch-hikers to the Police at 9:50 p.m., and a thorough search for them was immediately made. This search was continued until the arrival of Special Agents from the Bureau, and after the Bureau Agents arrived, was continued until morning, with negative results.

Chief McGOWAN stated that sufficient time had elapsed between the time the men were first seen by SANTOS, and the time it was reported to him, for the men to have been in San Francisco. He stated that if these men were actually traveling in the same direction as SANTOS, they would be en route to San Francisco, or San Rafael, and it does not appear logical to him to believe if it was COLE or ROE, that they would be going in that direction. He stated the fact that the two men had been walking on the left side of the road, indicated to him that they had been walking on the left side so they would be going against the headlights of approaching motorists.

On December 31, 1937 Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PILFER received telephonic information from Mr. QUINN TATE of the Bureau Laboratory, advising that the Laboratory had developed an address by the use of silver nitrate on the back of the envelope of the letter forwarded by the San Francisco Division, under date of December 27, 1937, to the Bureau, being addressed to Warden JOHNSTON, from Denver, Colorado, the following being developed:

"Mr. and Mrs. VIEFER GLAS (some letters missing) and family,
250 1/2 Duncan Street,
San Francisco, California."

Mr. TATE explained there were two possibilities, that the person writing this letter had previously written possibly a Christmas card, which had come in contact with the envelope, or that perhaps this address was from another card or letter in ink which had come in contact with the questioned letter in a mail bag.

As a result of this information, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. H. OLSON, on January 1 and 3, 1938:

The San Francisco City and Telephone Directories were checked under the name of GLAS, GLASEY, GLASFILL, GLASS, GLASSEN, GLASEMAN, CLAUS, CLAUGELL, CLAUSEN, CLAAS, CLAASEN, and CLAWSON, but there was no one listed with the name VIEFER, or the initial "V", with the exception of one VIRGIL L. GLASSEN, 4 Van Buren Street, and no one under the above names were listed as residing on Duncan Street, San Francisco.

From personal observation, Agent determined there was no such address as 230¹/₂ Duncan Street, but that there is a 230 Duncan street, where Agent contacted Mrs. M. O'BRIEN, who stated she has resided at this address since the San Francisco earthquake and fire; that she knows about all the people living on the block, and she has never heard of anyone by the name of VILFER CLAS, or similar surname, with the exception of the name CLAUSEN, but these people have never lived in the vicinity of Duncan Street, and none of their names is VILFER.

Mrs. O'BRIEN stated she knew no one in Denver, Colorado, and had not received any mail or Christmas cards from Denver; that no mail had been received at her home addressed to Mr. and Mrs. VILFER CLAS, or similar name.

She stated CHARLES V. CLARK, his wife, REINA, and [redacted] resided at 236¹/₂ Duncan Street.

Mrs. O'BRIEN exhibited to Agent the San Francisco City tax-roll register record for District 24, Precinct 17, which includes the names of the tax payers residing on Duncan Street. This record was examined by Agent, with negative results.

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EUGENE CLARK, 236¹/₂ Duncan Street, San Francisco, stated his father's name is CHARLES VERNE CLARK; that he is a painter by occupation, and has resided at this address for the past six years. He stated he knows no one by the name of VILFER CLAS, or similar name, and no one in his family is named VILFER. He stated that neither of his parents have any relatives or friends in Denver, Colorado, and is positive they had not received any Christmas cards from there.

In order to be certain of this statement, CLARK made an examination of the Christmas cards received at his home, which were lying on a table. CLARK stated his parents originally came from Idaho, and their relatives reside in the States of Utah and Idaho.

Mrs. CELLI, proprietor, Humboldt Market, 1539 Church Street, which is located near the intersection of Church and Duncan Streets, stated she has been in business at that address for over twenty years, and has never heard of anyone by the name of VILFER CLAS, or similar name.

Mrs. CELLI'S daughter, a girl about twenty years of age, also stated she had never heard the name.

Mr. CALTON, proprietor, Jordan Market and Grocery Store, 1544 Church Street, was also contacted, with negative results.

Inquiry was made at the Duncan Grocery Store, Dolores and Duncan Streets, where Agent was advised a Mrs. CLIST, or similar name, resided at 155¹/₂ Duncan Street. Agent contacted Mrs. SOPHIE ~~CLIST~~ (not CLIST), with negative results.

W. J. GIULFOYD, Superintendent, Eureka Branch, San Francisco Post Office, located at 18th and Diamond Streets, caused a search to be made of the Postal records, and determined no one under the name of VILFER CLAS was receiving mail, or had left a forwarding address at this Branch Post Office.

JOHN SLYDEN, mail carrier #180, who delivers mail at 230 Duncan Street, stated that no one by the name of VILFER CLAS, or similar name, was located on his route, and that he could not recall having handled any mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. VILFER CLAS and family, 230¹/₂ Duncan Street, San Francisco, California. He stated had any such mail been handled by him, he felt he would have remembered it, because Mrs. O'BRIEN resides at 230 Duncan Street, and it would have been out of the ordinary to deliver such a letter to her.

VICTOR E. ROBINSON, Manager, Service Department, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 445 Sutter Street, was contacted, and caused a check to be made of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company records, under the name of VILFER CLAS, and similar names, with negative results.

Reference is made to conference teletype from the Salt Lake City Division to the Director, Butte, and San Francisco Divisions, dated December 22, 1937, requesting that Mrs. ELECTRA GAIL, 235 Ralston Street, San Francisco, California, be contacted relative to the whereabouts of Mrs. BARBARA M. BOYATT, of Hailey, Idaho, this investigation being conducted by Special Agent C. H. OLSON, on January 2, 1938.

Mrs. F. FLACONBERGER, 235 Ralston Street, San Francisco, advised that ELECTRA GAIL had moved from this address about three months ago; that possibly her address could be obtained from the next-door neighbor, where Agent made inquiry, and was furnished the address of 194 Montana Street.

Mrs. ELECTRA F. GAIL, 194 Montana Street, San Francisco, stated that BARBARA M. BOYATT is her sister, and on

Christmas Eve, accompanied by a Mr. WHITE, had arrived at her home, remaining overnight, and on Christmas Day had left, stating she was contemplating going to Los Angeles and San Diego, California, and might possibly be back within two or three weeks.

Mrs. CALL stated her sister had indicated to her that she came to San Francisco from Reno, Nevada, and at no time had she ever mentioned having been in Portland, Oregon, during the past month. She stated she believes her sister drove from Hailey, Idaho, to Reno, Nevada, and then to San Francisco, and at the time she arrived at her home was driving a Chrysler Coupe, with Idaho license plates.

Mrs. CALL stated she has no knowledge as to the present whereabouts of her sister, but if her sister contacts her, either by letter, or in person, she will notify the San Francisco Division Office by telephone, the telephone number being furnished to Mrs. CALL.

In addition Mrs. CALL advised that she is employed as a bookkeeper by the California State Automobile Association, 150 Van Ness Avenue, and can be reached at her place of employment, or telephonically, by calling Market 2141, Local 316.

On December 29, 1937 Agents OLSON and WHITE contacted Mrs. FRIDA KEY WILSON, 47 Costa Street, San Francisco, California, who stated that Mrs. MARLEN VAN GLAHN resided at this address, but only came home on Sunday afternoons. Agent OLSON, on January 2, 1938 contacted Mrs. VAN GLAHN, who is the mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 337. She stated that she has not contacted her son at Alcatraz Penitentiary since sometime in September; that she has no knowledge relative to ROE and COLE, and her son has never mentioned either of these individuals in his letters; that her son has never mentioned anything in regards to plans for an escape, or indicated to her that an escape could be made from Alcatraz Island.

She stated her son has seventeen months more to serve before being released, and that she does not believe he would furnish anyone with her address and suggest to them that they contact her. She stated should either ROE or COLE contact her, or any other individual that has been released from Alcatraz, she will immediately furnish the information to the San Francisco

Division, the telephone number of the San Francisco Division being furnished to Mrs. VAN GLAHN for this purpose.

VINCENT MARKOVICH, 182 Park Street (not 184), a correspondent of CHARLES BERTA, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 132, was interviewed by Special Agent OLSON, on January 3, 1938. MARKOVICH stated he discontinued corresponding with BERTA at the time BERTA was confined in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, about six years ago. He stated he had never heard of either COLE or ROE until he read about their escape in a local newspaper; that he has never been contacted by anyone in their behalf, and if he had been, he would have reported the matter to the Police.

MARKOVICH advised that he is a bartender regularly employed, has resided at this address for the past ten years, with his sister, who is a school teacher; that should he receive any information relative to COLE, or ROE, he will furnish same to the San Francisco Division, the telephone number being furnished to MARKOVICH for this purpose.

Prior to the above interview, Mrs. FORD, 184 Park Street, had informed Agent that MARKOVICH resided with his sister, who is a school teacher, and they had lived at 182 Park Street for a number of years, and that MARKOVICH was working nights. Mrs. FORD at the time did not know Agent's identity, and volunteered the information.

Both Mrs. VAN GLAHN and MARKOVICH were informed relative to the Harboring Statute.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON:

Reference is made to an undated postcard addressed to Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Island Prison, City, and bearing San Francisco, California postmark, dated December 22, 1937, at 6:30 p.m., the message on this postcard reading as follows:

Letterman Hospital
Presidio
City

"Warden Johnston 2 men escaped from Alcatraz
hanging around Hospital Soldier feeding them
wear blue overalls

L. Winegardner
Ward D, 2 - C.C.C.

Letterman General
Hospital

I think I am correct

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This card was received by Warden JOHNSON in the morning mail of December 24, 1937, and he turned same over to Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, of this office, who was detailed for special duty at that time at the Penitentiary, and the latter immediately advised Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PIERCE relative to the contents of this postcard. This occurred about 10:15 a.m., on that same date.

Special Agent F. R. HAMMACK immediately proceeded to the Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, and there ascertained from Corporal J. M. MEDLER that LEWIS WINEGARDNER, a former C.C.C. enrollee, who is a convalescent patient at said hospital, was checked out on a pass at 10 a.m., December 24, 1937, and was not due back until Monday morning, December 27, 1937.

LEWIS WINEGARDNER, upon interview at the Letterman General Hospital by Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON, stated he is a patient in Ward D-2, having been admitted to said hospital during the latter part of March, 1937, as a result of an injury to his left arm, which occurred December 15, 1936, while he was an enrollee at C.C. Camp No. 544, Prairie Creek, Crescent City, California. WINEGARDNER indicated that after he was injured he was taken to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford, Oregon, for

treatment, and from there to the Letterman General Hospital, as
aforestated. He stated his home is with his parents, DOCKY MERRILL
WINEGARDNER and VERA SACKO WINEGARDNER, at 1004 St. John's Avenue,
Lima, Ohio.

WINEGARDNER denied he had written any communication
of any nature to Warden JOHNSTON, and specifically denied any know-
ledge of the aforementioned postcard. He went on to say, however,
that said postcard may have been written by either or both of
two men, and signed with his name, these men having tried to make
trouble for him for the past several months. The names of these
two men are [redacted] and "JACK", last name of the latter not
known.

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WINEGARDNER could not tell much about these men,
except that he had met them by chance in Union Square, at Powell
and Geary Streets, San Francisco, about August, 1937; that he
only talked a little while with them separately, as he had not
met, or even seen them together, and had, from that time forward,
endeavored to avoid both of them, as they had acted rather un-
usual. (WINEGARDNER is a young boy of seventeen.)

Since that time, however, the man known to him
as "JACK" has been out to the hospital to see him several times,
and has also written him several letters, containing obscene
proposals. These letters were also of a threatening nature, and
contained threats to allegedly expose him and ruin his reputation
unless he would consent to be a party to the acts desired of
him. [redacted] likewise has purportedly written him similar
threatening letters and postcards. (These letters and postcards,
although signed with [redacted] name, are, in the opinion
of WINEGARDNER, actually from the man known to him as "JACK",
since the handwriting resembles the latter's very closely, so
WINEGARDNER states.) It is for these reasons that WINEGARDNER
states he believes either or both of these individuals may have
written the postcard in question to Warden JOHNSTON, in an attempt
to make further trouble for him, and force him to consent to
their desires.

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WINEGARDNER stated he had kept some of the
letters and postcards these individuals had apparently written
him, and exhibited them to the writer. These were obtained
from him for use as handwriting specimens for comparison with
the postcard in question. Handwriting specimens were also ob-
tained for the same purpose from WINEGARDNER himself.

Descriptions of [redacted] and the man known to him as "JACK", as furnished by WINEGARDNER, are set out below:

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Name	[redacted]
Age	
Height	5'11".
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slender.
Hair	Black.
Eyes	Brown.
Complexion	Dark.
	Clean shaven.

Occupation
Residence

[redacted]

WINEGARDNER was unable to furnish any information as to any marks, scars, prominent features, or other peculiarities, by which this individual might be distinguished.

Name	"JACK".
Age	60 to 70 years.
Height	5'.
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Medium heavy.
Hair	Gray, with bald spot in crown of head.
Eyes	Unknown.
Complexion	Dark.
	Clean shaven.
Face	Wrinkled.
Peculiarities	Fast walker and fast talker. Carries large open knife in pocket. Dresses shabbily.
Occupation	Former doctor of dental surgery claimed.

A description of WINEGARDNER, as obtained through interrogation and observation, is as follows:

Age	17 years.
Born	7/8/20, at Lima, Ohio.
Height	5'9 ³ / ₄ ".
Weight	139 lbs.
Build	Slender.
Hair	Blond.
Eyes	Blue.
Complexion	Fair.
Scars	2" scar on forehead above left eye. 1" scar at top center of forehead. Faint 1/4" scar on upper lid right eye.
Peculiarities	Thick, protruding lower lip.
Education	High School, one year, Lima, Ohio.
Occupation	Former student.
Parents	Mother, VERA SECOCK WINEGARDNER, 1004 St. John's Avenue, Lima, Ohio. Father, DOCKY MERRILL WINEGARDNER same address

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COLONEL B. S. BURNETT, Ward Officer, in charge of Ward D-2, Letterman General Hospital, after referring to his record covering WINEGARDNER, confirmed the information previously obtained from the latter, relative to the date of his injury and the C.C. Camp to which he had been assigned at the time of his injury. He also stated that WINEGARDNER had been admitted to the Letterman General Hospital, March 10, 1937, by transfer from the Sacred Heart Hospital, Medford, Oregon.

With reference to WILGARDNER'S reputation in the Ward, Colonel BURNETT stated the boy seemed to be a decent, clean youngster, and was reasonably certain he was not a pervert. He indicated that they, the hospital authorities, were always on the look-out for anything of that nature, and felt sure they would have had some knowledge of any such circumstances if they had occurred, which they apparently had not, as no information had been received in that regard.

Colonel BURNETT suggested that possibly Corporal JACK ANDERSON, the Ward Master, who lives in Ward D-2, would be a good person to interview, as he is in an excellent position to observe and to have knowledge of any unusual happenings that might occur in the Ward.

Corporal ANDERSON stated WILGARDNER'S reputation in the Ward is good, and he, personally, is sure WILGARDNER is a reliable sort of individual, and not the person pictured by those letters. The same information was likewise obtained in a separate interview with JOSEPH ROBERGE, a patient in Ward D-2, and who has been acquainted with WILGARDNER ever since the latter has been there.

Comparison of the writing on the postcard with that of the letters and postcards obtained from WILGARDNER, and also with the specimens of his own handwriting previously obtained from him, would appear to readily indicate from the preliminary examination possible in this office, that the postcard in question was written by the individual who signs himself [redacted] and whom WILGARDNER states is actually the person known to him as "JACK".

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Further examination of the communications received by WILGARDNER disclosed that the majority of them were signed [redacted], and that on none did the signature "JACK" appear, although a few were not signed with any name or mark. On the ones signed [redacted] some contained no address, while others one or other of the following three addresses: "c/o Gen. Delivery, City (evidently San Francisco), c/o Sailors' Y.M.C.A., 166 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, c/o Colchester, 259 The Embarcadero, San Francisco."

Each of the above addresses were checked, with negative results for anyone corresponding with the names and descriptions of these individuals.

This particular investigation at this point was discussed with Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PLEPER, who, after considering the facts developed thus far, was of the opinion that neither WINEGARDNER, the two individuals mentioned by him, or the aforementioned postcard received by Warden JOHNSTON, had any actual relationship to instant case, and suggested that no further attempts be made to locate the individuals known as [redacted] and JACK.

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The letters and postcards obtained from WINEGARDNER have been personally returned to him, and he has been advised to take the matter of the threats to damage his reputation, which are made in them, up with the local office of the Postal Inspectors.

The handwriting specimens obtained from WINEGARDNER have been placed in the San Francisco file for possible future reference.

NOTE: It should be noted throughout this report where the name VILSER GLAS is set forth, the name should be VILSER GLAS.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

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 Kenneth T. Pettyjohn, Aberdeen, dated January 4, 1938. It is noted on page two thereof that Charles C. Hamblen of Steele, North Dakota, owner of 1937 North Dakota license 932 436, presently receives mail at 5568 E. Caga Street, Bell, California, in care of Mr. George Consvest.

In view of the fact that relatives and friends of Subject Cole are presently residing in Bell, California, it is desired that your office conduct an exhaustive investigation to ascertain if there is any possible connection between Mr. Hamblen and the family of the subject of this case.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, dated at Los Angeles January 6, 1938, wherein it appears on page nine that Andrew Sampson and Lorraine Holland, a niece of Sampson, also have friends in Bell, California. It is also requested that an exhaustive investigation be conducted to ascertain whether there is any connection between Andrew Sampson and the relatives of Cole. It will be remembered that Andrew Sampson was checked as having driven through one of the checking stations on the California-Oregon line on or about the date of escape, and that investigation subsequent to that time has failed to reveal the exact whereabouts of this man. Further investigation has revealed, however, that although he is the owner of 1937 New York license 9 S 8512, he has from time to time transferred this license to various automobiles.

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It is also requested that your office continue in its efforts to ascertain positively whether or not Mrs. Esther Cole is using an alternate mailing address, as has previously been indicated by your office.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 29, 1937. On page two thereof it will be

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observed that Chief of Police Van Sickle advised that Jim and Ruth Barker of Childress, Texas would no doubt harbor Subject Cole in the event he is at liberty at the present time. Chief Van Sickle further advised that Jim and Ruth Barker sent Ted Cole small amounts of money while he was confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, immediately prior to his escape in 1934.

An investigation at Childress, Texas revealed that the Barkers still reside at that address. A review of the file fails to indicate that during the interviews with Fred and Esther Cole, the names of Jim and Ruth Barker have been mentioned by them. It is, therefore, requested that an Agent of your office again interview Fred and Esther Cole, and obtain from them any information they may have relative to the connection between the Barkers and the subject of this case.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau - 3
Dallas - 3
San Francisco - 2

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

EAT:MC

January 17, 1938.

Time: 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

RE: ESCAPE OF COLE AND ROE FROM ALCATRAZ

Mr. Gurnea telephoned from Oklahoma City advising there is not the slightest indication or evidence as to whether these men are alive or dead. He said it is his opinion that no information will be obtained outside the prison and what information is available is inside the prison. This, of course, will be hard to determine as the prisoners are afraid to talk and do not want to talk. Mr. Gurnea indicated that possibly through the transfer of prisoners or by checking prisoners who have left the island, who worked in the mat shop, we might secure the desired information. As far as the work at Oklahoma City is concerned, Mr. Gurnea said nothing remains to be done. He asked if he should come in to Washington or remain there.

Mr. Gurnea was advised that after conferring with you, he would be advised as to what your plans are for him. It was pointed out that the Director might desire him to assist in the removal of Chase from Alcatraz to New York, meeting the party at Chicago.

Mr. Gurnea suggested that Special Agent Murphy at the Oklahoma City Office be designated to take charge of this case, in the event that he, Gurnea, does not remain there. I told him this would be handled as suggested.

~~Respectfully,~~

E. A. TAMM.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 17, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

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 R. F. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938.

It is noted on page seventeen of the report of reference that the Los Angeles Examiner carried an article under date of December 24, 1937 advising that a fourteen foot sailing skiff had been stolen from San Rafael, California between Sunday, December 19, 1937, and Friday, December 24, 1937. Due to the possibility that the subjects of this case may have concealed themselves in the vicinity of San Francisco Bay during the interim of their escape and December 19, it is desired that complete investigation be made to ascertain whether this boat has actually been recovered, and if so, where and under what circumstances.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. H. Olson, San Francisco, dated January 3, 1938. It is noted on page eleven that a penitentiary visiting card was found at 2421 Post Street, which bore the name "Holland" and also the name "Allen," followed by the number "56684." As the occupants of this apartment, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rose, apparently hurriedly left that apartment on December 15, 1937, which was immediately prior to the escape of the subjects in this case, it is desired that an exhaustive investigation be made at San Quentin to ascertain if there is an inmate in that institution named Allen or Holland, and if so, whether or not there is a possible connection between Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rose and Lawrence Holland, mentioned in the teletype of

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Salt Lake City to the San Francisco Office dated December 25, 1937

With reference to this matter, it will also be observed, on page nine of the report of Special Agent R. P. Krazer, Los Angeles, dated January 2, 1938, that Lorraine Holland is a niece of Andrew Sampson, owner of 1937 New York license 9 S 9512; that Lorraine Holland accompanied Andrew Sampson and others to California, and that they have close friends living in Bell, California, which is the residence of relatives of Subject Cole.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1938 to the San Francisco Office outlining the interview of James Hugh Butcher by Agents of this Bureau on October 29, 1936. It is noted in that interview that Subject Cole is alleged to have attempted to make arrangements with "Floyd" to receive help through the medium of a letter to Cole which would mention "telling his sister at a certain time and on a certain date which would be a signal to Cole as to the time and date he could expect 'Floyd' to help him."

Although there is nothing to indicate the authenticity of this information, it is deemed advisable to check Cole's correspondence at Alcatraz for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there were any dates or times mentioned in any of that correspondence. Particular attention should be paid to any correspondence mentioning dates during the month of December, 1937.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. E. Olson, San Francisco, dated January 3, 1938. It is noted on page twenty-one thereof that an informant of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin advised that he had heard it rumored that a certain "Dutch" Hill, a gambler in Stockton, California, and a Chinaman named Wong were purported to have assisted the subjects of this case following their escape.

Although there is nothing to indicate the authenticity of this rumor, it is desired that an investigation be made at Stockton,

California to ascertain the identity of these individuals, and to interview them exhaustively, if deemed advisable at that time, for any information they may have pertinent to this file.

As it appears that all prisoners employed in the blacksmith shop would have knowledge of the plans surrounding the escape, it is requested that a check be made at Alcatraz to ascertain whether any of the prisoners released from Alcatraz during the calendar year of 1937 were previously employed in the blacksmith or mat shops. If this is found to be true, appropriate leads should be set out to the offices covering the districts in which these released prisoners are residing at the present time, to enable them to more intelligently interrogate those prisoners relative to any knowledge they may have pertaining to the escape of these subjects.

It is also requested that you ascertain the exact dates when Subjects Cole and Roe were assigned to duties in the blacksmith and mat shops.

It is also requested that inquiry be made at Alcatraz Island to ascertain the approximate dates of release of any prisoners now incarcerated there, and particularly those now employed in the mat and blacksmith shops.

It has been suggested that the prisoners employed in the blacksmith and mat shops were undoubtedly aware of the usual activities of the guard on the building housing those shops. In furtherance of this suggestion, it has been deemed possible that if persons on the outside were advised of the guard's activities, that those persons could, at a specific time, approach the island in a heavy fog and be unobserved by that guard or the guards in the other towers. For these reasons, it is requested that the guard on the building housing the mat and blacksmith shops be thoroughly questioned relative to his usual activities between 12:30 and 1:30 P.M., and particularly as to his movements during this time on the date of escape.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc. Bureau - 3
Los Angeles - 3

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY.

FILE NO. 76-224 AM

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-19-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-38	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. WELLES
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:

Dr. Wesley R. Roe, dentist, 1210 Locust Street, Phila., has no nephew named Ralph Roe or any known relative of that name. No strange man visited his office between Christmas and 1-6-38. Doctor Roe bears good reputation.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from San Francisco Office dated 1-11-38.

DETAILS: Inquiry was made in the vicinity of Twelfth and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., and it was ascertained that a Dr. Wesley Roe has dental offices at 1210 Locust Street; that he bears a good reputation.

Dr. Roe was interviewed and asked whether he had a nephew. He stated that he does not; that he had only one brother, William J. Roe, who was also a dentist and in business with him until approximately twenty-two years ago when the brother died; that this brother was a bachelor.

Dr. Roe was asked whether he had any relatives in the southwest and he said he had an uncle whose name was Robert Roe who lived somewhere in Nebraska but he does not recall ever having seen this uncle.

Approximately thirty years ago, a son of this uncle who was

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a minister came east and visited Doctor Roe and that is the last time he saw any member of this branch of the family.

Dr. Roe said he never heard of any member of the family bearing the name Ralph Roe.

Dr. Roe said he had no patients or visitors during the period from Christmas, 1937, until January 6, 1938, whose identity he did not know.

It appears from the above that the card received by Warden Johnson, of Alcatraz mentioned in reference telegram, was on the part of some person in Philadelphia who knows Dr. Wesley Roe.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 17, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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 Alvan P. Barber, Little Rock,
dated January 13, 1938.

For your information, it has been reasonably ascertained that
Richard Galatas is not the person who made inquiry relative to the tide
and current charts at Portland, Oregon. There has been no information
developed which definitely indicates that Galatas is or has been in con-
tact with the subjects of this case. For these reasons it is deemed
advisable that Galatas be openly interviewed for any information he may
have, and be thoroughly questioned as to his trip from Arkansas to
Detroit during the holidays.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 17, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

RE: RALPH ROX, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472.
ENCLOSED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 8,
1938 directed to this office.

Although there is nothing in the file to indicate
that Subject Cole has any relatives having the names men-
tioned in the letter of reference, the file indicates that
there are many in-laws and distant relatives in this family.

It is, therefore, desired that Mr. H. M. Beekler of
Lynch, Kentucky be interviewed relative to the Cole family
with whom he is acquainted, to positively ascertain whether
there is any possible connection between that family and the
family of Subject Cole.

Very truly yours,

G. M. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires that this case be assigned to
Special Agent J. V. Murphy and that it be handled as a
special assignment.

You are instructed that all leads are to receive
immediate and expeditious attention, and that a thorough
investigation be conducted in connection with each lead.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc-San Francisco

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Mr. Nichols
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February 9, 1938

Captain H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent, Lighthouse Service,
Custom House,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Captain Rhodes:

I have been advised of the valuable assistance rendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by you and the men under your command in connection with the search for Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, who escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937.

It is indeed gratifying to receive such splendid cooperation, and I want to express my appreciation and the appreciation of this Bureau for your assistance in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 9, 1938

Captain Stanley V. Parker,
Commander, United States Coast Guard,
San Francisco, California, Division,
Custom House,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Captain Parker:

I have been informed of the excellent cooperation rendered to this Bureau by you and the men under your command in connection with the search for Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, escaped Federal Prisoners, who escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937.

It is indeed gratifying to receive such splendid cooperation as was exhibited by you and the men under your command, particularly Chief Boatswain M. Larsson and Chief Quartermaster R. C. Wilson, and I desire to express to you my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for your assistance in this case. I wish that you would convey my thanks to Chief Boatswain Larsson and Chief Quartermaster Wilson, and those others under your command who so ably performed the duties assigned to them.

Sincerely yours,

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cc San Francisco

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hottel
Mr. Lester
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Miss Gandy

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February 9, 1938

Major General George S. Simonds,
Presidio,
San Francisco, California.

My dear General:

I have been informed of the valuable assistance rendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by you and the men under your command in connection with the search for Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, who escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, December 16, 1937.

I desire to express to you my personal appreciation and the appreciation of this Bureau for your cooperation in this matter, and to ask that you extend my thanks to Lieutenant P. D. Adams for the courteous assistance rendered by him in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc San Francisco

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

Handwritten signature: E. A. Tamm

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter
San Francisco, California
January 18, 1938

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

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Gandy	✓

Dear Sir:

During the recent investigation conducted in the bay area in an effort to locate THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE, escaped Federal prisoners, or to locate their bodies, very valuable service was rendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the United States Coast Guard, the military authorities, and the Lighthouse Service, and I have sent letters thanking these organizations for their cooperation. However, I am setting forth a short summary of the services which they performed as it is thought that you may wish to personally send them letters.

Under the direction of STANLEY V. PARKER, Captain, U. S. Coast Guard, Commander, San Francisco Division, Custom House, San Francisco, foot patrols were carried out with the patrolmen equipped with binoculars for use in searching crevices and caves which were inaccessible to persons on foot. The entire bay area was accurately searched without any trace of missing bodies. Each day from December 23, 1937 to December 31, 1937 a shore patrol was made at daybreak and also at ebb tide in Coast Guard boats. All floating objects were investigated with negative results. The patrols were made from the five stations in the San Francisco Division. In my letter to STANLEY V. PARKER I especially commented on the efficient work of Chief Boatswain M. LARSSON and Chief Quartermaster R. C. WILSON, officers of the U. S. Coast Guard, as well as the Life Guard Section.

In my letter to Major General GEORGE S. SIMONDS, Presidio, San Francisco, California, I particularly called attention to the helpful and courteous assistance rendered by Lieutenant P. D. ADAMS.

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All of these organizations cooperated whole-heartedly, efficiently and tirelessly.

Very truly yours,



N.J.L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL

cc - Oklahoma City

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

EAT:CDW United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 15, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

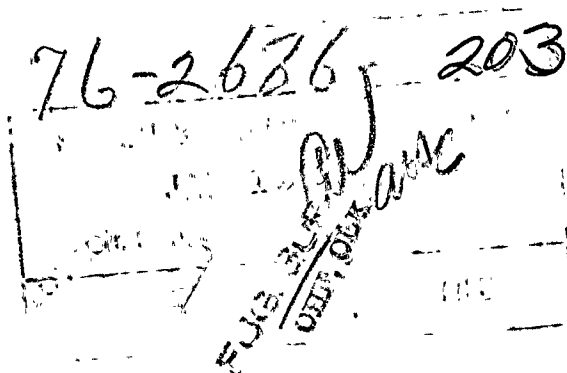
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76-2686-154
The attached letter from the Oklahoma City Field Division dated January 4, 1938, suggests that the Bureau pay the expenses of Chief of Police Jake Sims of Seminole, Oklahoma, in proceeding to Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of contacting a prisoner in Leavenworth Penitentiary, one Ray "Tang" Hall, in an effort to induce Hall to act as an informant for the Bureau in the case involving the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from Alcatraz. Hall is serving a sentence of five years for a narcotic violation and SAC Stein recommends that if Hall will act as an informant, we arrange to have him transferred to Alcatraz in order that he might develop information concerning the escape of these prisoners.

I doubt seriously that any value would accrue to the Bureau at this time as a result of removing the prisoner, Hall, from Leavenworth to Alcatraz. I feel that if any prisoner in Alcatraz knew the details of the escape of these two prisoners, he would attempt to strengthen his own position with the prison officials by readily furnishing to them that information. I accordingly recommend against attempting to arrange for this prisoner to be removed to Alcatraz, and if you approve this recommendation, there is attached hereto a letter advising the Oklahoma City office that the Bureau does not believe this plan should be adopted at this time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

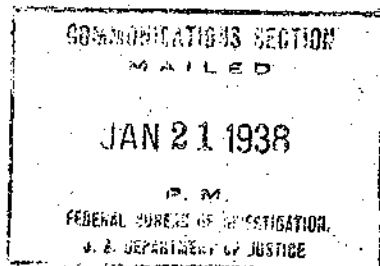
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared by the Identification Division under date of January 13, 1938, and one copy of an abstract of the criminal record of the Fugitive, Ralph Roe.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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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 13, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to Fugitive Index #7950, Bureau File #76-2686, submitted by Unit One in the case of Ralph Roe, with aliases, #260-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-15757, as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division. It is observed that Roe is also the subject of Identification Order #1472, issued December 20, 1937, and Bureau File #91-76. The Bureau File number 62-28915 also appears in his record as a possible identification.

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	February 5, 1906
Birthplace	Missouri
Age	29 (1935)
Height	6' 0"
Weight	170
Build	Tall and Slender
Occupation	Steam-fitter
Nationality	American
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Chestnut
Scars and marks	Tattoo Star left index back of left hand, large ragged cut scar 2" left forearm.

See Card

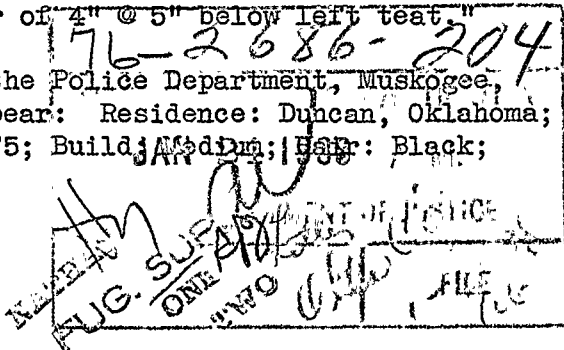
The fingerprint card received January 25, 1935, from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, contains the following: Birthplace: Oklahoma; Age: 28 (1935); Height: 6' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Eyes: Yellow-Blue; Complexion: Medium; Build: Medium Muscular; Hair: Dark Chestnut, receding fronts; Weight: 167; Scars and marks: "Blue tattoo small star first joint left index finger rear. Blue tattoo two small stars left hand rear. Faint blue tattoo 4" above left wrist rear. Obl. scar of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " @ 2" below left elbow rear and outer. Faint vertical scar of 1" @ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " above base right shoulder front. Faint blue tattoo 4" below right elbow front. Faint obl. scar of 1" @ 2" above right elbow front. Horizontal scar of 4" @ 5" below left test."

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On the fingerprint card received from the Police Department, Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 9, 1934, the following data appear: Residence: Duncan, Oklahoma; Place of birth: Kansas City, Missouri; Weight: 175; Build: Medium; Hair: Black; Eyes: Gray.

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January 13, 1938.

The fingerprint card received October 11, 1934, from the Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, indicates the following: Residence: Ardmore, Oklahoma; Place of birth: Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Age: 29 (1934); Eyes: Slate-Gray; Scars and marks: Fresh bullet wound in right shoulder making arm stiff, cut scar $2\frac{1}{2}$ " above right eyebrow on forehead.

Subject's residence is shown as Seminole, Oklahoma, and his nationality as Irish-American, on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office, Bonham, Texas, August 13, 1934. This card also shows the following: Criminal specialty: Burglary; Weight: 157; Complexion: Dark; Eyes: Greenish Gray; Scars and marks: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on left forearm, tattoos removed from both forearms.

The fingerprint card received August 27, 1934, from the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, St. Louis, Missouri, states that this person has a gun shot wound in his left forearm and right shoulder, and a tattoo of a star on the back of his left hand and left fore-finger. This card also shows the following name and address: "Dixie Winchester, 902 W. Day Street, Denison, Texas", but does not state what connection this person may have with subject.

The following information appears on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 4, 1934: Residence: Duncan, Oklahoma; Place of birth: Sulphur Springs, Missouri; Scars and marks: "Has two bullet wounds, one entered right shoulder rear below neck and came out in right arm pit. Other wound in left lower arm outer near elbow. This man was wounded by officers in battle with Wilbur Underhill."

Roe's date of birth is given as 1908, and his occupation as waiter, on the fingerprint card received July 5, 1927, from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. This card also states that he has a flesh-colored mole back of the left wing of his nose.

The place of birth of this individual appears as Kansas City, Kansas, on the fingerprint card received from the Sheriff's Office, Enid, Oklahoma, September 11, 1925.

The fingerprint card reporting subject's receipt at the State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 25, 1924, shows the following: Mrs. Dollie Bonner, aunt, 908 $\frac{1}{2}$ (?) Ash Avenue, Duncan, Oklahoma.

The signature of this person appears on eleven of the fifteen fingerprint cards comprising his criminal record. His fingerprint classification is as follows:

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No photograph of Roe, more recent than that appearing on Identification Order #1472, 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 10, 1937.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number **FBI-15757.**

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Pomona, Calif.	Paul Sullivan, #98,	4-28-23	robbery;	rel. to Constable, Pomona, Calif.
SP, Little Rock, Ark.	Jack Sullivan, #21,726,	9-25-24	G.L.;	1 to 5 yrs.
SO, Enid, Okla.	Jack McCarty, #---	9-6-25	theft	
SRef., Granite, Okla.	Jack Sullivan, alias Jack McCarthy, #5089,	9-20-25	G.L.;	2 yrs.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Raymond Roe, #17678,	6-28-27	robbery with firearms;	12 yrs. - 6-10-33 short term.
PD, Shawnee, Okla.	Ralph Roe, aliases: Raymond O'Roe; J.H. Reynolds; #---	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. County.
SO, Okla. City, Okla.	Ralph Roe, alias Raymond Roe, #0-504,	1-1-34	robbery with firearms	
PD, Okla. City, Okla.	Ralph Roe, aliases: Jack Sullivan; Jack McCarthy; R.A. Roe; #15589,	7-7-34	vag. and inv.;	filed on and rel. to Pottawatomie Co. Okla.
St. Louis-San Francisco Rwy., St. Louis, Mo., #10810,	Ralph Roe, #---, SO, Bonham, Texas	7-25-34	car theft	

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DISPOSITION

SO, Bonham, Texas

Ralph Roe, #---,

8-1-34

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PD, Okla. City, Okla.

Ralph Roe, alias
Jack McCarthy,
#15589,

10-3-34

Federal inv.;

filed on and
rel. to Muskogee
Co.

PD, Muskogee, Okla.

Ralph Rowe,
#11900 U.S.,

10-6-34

bank robbery;

99 yrs. Leaven-
worth.

USP, Leavenworth,
Kans.

Ralph Roe,
#46153,

1-19-35

robbery, National
Bank - armed;

99 yrs.
\$3.00 C.F.
(1-20 yrs. and
1-25 yrs. and
1-99 yrs.
concurrently).
Transferred to
USP, Alcatraz
Island, Calif.,
10-23-35.

USP, Alcatraz, Calif.

Ralph Roe,
#260-AZ,

10-26-35
in trans.
from USP
Leaven-
worth,
Kans.,

robbery, National
Bank - armed;

99 yrs. end \$3.00
com. fine.

WANTED BY BUREAU: As Ralph Roe, with aliases; Paul Sullivan;
Jack Sullivan; Raymond Roe; Raymond Rowe; J.H. Reynolds; Jack
McCarty; Ralph Rowe. Escaped from USP, Alcatraz, Calif., on
12-16-37 while serving a 99 yr. sent. for bank robbery. Notify
Director. Per inf. rec. I.O. #1472.

WANTED BY BUREAU: As Ralph Roe, with aliases; Paul Sullivan;
Jack Sullivan; Raymond Roe; Raymond Rowe; J.H. Reynolds; Jack
McCarty; Jack McCarty; Ralph Rowe. Fugitive Index #7950,
Bu. file #76-2686, O.O. Okla. City, Okla. (Inf. rec. 12-30-37).

This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of this
Bureau under #K-13643.

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**IDENTIFICATION
ORDER NO. 1472**

December 20, 1937.

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

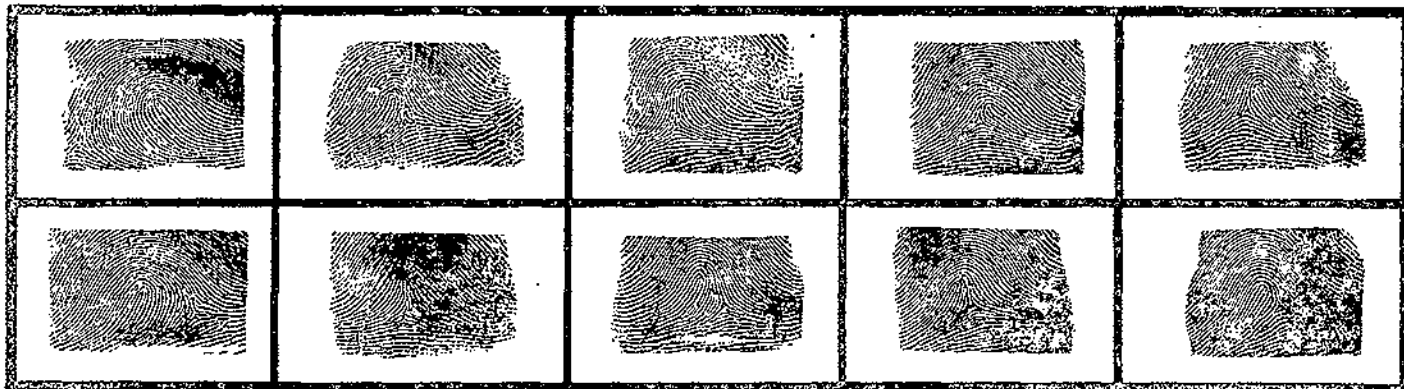
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WANTED

RALPH ROE, with aliases: PAUL SULLIVAN,
JACK SULLIVAN, RAYMOND ROE, RAYMOND ROWE,
J. H. REYNOLDS, JACK MCCARTHY, JACK MCCARTY,
RALPH ROWE.

**ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
(BANK ROBBERY)**



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 1½ to 2 inches below left elbow rear outside; faint blue tattoo 4 inches below right elbow front; horizontal scar 5 inches below left nipple; cut scar 2½ inches above right eyebrow on forehead.

(Photograph taken October, 1935)

CRIMINAL RECORD

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 25, 1934, charge auto theft, disposition not given.
As Ralph Roe, #--, arrested Sheriff's Office, Bonham, Texas, August 1, 1934, charge burglary, disposition not given.
As Ralph Roe, #15589, arrested PD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 5, 1934, charge investigation, released to Muskogee, Oklahoma, County.
As Ralph Rowe, #11900 U.S., arrested PD, Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 6, 1934, charge bank robbery, sentenced 99 years Federal Penitentiary.
As Ralph Roe, #46153, received U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, January 18, 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.



Ralph V Roe

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 division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

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

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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

Located at:	Building	Tel. No.
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BIRMINGHAM, Alabama,	320 Federal	7-1755
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BUTTE, Montana,	302 Federal	2-4734
CHARLOTTE, N. C.,	914 Johnston	3-4127
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MIAMI, Fla.,	1300 Biscayne	3-5558
MILWAUKEE, Wis.,	1021 Bankers'	Daly 3431
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OMAHA, Nebr.,	629 First Nat'l Bank	Atlantic 8644
PEORIA, Illinois,	300 Commercial Merchants Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.	4-5800
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.,	1300 Liberty Trust	Locust 0880
PHOENIX, Ariz.,	316 Security	3-4870
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RE: ⁶THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1471;
RALPH ROE, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1472;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Des Moines
Field Office be furnished with 200 additional Identification
Orders #1472 and 75 additional Identification Orders #1471.

Very truly yours,

L. M. Chipman
L. M. CHIPMAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-313

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/24/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/24/37	REPORT MADE BY E. C. WENIG ECW:LM
TITLE R. O. 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:

Addresses of J. C. MYERS and L. A. ELSENER set forth as obtained from the United Airlines, Chicago, Ill.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Seattle Division teletype dated 12/23/37.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

At the general offices of the United Airlines, 19th floor 221 North La Salle Street, G. FLEMING, Ticket Auditor, after referring to records advised that the address of J. C. MYERS, as noted on his ticket, #311-9149, is the Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon. MR. FLEMING stated that MR. MYERS left Seattle on the United Airlines plane #6 at 6:05 P.M., December 13, 1937; that according to their records he arrived at Portland, Oregon, at 7:38 P.M.; further, that MR. MYERS did not use the Airlines transportation service provided at the airport at Portland; that he apparently was in a hurry and took a cab. MR. FLEMING advised further that MYRA FRENCH, United Airlines, Municipal Airport, Oakland, California, was the Stewardess on the trip noted above.

MR. FLEMING advised that the address of L. A. ELSENER, as reflected on ticket #319-4283, is Chicago Bridge & Iron Works, 526 Rialto Building, San Francisco, California. He said that MR. ELSENER left Seattle, Washington, at 11:21 A.M. on December 15, 1937, on United Airlines plane #8; further, that he arrived at San Francisco, California, at 5:24 P.M. on the same date.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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A telegram setting forth the above addresses was immediately sent to the Seattle Division, and copies of same were sent to the Bureau, San Francisco and Portland Offices.

Reference teletype contains information that these two individuals noted above were to be investigated for the purpose of ascertaining if either one of them was the unknown individual, who, on December 15, 1937, made inquiries at the United States Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, regarding the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, it being thought that this unknown individual might be connected with the Subjects in this case, or in some manner involved in the escape plot.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

At San Francisco, California, at the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works, 526 Rialto Building, will conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining if L. A. ELSENER is connected with the Subjects in this case, or in any way involved in the escape plot.

The PORTLAND OFFICE:

At Portland, Oregon, will conduct similar investigation with reference to J. C. MYERS, whose address is noted as being the Portland Hotel.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/28/37 to 12/31/37	REPORT MADE BY J. E. Thornton--1ST
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:

Check of all cars stolen in Bay area from 12/14/37 to 12/18/37, inclusive, made, with negative results. All investigation conducted to date has been negative. DON EBBEY, re-interviewed, at San Francisco Office, at which time he admitted he had no information or knowledge concerning either COLE or ROE. Visitors and correspondents of Alcatraz prisoners interviewed, with negative results.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated 12/23/37.
Seattle letters dated 12/22/37 and 1/1/38.
Teletype from Butte, dated 12/24/37.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON:

At San Francisco, California

Reference is made to the list of automobiles entering the State of California from the State of Oregon, on December 15 and 16, 1937, as disclosed by the records of the State of California Agricultural Checking Stations, and furnished by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, of this office. Particular reference is made to a 1929 Ford Town Sedan, motor #42054549, 1937 California license #1G1799, the ownership of which car was transferred on November 30, 1937 to JOHN G. FAIRFAX, 1230 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, as sole owner.

The records of the checking station at Dorris, California, at which this car was inspected on December 15, 1937, disclosed that the point from which it had come had been Spokane, Washington, and at the time it was stopped at said checking station, there were two passengers in the car.

Inquiry at 1230 Mission Street disclosed that the establishment at this address is a used-car lot of the J. E. FRENCH COMPANY, 1535 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Through Miss MARY STURIALE, stenographer for said company, it was learned that this car was sold to one JOHN G. FAIRFAX on November 27, 1937 for \$72.10 cash, including the \$2.10 sales tax. At the time Mr. FAIRFAX purchased the car, he gave as his permanent address 4111 North Lincoln, Spokane, Washington. Mr. PHILLIP FRATES was the salesman who had sold him the car.

Inquiry of Mr. FRATES, and also of Mr. JIM LEUCHARS, another automobile salesman at the J. E. French Company, disclosed that FAIRFAX, at the time he purchased the car, had stated he was employed as a painter with the firm of Mangrum Holbrook and Elkus, 301 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Both Messrs. FRATES and LEUCHARS indicated they had only seen FAIRFAX a few times, when he had come to their place of

business to "dicker" about the purchase of said car, and that they actually knew nothing about his character and reputation.

At the business office of Mangrum Holbrook and Elkus, it was ascertained that FAIRFAX had been employed as a painter in the wood department, under Mr. ARNOLD SMITH, its manager, during the period September 23, 1937 to November 29, 1937, inclusive, his services being discontinued on the latter date, due to lack of work.

Mr. SMITH indicated that FAIRFAX had been only a mediocre painter; had apparently conducted himself in a suitable manner while with them, although he had not seemed to be very cooperative, or particularly genial with his co-workers. He further mentioned that FAIRFAX had stated he was from Seattle, Washington.

Mr. SMITH likewise spoke of a companion who had been with FAIRFAX, by the name of H. BYRON, whom he also had understood to be from Seattle. BYRON'S tenure of employment with the last-mentioned company had lasted from October 7, 1937 until November 13, 1937, when his services too had been discontinued, for lack of work. His position had been that of an apprentice painter, or helper.

The records of this firm disclosed no additional information or address for BYRON, and the address they had for FAIRFAX was the Ralford Hotel, 111 Taylor Street, San Francisco.

Inquiry for information relative to the latter's present whereabouts at said hotel, however, was negative, as he had first lived there on September 22, 1937, and had left no forwarding or other address.

Mr. SMITH recalled that when FAIRFAX was laid off on November 29, 1937, he had mentioned that he and another chap expected to take a trip to Seattle, for the purpose of looking for work, but that FAIRFAX had since come back, as he had been in Mr. SMITH'S office only a couple of days previous to the writer's inquiry, looking for work. Hence, Mr. SMITH is reasonably certain that he is still in San Francisco at the present time.

When questioned as to whether he thought BYRON was the individual who had traveled to Seattle with FAIRFAX,

as aforesaid, Mr. SMITH indicated he did not think so, as he had seen BYRON on the streets in San Francisco, subsequent to the time FAIRFAX was supposed to have already left the city. Mr. SMITH further informed that when FAIRFAX had been in his office the other day, he had left no address or telephone number by which he might be reached, and Mr. SMITH had no idea as to how he might be presently located. The same was true with respect to BYRON.

Request was made of Mr. SMITH, however, in the event either of these individuals contacted him again, to obtain their present addresses, and promptly advise the writer. This he agreed to do, and the telephone number of the San Francisco Office was left with him for that purpose.

Inquiry through Mr. W. J. GILDAY, Secretary of Local 19, Painters' Union, the headquarters of which are in the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero Street, disclosed that FAIRFAX is a member of said Union, in good standing, but there was no record of any membership by BYRON in the Union. Mr. GILDAY also had no address for FAIRFAX, and he similarly could offer no information as to how he might be located. Like result was also obtained when Mr. ROY WILBUR, the Business Agent of the Union, was contacted.

In this connection, though, the same arrangement was made with Messrs. GILDAY and WILBUR as was previously made with Mr. SMITH relative to this office being notified in the event either FAIRFAX or BYRON should contact them for any purpose, in the future.

The following composite descriptions of FAIRFAX and BYRON were obtained from the interviewees mentioned above, who were familiar with either or both of these men:

Name	JOHN G. FAIRFAX	H. BYRON
Race	White.	White.
Age	26 (1937).	28 (1937).
Height	5'7".	6'3".
Weight	185 lbs.	200 lbs.
Build	Slim.	Husky.
Eyes	Blue.	Unknown.
Hair	Brown.	Brown.
Complexion	Fair, clean shaven.	Fair, clean shaven.

Name	JOHN G. FAIRFAX (Concluded)	H. BYRON (Concluded)
Occupation	Painter	Apprentice painter or helper.
Home address	4111 North Lincoln, Spokane, Washington.	Unknown.
San Francisco address	Unknown.	Unknown.

Reference is made to a 1936 Packard Coupe, motor #T14072, serial #1088-2118, bearing 1937 California license #4J127, the sole owner of which is the Mercantile Acceptance Corporation of California, 333 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. At the time this car was inspected at Dorris, California, at the checking station, on December 13, 1937, it contained two passengers, and was indicated to have been proceeding from Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mr. V. BLACKBURN, Vice President, Mercantile Acceptance Corporation of California, 333 Montgomery Street, advised that although the Mercantile Acceptance Corporation was the sole owner of the afore-mentioned car, the individual who had the exclusive use of it for business purposes was one JOSEPH PAGANI, also Vice President of said Corporation. It seems that Mr. PAGANI spends most of his time in the field, inasmuch as he covers exclusively the Northern part of California, and Southern Oregon.

Mr. BLACKBURN indicated that Mr. PAGANI was not expected back in San Francisco for at least another month, but that his travel itinerary would probably take him through Sacramento, California. It was therefore suggested to Mr. BLACKBURN that he promptly request Mr. PAGANI, by letter, to arrange to contact the Resident Agent of this Office, at Sacramento, California, Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, at the first opportunity, advising Mr. BLACKBURN by return mail when he expected that would be, in order that this office might, in turn, forward suitable advice concerning the matter to Agent McCULLOCH.

It was further suggested that Mr. BLACKBURN, in his communication to Mr. PAGANI, specifically request of the latter full information as to the identity and present address at which the other occupant of the car might be contacted, assuming that Mr. PAGANI, himself, had been one of the two occupants in the car previously mentioned above.

Mr. BLACKBURN dictated a letter to Mr. PAGANI in the presence of the writer, embodying a request for such information, and then stated as soon as he received Mr. PAGANI'S reply, he would promptly contact the writer, in order that the contents of said letter might be obtained.

On January 6, 1938, in the absence of Mr. BLACKBURN, Mr. RALPH L. MYERS, Secretary - Treasurer of the aforesaid Corporation, stated they had received a long letter dated January 5, 1938 from Mr. PAGANI, in which he had set forth in detail his activities on December 15, 1937. Mr. MYERS turned the original of this letter over to the writer, and same has been placed in the San Francisco case file.

The letter indicated that Mr. PAGANI had been wholly within the State of California on that date, except for a period of about three hours, between 5 p.m., and 8 p.m., when he, together with a Mr. JACK WORRETT, Office Manager of the Shasta Motor Company, Weed, California, who had been traveling with Mr. PAGANI out of Weed that same afternoon, had proceeded in the aforementioned 1936 Packard Coupe, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where, after transacting some business, they had returned to Dorris, California, getting back to the latter place about 8 p.m., as afore-indicated.

Mr. PAGANI in his letter gave a most detailed account of all the people and business places both he and Mr. WORRETT had contacted on the afternoon and night of that date. They will not be set forth here, for the sake of brevity, and also because they do not appear to have any relation to instant matter.

From the activities of these gentlemen on December 15, 1937, as related in Mr. PAGANI'S aforementioned letter, it would appear that they can be definitely eliminated as possible purchasers of the booklets in question, since both are reported to be men of good reputation, and their respective descriptions are dissimilar to that reported for said purchaser.

The officials of the Mercantile Acceptance Corporation, of course, vouch unreservedly as to the integrity of Mr. PAGANI, who is one of their Vice Presidents, and Mr. RALPH L. MYERS, Secretary - Treasurer of said concern, mentioned earlier herein, indicated that so far as he knew Mr. WORRETT was likewise a man of good reputation.

Mr. MYERS indicated his concern had been having business relations with Mr. FORRETT for better than a year, and during that time the latter had been found to be reliable and quite satisfactory in all respects.

The following descriptions of these two gentlemen were furnished by Mr. MYERS:

Name	JOSEPH A. PAGANI	JACK FORRETT
Race	White.	White.
Age	31 years (born 2/7/06 at Hemlock, California)	34 years.
Height	5'8".	5'10".
Weight	190 lbs.	165 lbs.
Build	Stout.	Medium.
Eyes	Light brown.	Gray - blue.
Hair	Light brown.	Dark brown.
Complexion	Fair, clean shaven.	Medium.
Marks and scars	None known.	None known.
Prominent features	Full round face	None known.
Occupation	Vice President, Mercantile Acceptance Corporation of California, 333 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.	Office Manager and Bookkeeper, Shasta Motor Company, Weed, California.
Nationality	Italian, citizenship U.S.	American.
Marital Status	Single.	Unknown.

At this point, in view of the wholly negative information already obtained, the question of continuing this investigation further for the purpose of having Messrs. PAGANI and FORRETT interviewed, was discussed with Special Agent in Charge H.J.L. PEPLER, and he was of the opinion that both could be definitely eliminated, on the basis of the information already at hand, since the information was negative. Hence, no leads are being set out to have them contacted and interviewed.

Reference is made to 1939 Ford Roadster, motor #A968993, 1937 California license 8Q8465, registered to Mr. ALLAN

WARDEN, 1842 - 23rd Avenue, San Francisco, as sole owner. The records of the checking station at Smith River, California, disclosed that when this automobile was inspected on December 15, 1937, it contained two passengers, and the point from which the said car was reported to have been from was Marshfield, Oregon.

It was ascertained at 1842 - 23rd Avenue that Mr. ALLAN WARDEN had moved from that address sometime during August, 1937. From the postman that covers that mail route, it was further learned that ALLAN WARDEN had moved to, and was presently residing at 1831 - 20th Avenue.

Interview at his home with his mother, Mrs. FRED WARDEN, disclosed that he is the son of Mr. FRED WARDEN, of WARDEN & SON, manufacturer of slats for venetian blinds, whose place of business is located at 1209 Stevenson Street, San Francisco.

Mr. ALLAN WARDEN, upon interview at the San Francisco Field Office, stated he is twenty-six years old, is a co-partner in the aforementioned firm, and has lived in San Francisco all his life.

With reference to his having entered the State of California by automobile from Oregon, on December 15, 1937, he indicated that he and his brother-in-law, Mr. ELMER RAYMOND COGGINS, of 1254 - 19th Avenue, San Francisco, California, had left the latter city about noon, December 14, 1937, on a business trip to Marshfield, Oregon; that they had spent the night of the 14th in Crescent City, California, and had proceeded to Marshfield the next morning, December 15th. They had remained only a few hours in Marshfield, and after transacting their business, had returned to Crescent City, California, where they spent the night of December 15th. As already evident, it was Mr. COGGINS who was the passenger in Mr. WARDEN'S automobile when it was inspected on December 15, 1937 at the Smith River, California checking station.

Mr. WARDEN indicated further that he and Mr. COGGINS had departed from Crescent City the morning of December 16th, arriving in San Francisco about nine o'clock that same night.

The purpose of the trip, he stated, was to examine some Port Orford Cedar lumber, at Marshfield, which his firm was contemplating purchasing. He stated they definitely had not driven

to Portland, Oregon, and furthermore, he had not been in Portland for the past sixteen months. He also advised that he had never, in his life, purchased any of the booklets in question.

Regarding Mr. COGGINS, Mr. WARDEN stated that the former is twenty-seven years of age, is his brother-in-law, and is employed with the firm of Warden & Son as a "venetian blind slat grader". Mr. COGGINS was similarly interviewed at the San Francisco Field Office, and he furnished identically the same information regarding his and Mr. WARDEN'S trip to Marshfield, Oregon, as had been previously obtained from the latter. He further stated he had never been to Portland, Oregon, in his life.

The descriptions of both of these individuals were very dissimilar to that reported for the purchaser of the booklets in question.

Reference is made to 1936 Chrysler Airflow Sedan, motor #610-2651, serial #7016419, 1937 California license #5EY183, which is registered to Mr. W. L. E. O'BRYAN, 190 Main Street, San Francisco, California. The records at the Smith River, California checking station disclosed that when this car was inspected on December 16, 1937, there were two passengers in it, and the point from which it had come was reported to be Seattle, Washington.

Mr. H. B. KRAUS, Credit Manager, JAMES W. McALISTER, Inc., 1200 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, stated that W.L.E. O'BRYAN, of 190 Main Street, this city, was a former client of theirs, and that his dealings with them had always been very satisfactory, in that he had never failed to meet any of the payments due on his car promptly. The last record they had of him was in November, 1936, when he had completed the payments on the aforementioned Chrysler Sedan.

When it was brought to Mr. KRAUS' attention that the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, in Sacramento, reflected that on January 13, 1937, when the present 1937 license plates were issued for said car, they were issued in the name of James W. McAlister, Inc., as legal owner, Mr. KRAUS replied that nevertheless Mr. O'BRYAN had actually become sole owner of the car in November, 1936,

as he had completed his payments, as afore-stated, and had evidently forgotten to advise the State Motor Vehicle Department to that effect.

Mr. KRAUS further indicated that the only other information his firm had regarding Mr. O'BRYAN was that he was reported to be in business for himself as a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. KRAUS mentioned that the contact he personally had had with Mr. O'BRYAN was the brief contact occasioned as a result of their business dealings. He therefore was unable to furnish any additional information regarding him, or his reputation.

Mr. WILLIAM LOUIS EARL O'BRYAN was located at his place of business, O'BRYAN BROS. "LORRAINE" Underwear Manufacturers, 190 Main Street, and advised that he is the Assistant Secretary of said concern. He indicated he had been living in the State of California since 1932, and had been associated with his brother, ROLAND F. O'BRYAN in the aforementioned firm since 1935.

Prior to his coming to California, he stated he had been associated with the firm of Mattison & Davey, Certified Public Accountants, Chrysler Building, New York City. His work with them had been in connection with oil and gas matters. He further indicated that he was also an attorney by profession, and had practiced as an Agent for the United States Treasury Department during the period 1921 - 1933, and is still eligible to follow this practice. He exhibited a credential card from the United States Treasury Department to this latter effect.

He likewise mentioned that he had been a Major in the Quartermaster Corps Reserve of the United States Army, but had permitted his commission to expire about May, 1935.

With reference to his entering the State of California by automobile from Oregon, on December 16, 1937, he stated he had taken a business trip up into the States of Oregon and Washington during the early-middle part of December, 1937, having left San Francisco on the 11th of said month. He had proceeded to Portland, Oregon, where he had spent the 12th and 13th, and had left said town on the latter date for Tacoma, Washington. While in Portland, Oregon, he had met up with Miss

HELEN V. CALLAN, an old friend of his, who was returning to California from the East, and had had her accompany him into the State of Washington in his automobile, and thence down to California, as her home is near to his own in Marin County, California. It was Miss CALLAN whom he stated was the passenger with him when his car was inspected at the Smith River checking station, on the aforementioned date.

Mr. O'BRYAN mentioned that Miss CALLAN resides in San Geronimo, Marin County, California, and that she maintains registered dog kennels there, in which she raises collies and Shetland sheep dogs.

He indicated when he was in Portland, he made no purchase or inquiry whatsoever in regard to any of the booklets in question, and he is reasonably certain Miss CALLAN didn't either.

After leaving Tacoma, Washington, Mr. O'BRYAN stated he and Miss CALLAN proceeded to Olympia and Aberdeen, Washington, stopping in both those places on December 15, 1937, and from there drove down the coast highway (U.S. Highway 101), into California, as afore-indicated.

It was observed that Mr. O'BRYAN, except for the fact that he was much heavier, appeared to resemble the description of the man reported to have purchased the booklets in question.

Inquiry by Special Agent H. I. DOEBITT at the Retailers' Credit Association, San Francisco, 15 Stockton Street, for any information regarding Mr. O'BRYAN was negative.

In view of the fact that Mr. O'BRYAN claims that both he and Miss CALLAN left Portland, Oregon in his automobile on December 13, 1937, and did not return to Portland subsequent to that date, and were in fact at Olympia and Aberdeen, Washington on December 15, 1937, the date the books in question were purchased in Portland, no further investigation is being conducted with reference to Miss CALLAN or Mr. O'BRYAN, it being felt that they can be definitely eliminated as the possible purchaser, on the basis of the information already at hand.

With reference to the letter from the Seattle Division to the San Francisco Division, dated January 1, 1938, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSON, on January 4, 1938:

Agent OLSON, without disclosing his identity, was informed at the office of the Holeproof Hosiery Company, 526 Mission Street, San Francisco, that JOHN R. WALSH had been employed as a salesman by this company for the past twelve years; that WALSH'S territory is composed of the States of Oregon and Washington, and his headquarters is 928 Terminal Sales Building, Seattle, Washington, but at the time of the interview, was on a road trip, and would be stopping at the Chandler Hotel, Marshfield, Oregon, until January 7, 1938.

A telegram dated January 4, 1938 was forwarded to the Portland Division, requesting WALSH be interviewed at Marshfield, Oregon, as requested in reference letter.

M. LEONARDS, caretaker, 736 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, telephone number Hemlock 3917, informed Agent OLSON that C. B. CEDERHOLM had proceeded to Long Beach, California, and expected to return in two or three weeks. He did not have CEDERHOLM'S address, but expected to receive it within the next couple of days, as he had considerable mail for CEDERHOLM.

LEONARDS was telephonically contacted on January 7, 1938, and gave CEDERHOLM'S address as Venetian Square Apartments, Long Beach, California. LEONARDS said that CEDERHOLM would be in Long Beach for a period of about two weeks, and would then return to Seattle, Washington.

An air mail, special delivery letter, dated January 7, 1938 was forwarded to the Los Angeles Division, requesting CEDERHOLM be interviewed for the purpose of determining if he made any inquiry, or purchased any booklets pertaining to the tides or currents in San Francisco Bay, said purchase having been made at Portland, Oregon on December 15, 1937.

With reference to the various automobiles that were checked coming into California from Oregon, on December 15 and 16, 1937, the following investigation was made by Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSON, from January 4 to 8, 1938:

With reference to California license 5d-717, registered to Mrs. GERTRUDE WILLEN, 726 - 7th Avenue, San Francisco, California, for a 1929 model Ford Coupe, motor #A2200377, with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, 405 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, as the legal owner, this automobile having passed through the California Highway checking station, on December 16, 1937, from a check of the San Francisco City Directory, Agent OLSON ascertained that SIGRID M. WILLEN, widow of GEORGE WILLEN, was listed as residing at 726 - 7th Avenue, where Agent made several efforts to contact Mrs. WILLEN, without success.

At the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, 405 Montgomery Street, Agent OLSON contacted CHARLES M. SCHIEBEL, Credit Department employee, who exhibited to Agent OLSON the company's file pertaining to the purchase of the Ford Coupe by Mrs. WILLEN, under the name of Mrs. GEORGE WILLEN. SCHIEBEL stated that because Mrs. WILLEN had been slow in keeping up the payments on the Ford Coupe, the company had conducted an investigation, and determined Mrs. WILLEN was a widow, and had two sons, both attending school; that Mrs. WILLEN was employed as a nurse for a large family that had an apartment at 510 Stanford Courts Apartments, and further Mrs. WILLEN owned her own home.

He stated that Mrs. WILLEN had purchased the Ford Coupe in June, 1937 for her son, ARNOLD, who had obtained a position with the U.S. Forestry Service, in Susanville, California; that when school started, ARNOLD WILLEN had quit the job, and entered the Oregon State University at Corvallis, Oregon, his address being 2008 - A Street.

Mrs. WILLEN was interviewed at her place of employment, and stated her son, ARNOLD WILLEN, accompanied by a school friend, had driven her Ford Coupe from Corvallis, Oregon, to San Francisco, where ARNOLD had spent the Christmas holidays, returning on January 3, 1938, where he is attending the Oregon State University; that the Ford had been left in San Francisco.

Mrs. WAILLEN stated she did not know the name of ARNOLD'S chum from school, who had accompanied him to San Francisco.

She stated she does not believe her son was ever in Portland, Oregon, as he had no money to make unnecessary trips; that to come home from the school for the holidays, he had to borrow \$2.00 from a school friend.

Mrs. WAILLEN stated her husband died three years ago; that she has two sons, both in school, where she is endeavoring to keep them.

The Portland Division, by letter dated January 8, 1937, was requested to locate and interview ARNOLD WAILLEN, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of his companion, and determining if either was in Portland, Oregon on December 15th, and had made any inquiries, or purchased any booklets on the tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay.

Reference is made to California license #4F-380, registered to CHARLES E. WHITTAKER, Post Office Box 13, Presidio, California, for a 1936 Ford V8or Sedan, motor #18-3022044, the legal owner being the Anglo California National Bank of San Francisco, 600 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California, these license plates having been reported as checked at the California - Oregon line on December 15, 1937.

I. N. DOAK, Superintendent, Post Office, Presidio of San Francisco, California, informed that CHARLES E. WHITTAKER was a Staff Sergeant, and resided at 751 B West Cantonment, Presidio, with his wife, and children, and had been receiving mail at Box 13, for about two years.

After several unsuccessful attempts to locate anyone at home at 751 B West Cantonment, Agent contacted Mrs. LOONIS, wife of Sergeant LOONIS, 751 C West Cantonment. Mrs. LOONIS stated that Subject WHITTAKER was confined at the Letterman General Hospital in a very serious condition, and was not expected to live. She stated he had been in this condition for several months; that his wife goes to the hospital daily, and remains there all day. She stated Mrs. WHITTAKER takes her son to school every morning in her automobile, and from the school goes to the hospital, when school is out, picks up her son, and returns home, remaining long enough to prepare a meal, and then returns to the hospital; that she is certain Mrs. WHITTAKER has not been away from

the Presidio, as she has seen Mrs. WHITAKER every day, and that she did not believe Mrs. WHITAKER had loaned her car to anyone, as she uses the car to go back and forth to the hospital in. Mrs. LOMIS gave this information without knowing Agent's identity.

Sergeant D. F. FRASER, Information Clerk, Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, stated that Sergeant WHITAKER was transferred from Honolulu to the Presidio on April 30, 1936, for medical treatment for cancer; that since August 31, 1937 Sergeant WHITAKER has been confined to his bed, and is now in a very serious condition, his death being expected any time, and the Doctor had given orders Sergeant WHITAKER was to have no visitors except his wife.

Sergeant FRASER stated that Sergeant WHITAKER'S wife is at the bedside of her husband constantly, and seems very devoted to her husband.

Mrs. MARVIN WHITAKER, wife of Sergeant CHARLES E. WHITAKER, was interviewed at her home, just after returning with her son from school. She stated that she has not been away from the Presidio over night since her husband has been confined to his bed at the hospital; that she has spent most of her time at the hospital with her husband, and has not missed a day; that she uses her automobile every day to take her boy to school, and go to the school and return him home, and for driving around the Presidio; that she does not drive the automobile into San Francisco, because she is afraid of the traffic; that when she goes to town, she uses the street car.

She stated she has not loaned her automobile to anyone, and the license plates had not been stolen or loaned to anyone, and that she has never been in the State of Oregon. She stated for the past two months her husband has been expected to die, and she has been told it is only a matter of time, but that she still has hopes he will live. She stated Dr. SWANSON and the nurse could verify she had been at the hospital almost continuously. However, Agent did not deem this necessary, in view of the information previously obtained.

The automobile in question was examined by Agent, and bore the license plates previously mentioned, and they did not appear to have been removed, as the bolts were rusted.

Mrs. WHITAKER also exhibited her registration card, which was attached to the steering wheel of the automobile.

From the information obtained it appears this license number was erroneously recorded at the California Highway Checking Station.

Reference is made to California license #4A-11-72, registered, according to the records of the California Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, California, to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, 111 Townsend Street, San Francisco, California, for a 1935 model Ford Coupe, motor #18-1913551, which was checked at the California - Oregon line as entering California on December 15, 1937.

E. L. HOMER, Office Manager, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, 870 Brannon Street (moved from 111 Townsend Street), San Francisco, California, after examining the company records for the year 1937, advised they had no record of California license #4A-11-72 as being listed for any of the company automobiles. This record was exhibited to Agent, and no license number similar to #4A-11-72 was listed. Neither was the motor number.

At Agent's request an examination of the 1936 records was made, and the Ford Coupe mentioned was located in the record by the motor number. Mr. HOMER then examined other records of the company to see if the Ford had been sold or disposed of, and stated the records did not show either, but did contain a notation of an expenditure of \$76.00 for motor repair, which indicated to him a new motor may have been installed.

He stated that the Ford Coupe had been assigned to JACK ANGLE, a salesman who had been with the company for eight or nine years; that ANGLE had been, and is now stationed at Sacramento, California, but now works under R. B. RYAN, who is in charge of operations of the Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store, 16th and I Streets, Sacramento, California; that this store was opened in June, 1936; that it was possible the Ford Coupe had been transferred to the store in Sacramento when it opened in June, 1936, or may have been transferred in April, 1937. However, in either event, the Ford

Coupe, if it is in the possession of the store in Sacramento, should be registered in the store's name, and not in the name of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; that if the Ford is still company property, he is certain no one had permission to drive it across the Oregon - California line.

Mr. HORNER stated that R. B. RYAN could supply any further information desired.

In regard to this car, further investigation is being conducted at Sacramento, California.

Reference is made to California license #9F-71-61, registered to FRANK M. JOHNS, 4505 Brookdale Avenue, Oakland, for a 1936 Plymouth Sedan, motor #P4-123761, which has been reported to have been checked under the license number at the California - Oregon line, on December 16, 1937.

Mrs. RUTH JOHNS, wife of FRANK M. JOHNS, was interviewed at her home, in the presence of her mother and father, Mrs. JOHNS being confined to her bed, having just been returned from the hospital with her eight-day old daughter. Mrs. JOHNS stated her husband is athletic instructor at the Fremont High School, and had not been in the State of Oregon, or away from the Bay district since school started in September. Neither had they loaned their automobile to anyone. She stated that with her husband, her father and mother, they had been to Portland, Oregon in July of 1937, and that her father and her husband had been to Klamath Falls, Oregon in August, but not since that time.

She stated she was confined on December 29, 1937, and prior to that date, because of her condition, they had not made any trips out of the Bay district. Mrs. JOHNS appeared very truthful, and the information was further verified by her father and mother.

FRANK M. JOHNS was interviewed at the Fremont High School, where he was directing a class on the athletic field. He stated he has been Athletic Director at the school since January, 1933; that he has attended to his duties at the school all fall, until December 17th, which was the date the Christmas holidays began, and the balance of the time he has been at home with his wife, and has made no trips to Oregon or elsewhere during the month of December; that he has not loaned his automobile or license plates to anyone.

Mr. JOHNS in substance told the same story as his wife, and in addition pointed out to Agent his 1937 Plymouth, which is listed on the certificate of registration as a 1936 model. The license plates were both on the car, and did not appear to have been removed.

Mr. JOHNS appeared truthful, and from personal observation Mr. JOHNS is about twenty-six years of age, 5'6" tall, weighing about 130 pounds, and in no way corresponds to the description of the individual purchasing the bulletins on tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, at Portland, Oregon.

Further investigation appears unnecessary in regards to Mr. JOHNS, or his automobile.

Reference is made to California license #7F-72-25, which is registered to GUY CAIN, 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California, for a 1937 Ford Coupe, motor #18-3549484, which was checked at the California - Oregon line on December 16, 1937, en route to California.

At 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California, which is an apartment house, Agent contacted the manager, and was advised that GUY CAIN had not rented an apartment at this address, but had lived in apartment 108 with Mrs. DILEO and her son for about one year, but had left Alameda, California about six months ago, and she has not seen him since.

JOHN DILEO, apartment 108, 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, stated he is employed by the United Airlines as a mechanic, and has known GUY CAIN for over three years, CAIN'S family residing at Dos Palos, California. He stated CAIN is a co-pilot for the United Air Lines, having been so employed for over three years, and for the past six months has been operating as a co-pilot for the United Airlines from Portland, Oregon, to Salt Lake City; that prior to this time CAIN had lived with him and his mother for a period of about one year.

He stated CAIN at the present time is on vacation, which expires on January 13, 1938, and was visiting his parents at Dos Palos, but would return to Alameda on January 7th, to spend a week with him; that as soon as CAIN arrived, he would have CAIN contact Agent.

GUY CAIN telephonically contacted Agent, and stated he had left Portland, Oregon on the morning of December 15, 1937; that he had not made any inquiries, or purchased any booklets pertaining to the tides or currents in San Francisco Bay at any time; that he is employed by the United Airlines as a co-pilot, operating between Portland and Salt Lake City, and is residing at 2825 Northeast 28th Street, Portland, Oregon.

JOHN DELEO described CAIN to Agent as follows:

Age	24 years.
Height	5'10".
Weight	175 lbs.
Eyes	Brown.
Hair	Brown.

DELEO stated that CAIN was of good reputation and character, and a very high type of young man.

Reference is made to California license #5G-96-09, registered to JOHN H. TAYLOR, 5940 Chabot Crest, Oakland, California, for a 1935 Plymouth Coach, motor #PJ24278, which was checked at the California - Oregon line on December 16, 1937.

Mrs. TAYLOR, mother of JOHN H. TAYLOR, 5940 Chabot Crest, Oakland, California, stated that JOHN H. TAYLOR is her son, and is twenty-three years of age; that he graduated from college last spring, and is now employed by the Hood Rubber Company, San Francisco, California; that her son commutes between Oakland and San Francisco.

She stated her son had made a trip for the Hood Rubber Company into the State of Oregon during the month of December, and she believed had been to Portland, Oregon; that her son is not married.

JOHN H. TAYLOR was interviewed at the offices of the Hood Rubber Company, 501 - 3rd Street, San Francisco, California, on January 7, 1938, and stated that he had made a trip to Portland, Oregon, driving his Plymouth Coach, for the Hood Rubber Company, for the purpose of conducting a sales survey for the company throughout Oregon, and on the 13th and 14th of December had stopped at Portland, leaving Portland on the morning of December 15th, and stopping over at Medford, Oregon that night; that while at Portland he was registered at the New Heathman Hotel, and at Medford, he had stopped at the Hotel Jackson.

He stated that while in Portland, Oregon he had not made any inquiries, or purchased any booklets pertaining to the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

From personal observation, Agent observed that TAYLOR was about twenty-three years of age, 5'11" tall, with brown hair and brown eyes, and would weigh approximately 160 pounds.

Further investigation relative to TAYLOR was deemed unnecessary.

Reference is made to California license #33691, registered to ARTHUR E. BIGGINS, 3905 Lera Street, Oakland, California, for a Dodge Sedan, Motor #D2-236341, with the Anglo California National Bank, 500 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California, as legal owner.

Mrs. RUTH BIGGINS, 3905 Lera Street, wife of ARTHUR E. BIGGINS, stated that her husband was a salesman handling ax handles and saws for Hartwell Bros., of Memphis, Tennessee, and in connection with his employment traveled throughout the States of California and Oregon, and sometimes into the State of Washington; that her husband had been around Portland, Oregon around the middle of December, at which time he had stopped with her aunt, at 2636 Harrison Street, Portland.

Mrs. BIGGINS stated that they had resided in Oakland, California, in their present home, for the past nineteen years; that they have two grown daughters, both attending school, and that their telephone number is Fruitvale 57795, this telephone number being obtained because of the fact Mr. BIGGINS was in Stockton, California at the time of the above interview.

Subsequently Mr. BIGGINS was telephonically contacted on January 8, 1937, and stated that he had been in Portland, Oregon on December 15, 1937, leaving that morning for California, and had stopped at 2636 Harrison Street, Portland; that while in Portland, Oregon he had not purchased, or made any inquiries relative to booklets pertaining to the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

According to information obtained from ARTHUR E. BIGGINS' California Operator's License, BIGGINS is described as date of birth October 6, 1893, 5'8", weighing 187 lbs., blue eyes,

and blond hair.

Reference is made to California license #2G-51-49, which is registered to RALPH S. LEEHAN, 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California, for a Chevrolet sport Sedan, motor number 5960244, checked at the California - Oregon line, en route to California, on December 16, 1937.

At 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California, Agent contacted the apartment house manager, and was informed that RALPH LEEHAN had moved from this address about two months previous, and lived near Mills College, the exact address she did not know. The manager stated that LEEHAN was employed as a salesman for some company, and that he was at the present time selling law books, and LEEHAN'S family had been very desirable tenants, and were people of good reputation and character.

FORD E. SAMUEL, Postmaster, Alameda, California, stated that he has known RALPH S. LEEHAN for a number of years; that LEEHAN was formerly District Manager for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and that LEEHAN was a responsible business man, and also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

From a check of the Post Office records, he ascertained that LEEHAN had moved from 2110 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, to 2801 Seminary Avenue, Oakland, California. However, SAMUEL stated it was his understanding that Mr. LEEHAN was at Los Angeles, California, on a vacation.

LEAH LEEHAN, 2801 Seminary Avenue, Oakland, California, son of RALPH S. LEEHAN, stated that his father and mother were in Los Angeles, California, and were expected to return to Oakland on the night of January 7, 1938. He stated his father was now employed by the Bancroft Whitney Company as a salesman, and operated throughout the State of California; that his father had been in Northern California during the middle of December on a business trip, but he did not think his father had been at Portland, Oregon.

RALPH S. LEEHAN was telephonically contacted on January 8, 1938 at Trinidad 3013, which is his residence telephone number, and he stated that he was on a business trip for the Bancroft Whitney Company during the middle of December, covering the Northern part of California; that in order to go

from Yreka, California to Crescent City, California, it was necessary to travel through Grants Pass, Oregon, and it was while making this trip that his car was inspected at the California - Oregon State line. He stated he had not been in Portland, Oregon, and had not purchased, or made any inquiries relative to any booklets pertaining to the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

Further investigation relative to LENTIN was deemed unnecessary.

Reference is made to California license number A-1007, registered to Crum and Forster, 266 Bush Street, San Francisco, California, for a 1937 Ford Tudor Sedan, motor number 18-408055, which was checked at the California - Oregon line, en route to California, on December 16, 1937, at which time two passengers were in the automobile.

A. I. ROBERTS, Office Manager, Crum and Forster, Fire Insurance Agency, Pacific Department, 266 Bush Street, San Francisco, California, after an examination of the company records, informed that the above automobile was assigned to JOHN GORDON LAUCCI, field man for the company; that LAUCCI has been employed by the company since August, 1936, and is reliable and dependable, and of good reputation.

Agent was introduced to Mr. LAUCCI, who stated he resides with his wife at 445 Dewey Boulevard, San Francisco, California; that about the middle of December, accompanied by his wife, he made a trip to Medford, Oregon, where he spent two days on company business, and then returned to San Francisco, California; that he had not been to Portland, Oregon, and had not made any inquiries or purchased any booklets pertaining to the tides and currents in San Francisco.

LAUCCI was unable to recall the dates relative to the trip, and stated the dates could be obtained from his expense account, filed with the company. The expense account was obtained by Mr. ROBERTS, and it was determined the dates LAUCCI was at Medford, Oregon was on December 15 and 16, 1937.

In view of this information, no further investigation is deemed necessary.

Reference is made to California license #AC-18-27, registered to HAROLD IVERSON, 1835 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California, for a 1937 Ford Sedan, motor #3855033, which was checked at the California - Oregon Line, en route to California, on December 15, 1937.

The 1937 San Francisco directory reflects HAROLD IVERSON as Manager of the Michle Printing Press and Manufacturing Company, San Francisco, California. 1835 Vallejo Street is an apartment house located in a high-class apartment house district, and Agent was unable to locate the name of HAROLD IVERSON on the mail boxes at this address, therefore contacted Mrs. FIRTH, the apartment house manager. She stated HAROLD IVERSON had rented an apartment at this address until June, 1937, when he moved, as his daughter had graduated from school, and was now attending a private girl's school; that IVERSON had not left a forwarding address, but could be located at his place of business.

She stated IVERSON had been a very desirable tenant, and held a responsible position, and in her opinion was of good reputation and character.

HAROLD IVERSON was interviewed at his office, at the Michle Printing Press and Manufacturing Company, 582 Howard, where he is Manager. He stated he had made a business trip to the Northern part of California, and because of road conditions, in order to go from Eureka to Yreka, he had to go around Grants Pass, Oregon; that he had not been to Portland, Oregon. He stated he left San Francisco on December 13th, and returned on December 18th; that he traveled north on Highway 101, and returned south on Highway 99; that he spent the night of December 16th at Chico, California.

He stated he had never made any inquiries, or purchased any booklets pertaining to tides or currents in the San Francisco Bay. IVERSON stated his present residence address is 3101 Gough Street, San Francisco, California.

In view of the position held by IVERSON, and the fact that he was not in Portland, Oregon on December 15 or 16, 1937, further investigation is deemed unnecessary.

On January 6, 1938 a representative of the "San Francisco Examiner" telephonically contacted F. C. DUPUIS, Night Clerk at the San Francisco Office, advising that two women had been held up in Oakland, California, by a youth, brandishing a gun, and asserting he was COLE; that he had just finished writing up the story, and that the robberies must have occurred about midnight; that the women were accosted separately, and that the youth followed one of them for several blocks, explaining what a tough guy he was; that the gross receipts from the two robberies was a purse containing \$1.00.

The informant advised that the Oakland Police discounted the incident, particularly since the description given by the Victims robbed in no respect resembled that of either Subject.

As a result of this information, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. H. OLSON, on January 6, 1938, at Oakland, California.

Lieutenant JAMES A. COONNIGHT, Oakland Police Department, exhibited to Agent OLSON reports filed by the investigating officers. Report filed by Inspectors GEORGE WURTHMAN and CLIMTON R. KUMES, reflected Mrs. IRMA MOLA, 1307 Adeline Street, Oakland, California, on January 5, 1938, at approximately 7:50 p.m., had just got off a street car at 17th Avenue and East 14th Street, and was on route to the home of her friend, Mrs. E. COSTA, 1700 S. 15th Street, when she observed a man walking across the street, about midway in the block. This man walked along to her side, and stated in a muffled voice something similar to "I just came from Alcatraz". The man was holding a scarf, or something similar, over his face, with his left hand, and with his right hand reached into his overcoat pocket, and exhibited a small automatic pistol, asking her where she was going, to which she replied "To a friend".

The man then told Mrs. MOLA not to make any outcry, and demanded she give him her purse, which she did, the purse containing a one dollar bill. The man told Mrs. MOLA to walk on, and he would follow. However, the man then walked back across the street, and into the darkness, and later Mrs. MOLA heard a door slam, which sounded like an automobile door.

Relative to this report, Agent interviewed Inspectors WURTHMAN and KUMES, who advised they answered the call at 8 p.m., and after interviewing Mrs. MOLA, and securing a description of the man,

they had made a thorough search of the neighborhood with negative results, but they had also ascertained from Mrs. MOLA she would be unable to identify the man, and for that reason had not shown her any photographs of ROE or COLE.

Mrs. MOLA was interviewed by Agent at her residence, and in substance told the same story as set out above, with the additional information that as near as she could determine, she would say the individual that had accosted her was not over twenty-one years of age.

She stated if she saw the same man again, she would not be able to identify him, as his face had been completely covered, all but his eyes, and that it was dark. She stated the man was about 5'10" tall, slender, weighing possibly 170 pounds, and was wearing a dark overcoat and hat.

Photographs of ROE and COLE were not shown to Mrs. MOLA.

The Police report filed by Inspectors A. B. SAILORSON and R. BELYEN, of the Oakland Police Department, reflected Mrs. FLORENCE SINGER, 592 Mira Vista Avenue, Oakland, California, at 7:30 p.m., on January 5, 1938, had a similar experience as Mrs. MOLA, only her purse or money was not taken. The man accosting Mrs. SINGER as she was walking along the sidewalk towards her home, at first stated to her "Don't let a peep out of you. I have you covered." He exhibited a small, nickel-plated revolver, and then stated "So you recognized me in the store". She stated to the man that she had not. The man had then replied "I am one of those men from Alcatraz. I am COLE." The man then left, and did not molest Mrs. SINGER further.

Inspector BELYEN was interviewed at the Oakland Police Department, and stated at 7:45 p.m., he and Inspector SAILORSON had answered the call; that they had made a thorough search of the neighborhood, as well as observing persons getting on trains and street cars, but had been unsuccessful in locating the man. Inspector BELYEN stated, in his opinion, this man is identical with the young man who was not sacked, that had placed a gun in a woman's stomach in the same neighborhood, on the night of December 31, 1937, at which time this man was described as nineteen or twenty years of age. The woman was not otherwise molested.

Mrs. SINGER was interviewed at her home, and in substance furnished the same information as already obtained. She stated she would be unable to identify the man if she saw him again, due to the blue bandana handkerchief he had over his face, with his hat pushed down. She stated at the time they were under a street lamp, and she took a good look at the man's hair and eyes, and noted that his eyes were brown, and his hair black. She described him as twenty years of age, 6' tall, very slender narrow shoulders; that the man had a thin face, with a medium voice, and was wearing a black overcoat, and hat.

Photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to Mrs. SINGER, who stated that neither COLE'S nor ROE'S eyes were similar to the man's eyes that had accosted her.

Lieutenant GOODNIGHT and the three Inspectors contacted, stated in their opinion there was no connection between ROE and COLE and the bandit.

Further investigation in this matter was deemed unnecessary.

On December 31, 1937 Special Agent in Charge H.J.L. PIFFER received telephonical information from Mr. LANG, of the "San Francisco Examiner", who stated that an underworld individual and informant of the newspapers had stated that one HOWARD KAVANAUGH, of Mill Valley, California, might bear checking in connection with instant case, as KAVANAUGH is the proprietor of a plumbing business, and also has a riding academy, but is believed to use these as a "front"; that about four months ago KAVANAUGH is supposed to have had a boiler contract on Alcatraz Island, and that one of his employees on that job got into trouble with one of the guards.

LANG suggested that there might possibly be something of a lead in connection with this information.

As a result of the information, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. H. OLSON, on January 7, 1938:

In an effort to obtain information relative to HOWARD KAVANAUGH, at Mill Valley, California, Agent contacted the Assistant Postmaster, A. VARNEY, Varney Bros. Plumbing and Hardware Company, WILLIAM BERGER, Manager, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, D. G. HUDILOFF, City Water Department, the latter telephonically contacting Mrs. M. G. CULLING, Record Clerk, Water Department for Marin County, California, without obtaining any information. The Assistant Postmaster did not recall the name. BERGER had no service record in the files of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. A. VARNEY advised that he had been in business for nineteen years in Mill Valley, and that no one by the name of KAVANAUGH was either a plumber or contractor in that vicinity. HUDILOFF advised the City water records did not contain the name of KAVANAUGH.

JOSEPH CADET, Police Officer, Mill Valley, California, stated he knew KAVANAUGH, having arrested KAVANAUGH about six months ago for speeding; that KAVANAUGH was managing the Mill Valley Riding Club, and had been in Mill Valley for about one year; that during the past year KAVANAUGH has employed, at various times, and for short periods of time, the following men to work around the stables: WILSON MARCOGAN, LOREN LOVELL, CLAUDE BUTLER, RALPH MARCOGAN, and FRED WILLARD, this appearing unusual, as these individuals are local young men from eighteen to twenty years of age, and have local police records for petty thievery; that as a result of KAVANAUGH'S employment of these

individuals, the Police at Mill Valley have, and are still watching the residence of KAVANAUGH, for the purpose of determining if KAVANAUGH may be a "fence", or in some way connected with a racket.

CANET stated that no strangers had been seen around KAVANAUGH'S residence, or the stables, other than the persons hiring riding horses.

He stated had anyone answering Subjects' descriptions been observed around there, the Mill Valley Police Department would have immediately notified the San Francisco Division Office.

It is stated here that the Mill Valley Police Department, under Chief of Police MCGOWAN, has been very cooperative with the San Francisco Division, in instant case, reported all information received by the Police to the San Francisco Division, and assisted in the investigation whenever their services were required.

Accompanied by Police Officer CANET, Agent interviewed HOWARD KAVANAUGH at his residence. KAVANAUGH stated that he was born June 25, 1906, at Devils Lake, North Dakota, and came to San Francisco, California, with his parents when he was a young man; that he is married to HILMA WITATA, who originally came from British Columbia, Canada, and they have one child. He stated that he was formerly employed as a boiler maker by WALTER S. IRELAND, 55 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California, a boiler maker contractor; that he worked for this contractor for a period of about three years, and around September, 1936, IRELAND obtained a contract with the prison authorities for removing four old boilers, and installing two new boilers in the engine room at Alcatraz Island; that this work consumed approximately six months, and was completed about March 1, 1937.

He stated he had been in charge of the boiler work, and had employed under him FRANK BETTENCOURT and his cousin, HOWARD MANEY. He stated that the only trouble that he could recall of one of the employees being involved in at Alcatraz, was on one morning, while the three of them were on a truck waiting to go from the dock to the engine room, a remark was made that they would have to wait for a guard; that HOWARD MANEY made a smart remark to the effect "If there were any guards around there"; that a guard stationed on top of the wall heard this remark, and reported it to Warden JOHNSTON, and MANEY was called into the

office by Warden JOHNSTON, and told that if he made any further smart remarks, his pass would be revoked, and he would not be allowed to come to the Island again.

KAVANAUGH stated that when he first went to work on the Island, Warden JOHNSTON had given him and the other men definite instructions that they were not to attempt to talk or signal to any of the prisoners, nor to wave their hands, or to make any kind of motions towards the prisoners; that disobedience to this rule would mean they could not come to the Island and work.

KAVANAUGH stated upon their arrival at the Island in the morning, they had to stay at the dock until a guard arrived to accompany them to the engine room; that they were under orders to remain around the engine room, and should they want to go to the dock to obtain supplies, it was necessary to call the Warden, and a guard would be sent to accompany them to the dock. They stated the men with KAVANAUGH were not to attempt to communicate with the prisoners in any manner. KAVANAUGH stated the rules at Alcatraz were very strict, and at no time was he, or any of the men, allowed any opportunity to contact any of the prisoners.

He stated that he had no knowledge relative to ROE or COLE, and had never been contacted by anyone in behalf of these men; that should either come to his place, he would notify the local authorities, and if he had the time, would notify the San Francisco Division.

He stated that HOWARD MANEY is a cousin, and is residing with him at Mill Valley; that FRANK BETTENCOURT originally came from Oxnard, California, and is now stopping at the Mark Twain Hotel, Stockton, California; that he does not believe BETTENCOURT has ever been arrested; that BETTENCOURT, while living with GEORGE HEIRICH at 20 Stockton Street, San Francisco, during the time he was employed working on the boiler at Alcatraz, had a fire in his room, and his pass to the Island had been burned up, and as a result of this, BETTENCOURT had signed an affidavit reflecting that the pass had been burned, and a new pass was issued to BETTENCOURT.

KAVANAUGH stated it was his responsibility to see, after the work was completed, the passes were returned to the prison authorities, and that he had personally returned his own,

that of HOWARD MANEY, and also the second pass issued to BETTENCOURT.

He stated another individual by the name of CARL SITHIEMER had also been employed by IELAND for a short period of time; that SITHIEMER is now back East someplace.

KAVANAUGH stated that the only trouble he has ever been involved in was an arrest by the Police Department at San Francisco, California, about seven or eight years ago, over a signature appearing on a check; that he was charged with forgery, but later the charge was dismissed.

At the Identification Bureau of the San Francisco Police Department, a criminal record of HOWARD J. KAVANAUGH was exhibited to Agent, which is San Francisco Police Department No. 46128. This record reflected that KAVANAUGH was arrested on April 9, 1931 on a charge of forgery, and the case was dismissed on December 12, 1931.

The Identification Bureau of the San Francisco Police Department also contains a record relative to HOWARD MANEY, which is their number 55316. This record reflects that HOWARD MANEY, on June 2, 1937, at San Francisco, California, was arrested on a charge of second degree burglary, was placed on three years' probation, and sentenced to one year in the County Jail, this sentence being suspended. No Police record could be found under the name of FRANK BETTENCOURT.

The following information was obtained from personal observation, interrogation, and the records of the Identification Bureau, San Francisco Police Department:

Name	HOWARD JOHN KAVANAUGH.
Age	31 (born 6/25/06).
Birthplace	Devils Lake, North Dakota.
Height	5'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
Weight	131 lbs.
Build	Slender.
Hair	Dark chestnut.
Eyes	Light brown.
Complexion	Ruddy.
Marital Status	Married.
Race	White.
Nationality	American.

Relatives

Wife: HILMA WITALA KAVANAUGH.
Mother: NORA KAVANAUGH,
3809 - 20th Street,
San Francisco, California.
Father: MAT KAVANAUGH,
Alaska.
Brother: LAWRENCE KAVANAUGH,
with mother.
Brother: NYAL KAVANAUGH,
with father.
Brother: HAROLD KAVANAUGH,
Cedar Ridge, Colorado.
Wife's sister: ESTHER WITALA,
922 Franklin Street, San
Francisco, California.

Criminal record San Francisco Police Department
No. 46128.

KAVANAUGH is presently employed by E. L. STEEN,
who operates the Golden Gate Riding Academy, at San Francisco,
California, and the Mill Valley Riding Club, at Mill Valley, Calif-
ornia, and has been so employed since April 1, 1937.

Subsequent to the above interview, Special Agent
A. E. FARLAND obtained the following information from the officials
at Alcatraz Penitentiary: That a pass was issued to HOWARD
KAVANAUGH on September 11, 1936, pass number 361. This pass was
turned in for cancellation on March 2, 1937. A pass was issued
to FRANK BETTENCOURT, No. 369, 3809 - 20th Street, San Francisco,
California, on September 19, 1936, BETTENCOURT reporting the pass
was destroyed by fire, and signed an affidavit dated November 17,
1936, and pass No. 378 was then issued. This pass, dated November
12, 1936 was turned in on March 9, 1937. A pass was also issued
to CARL SILHIMER, 1121 McAllister Street, San Francisco, Calif-
ornia, being pass number 366, and issued on September 19, 1936, and
was turned in on April 9, 1937. These three individuals were em-
ployed by WALTER S. IELAND, 55 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco,
California, and worked during the periods indicated, installing
new boilers and equipment in the power plant.

The only information that Agent FARLAND was able
to obtain relative to any trouble employees of IELAND had been
involved in, was a report filed December 7, 1936 by Junior Officer

R. K. BAKER, who reported that FRANK BLTENECOURT had made the statement he had been in plenty of jails, but not under the name he now uses, and boasted of the fact that the Department of Justice could never investigate his history, as he had used too many "phoney" names.

The passes referred to above were loaned to the San Francisco Division. However, as no further investigation is being conducted relative to KAVANAUGH, they are being returned to the prison authorities in Alcatraz Penitentiary.

From information obtained, it does not appear that KAVANAUGH, or any of his associates, are involved in this case, and therefore no further investigation is deemed necessary. It is believed that should any suspicious characters appear around KAVANAUGH'S home, that this will be noted by the Police Officers at Mill Valley, and will be immediately reported to the San Francisco Division. In the event any information is received from this source, it will be given immediate attention.

The following investigation was conducted in Sacramento, California, by Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR, on January 11, 1938.

Agent contacted R. B. RYAN, in charge of operations of Firestone Auto Supply and Service Store, 16th and L Streets, and ascertained that Ford Coupe, motor #18-1913551, license #441172, was driven by L. R. WHITSETT, and RYAN did authorize him to make the business trip into Oregon.

Agent interviewed L. R. WHITSETT, who stated that he is a salesman for the local Firestone Store. He has worked as such salesman for the past six or eight months. Prior to that, for a number of years, he operated filling stations in Sacramento, the last of which was located on 12 North B Street.

Sometime ago he negotiated a tire sale for the Riggs and Flood Truck Terminal of Sacramento, to J. C. KILLEN, who now lives in Ashland, Oregon. Mr. KILLEN never paid for the tires, and WHITSETT made the trip up and back to Ashland around December 15 and 16, 1937. He went right up and came right back. The trip was only to Ashland, and for the sole purpose of trying to collect money from KILLEN. He never was near Portland, and never purchased any books entitled "Current Tables, Pacific Coast," or "Tidal Current Chart, San Francisco Bay".

Description of WHITSETT, as obtained by personal observation:

Name	L. R. WHITSETT
Height	6'.
Weight	190 - 200 lbs.
Build	Heavy.
Hair	Light, slightly greying.
Age	35 - 40 years.
Eyes	Blue.
Complexion	Fair.

Agent contacted W. L. DORIAN, 3019 Eye Street, owner of 1935 Plymouth Sedan, license #AA3390, motor #PJ238690. Mr. DORIAN is manager of the Owl Drug Store, 9th and K Streets. He has been manager of this store for about a year. For eighteen years previous to that he worked for the Owl Drug Company in San Francisco. He was born in Sacramento,

and sailed in the Navy for a few years.

He states his car has never been out of the State, except in 1936 when he made a trip into Nevada, and came back into the State from Reno. He has not been into Oregon or Washington. In the month of December he was never out of Sacramento, except once, to San Francisco, and the same is true of his car. He and his wife are the only ones who drive it, and he states that he knows the car has not been out of the State. He never purchased any of the above-mentioned books.

The following is a description of W. L. DORIAN,
From Agent's personal observation:

Name	W. L. DORIAN.
Height	5'10".
Weight	170 - 180 lbs.
Build	Stout.
Hair	Black and greying.
Eyes	Blue.
Age	40 years.

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent (A) M. B. MYERSON:

An investigation was made of all automobiles stolen in the Bay area around San Francisco, for the period December 14 to 18, 1937, both inclusive, on the theory that Subjects may have stolen a car in San Francisco to aid them in their escape. It appears that all cars stolen and recovered in the cities where they were first missed may be properly eliminated, and were so eliminated from consideration, particular attention being given to the cars which were stolen during the period mentioned, and recovered at other points.

At this time, all cars stolen in the San Francisco Bay area from a date early in December, 1937 to a date early in January, 1938, have been recovered, with one exception. In addition, an automobile was stolen in San Francisco on December 16th, and recovered in Salinas, California several days later. This was a 1929 Pontiac Sedan, blue in color, bearing license #AD6838, stolen from a garage at 1360 Eddy Street, San Francisco, about 4:08 p.m., on December 16th. The owner, ROY E. KEIHL, 1360 Eddy Street, informed the local Police when he reported the theft that the car had been stolen by one DON BRADY, eighteen years of age, of the same address, who, in the company of another boy and two young girls, had taken the car for a joy ride, without his permission.

At the Auto Detail of the San Francisco Police Department, Agent ascertained that owner KEIHL refused to swear out a complaint against BRADY, and their file was closed on the matter.

As to the car which has not been recovered, it is a Packard 1937 Sedan, black in color, which bore 1937 Michigan license plates #Y28884, and disappeared on December 17, 1937. The car was stolen from a used car parking lot at 1520 Market Street, San Francisco, about 6:40 p.m., on said date, being the premises of one EDWARD SHAPIRO, a used car dealer.

At the Auto Detail of the San Francisco Police Department, Agent learned on December 23, 1937 that this car had not yet been recovered; that SHAPIRO, although shown as the registered owner at this time, had title transferred to him only by

reason of the fact he had made a few loans to the driver of the car, one KAMMETH/POOLE, and the car had been left as security. Mr. GLOISTED, of the Auto Detail, informed Agent that it was his understanding that Mr. SHAPIRO had made two or three very small loans on the car, and that POOLE used a duplicate set of keys, and had driven it away.

Agent interviewed the employee of Mr. SHAPIRO, who reported the theft to the Police Department, and was informed by him on December 28, 1937 that the car had not yet been recovered. This man stated that SHAPIRO had loaned small sums of money to POOLE, and the car had been left as security, although the loans amounted to only a fraction of the value of the car; that he and SHAPIRO are confident that POOLE, himself, came to the parking lot, and by using a duplicate set of keys, started the car, and drove it away.

This man further advised that while the car was on the lot, POOLE was a daily visitor, but since its disappearance, they have been unable to locate him.

From Inspector HARRY ORBELL, in charge of the Auto Detail of the Oakland, California Police Department, it was learned that all cars stolen in Oakland, from December 18, 1937 to January 4, 1938, have been recovered. Only one, he informed Agent, was recovered outside of the City of Oakland, same being a 1933 Chevrolet Coach, motor #4327794, serial #6AB31652, 1937 license #46213, which, on January 22, 1937, was transferred to #4327794, 1137 - 98th Avenue, Oakland.

Inspector ORBELL advised this car was stolen at Oakland on December 18th, and recovered at Santa Cruz, California on December 24th; that the owner informed him that the person responsible for the theft was one CLARENCE MATHEWS, who the Police Department believe is a fifteen year old boy, residing approximately one block from Mr. LAMBERT'S residence. However, they have been unable to again contact Mr. LAMBERT to ascertain whether this young man is the CLARENCE MATHEWS whom they had in mind. However, Inspector ORBELL advised that several other CLARENCE MATHEWS had been investigated at Oakland, and found to have been residents of the city for various periods of time, and in any event he feels that the car mentioned may be safely eliminated as one that might have been used by Subjects in furthering their plans for escape.

Inspector ORBELL advised that he has not closed his file on this car or CLARENCE MATHEWS, and in the event he is

able to obtain any further information regarding the theft, or persons responsible therefor, he will immediately advise the San Francisco Office.

On January 6, 1938, CAPTAIN PARKER, Divisional Superintendent, Coast Guard, San Francisco, California, telephonically advised Special Agent J. E. Thornton that he had received information from MANUEL F. OLIVER, who had formerly been a Chief Boatswain's Mate, retired, that a small boat had been stolen from him about December 15, 1937, and it might possibly have some connection with the Alcatraz Escape; that OLIVER resided at 475 - 19th Avenue, San Francisco, California, telephone, Evergreen 2553 and would be home each day after 2.00 P.M.

As a result of this information, Special Agent Charles H. Olson conducted the following investigation:

After several unsuccessful attempts to contact MANUEL F. OLIVER at his home, Agent Olson contacted him telephonically on January 9, 1938.

He stated the only information he had relative to the boat was supplied to him by his friend, an individual by the name of NICK who owned several boats and could be located at the foot of Mariposa Street, where a boat club was located. He stated the boat was stolen three days prior to the escape of subjects from Alcatraz Island and during a very heavy storm; that the boat had been recovered on January 8, 1938, by NICK and himself at the docks of the Rabco Products Company, Emeryville, California, where they had contacted a watchman who claimed the boat had drifted in right after the storm and was partially submerged in the water; that the watchman had waited until the tide had receded and then had bailed the water out of the boat and tied it up at the dock. He stated he did not know the date the boat had been recovered by the watchman and further that the boat did not belong to him.

GEORGE NICHOLS, nickname NICK, residence 255 - 14th Street, San Francisco, California, was contacted at the Cruiser Boat Club, Mariposa Street and Illinois Street, January 9, 1938 by Agent Olson.

This boat club is situated near the Union Iron Works and the Mariposa Boat Club. The waters from the San Francisco Bay at this point form a basin which is referred to as the Central Basin. A number of small private owned boats, as well as boats belonging to the Union Iron Works are harbored in this basin.

NICHOLS stated about two and a half months ago, a man by the name of BEDFORD had brought to the club his boat for the purpose of having the boat sold; that the boat was a home made metal boat, 14 feet long, 45 feet wide with water tight air tanks in both the front and rear of the boat. The boat was equipped with two brackets on the rear for an outdoor motor to be attached.

NICHOLS stated several unknown persons had examined the boat prior to its disappearance but that he had not taken their names.

He stated about three weeks ago, around the middle of December, a bad storm arose which lasted several days; that on the first night of the storm, about thirty persons, owners of boats and sea scouts had been at the basin making fast their boats and it was on the first night, in this storm, that the boat had disappeared. He stated the boat had been seen at 2.00 A.M. by BILL ALEXANDER of the Cruiser Club and was discovered missing at 7.00 A.M. by the same individual. NICHOLS stated that the boat had been chained and padlocked, however, this statement was later proved to be incorrect. He stated that when the boat first disappeared he did not think it had been stolen, but was probably being used by some other individual who owned a larger boat, and was using the missing boat as a life boat for a day or two. He stated that this practice was most usual around the club.

NICHOLS stated in his opinion it would have been impossible for the boat to have been washed away by the storm and suggested that it was possible for someone to have broken the padlock and then paddle the boat around to the ramp of the Mariposa Boat Club and load it on to an auto trailer and taken it away. He stated after the boat had been missing several days he had reported its disappearance to MANUEL OLIVER, and together, on January 8, 1938, they had made a search for the boat, locating it at the docks of the Pabco Products Company, Emeryville, California; that the boat had been returned; that a man who appeared to be a watchman at the Pabco Products Company, had told them the boat was recovered half submerged in water the day after the storm and that he had waited for the tide to recede at which time he had emptied the boat of water and sand and then tied it up at the dock.

NICHOLS pointed out the boat to agent and it was observed to be 14 feet long, 5 feet wide. The sides of the boat were badly dented, one bracket on the rear having been broken off making a hole in the air tank. The floor boards were missing indicating the boat had been washed up against the rocks or other obstacles in the bay during the storm.

BILL ALEXANDER, Cruiser Club, Mariposa and Illinois Streets, San Francisco, California, stated that BEDFORD'S boat, the night it disappeared, had not been padlocked but the chain had been secured to another boat.

He stated the boat was in the harbor at 1.30 A.M. but was missing at 7.00 A.M. He could not recall the date, but was certain it was the first night of the storm, there having been no storm since that period.

At Emeryville, California, Agent Olson was unable to locate anyone around the dock of the Paraffine Company, Inc. manufacturers of Pabco Products. However, at the office of this company RAY BAKER, Fire Chief for the company was contacted. He stated he and California State Game Warden BILL LaMARR had been on the docks of the company and had noticed a small boat tied up to the wharf; that upon making inquiries had ascertained the boat had been recovered

the day before by two employees of a barge which was hauling oil for the Union Oil Company. He stated he was unable to recall this date, but that the date could be established from the company's records of passes issued which would reflect the date LAFARR had been at the plant. He stated this information could be obtained telephonically from the telephone operator of the company who would be on duty the following day, telephone number being Olympia 8400.

Subsequently the telephone operator was telephonically contacted and advised that the records of the company reflected LAFARR had visited the plant on December 16, 1937, which would mean that the boat was recovered on December 15, 1937, according to the statement of BAKER.

E. W. CRAIG, U. S. Weather Bureau, 119 Federal Building, San Francisco, California, examined the records of the weather bureau and advised the records reflected a storm in the San Francisco Bay area commencing December 9, 1937 and lasting until December 12, 1937 at which time the wind changed from the southeast direction to the southwest direction. The velocity of the wind on December 9, 1937 was 24 miles an hour, on December 10, 1937, 28 miles an hour and on December 11, 1937, 34 miles an hour.

In view of the information obtained it clearly proves that the boat referred to could not have been used by subjects and no further investigation is being conducted, however, prior to obtaining complete information relative to the recovery of the boat, agent Olson had endeavored to obtain the identity of the persons actually recovering the boat, at the office of the Union Oil Company, Emeryville, California, with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. FITZKUCH WILSON.

Reference is made to letter from the Seattle Office to the Portland Office dated December 22, 1937, in which is set forth a list of persons leaving Seattle, Washington for Portland, Oregon or San Francisco, California by plane during the period December 12 to 15, 1937, inclusive.

Investigation here on December 28, 1937 identified five of the eight persons listed therein as having their destinations San Francisco. The three who were not identified, together with the addresses or phone numbers shown opposite their names in the aforementioned letter, are set out below:

DR. B. G. DUPRY, New Washington Hotel
E. WELCH, New Washington Hotel
H. A. OLSEN, boarded plane at Tacoma, Washington

Investigation covering the first two of these three persons at both the New Washington Hotel, 650 - 4th Street, and the Washington Hotel, 342 Grant Avenue, both San Francisco, was wholly negative. The New Washington Hotel is nothing but a low-class bar and tavern with rooms above, frequented largely by seamen, stevedores, railroad workers and truck drivers. The Washington Hotel is a normal class B hotel in a good location. There are no other hotels in San Francisco with names similar to that of the New Washington Hotel.

Check was also made of all of the H. A. OLSEN listed in the 1937 San Francisco and other nearby bay city directories with negative results.

No leads are being set out at this time for the Seattle Office to conduct further investigation in this regard inasmuch as the aforementioned reference letter indicated that investigation was then being conducted by said office to determine the identities of the persons whose names were listed in that letter.

Inquiry at the Standard Oil Company of California, 225 Bush Street, through MR. STANLEY MASSEY of the Personnel Department, disclosed that J. A. BLANCHARD holds the position of a specialty salesman in their Seattle, Washington sales office and has been associated with that company since July, 1917. It was further learned that MR. BLANCHARD is presently in Seattle and can be best contacted at their office there, which is located in the Exchange Building, 321 Second Avenue.

Similar inquiry at the American Can Company, 111 Sutter Street, through MR. JOHN M. BYRNE, Office Manager, disclosed they had no record of an E. W. BASS or an J. F. McCHARLES. He suggested, however, that future inquiry be made at their Pacific factory, 22nd and 3rd Streets, as some people of that name were employed at that office. Inquiry at the latter place through MR. J. W. WILSON, Personnel Manager, disclosed that they have no E. W. BASS but do have a CECIL W. BASS, who is employed as a lithograph mechanic and works out of their Pacific Coast lithographing department. This MR. BASS resides in San Francisco at 1724 - 23rd Avenue, but is presently in Seattle on business for his company. He travels a territory extending from Vancouver, B. C. to Los Angeles, California. He has been with the American Can Company better than ten years. MR. CARL SHOOF, who is in charge of the lithographing department indicated that he remembers having had to recall MR. BASS from Seattle to San Francisco about December 13, 1937 due to the latter's wife being taken suddenly ill and that MR. BASS on said occasion made the trip by plane. MR. SHOOF further indicated that MR. BASS expected to remain in Seattle until about January 8, 1937, and that he could best be reached at their plant in said city, which is located at Vine and Elliott Streets.

It would seem, therefore, that this MR. BASS is the one actually referred to by the Seattle Office in their afore-mentioned letter to the Portland Office relative to persons leaving Seattle for Portland or San Francisco by plane during the period December 12 to 15, 1937, inclusive, although the name specifically mentioned in said letter was "E. W. BASS." This belief would appear to be further strengthened by the fact that search of the 1937 San Francisco and other nearby bay city directories for information as to an E. W. BASS was absolutely negative.

Inquiry at the General Insurance Company of America, 353 Montgomery Street, through MR. M. R. SORENSON, Personnel Manager, disclosed that R. H. BALDWIN is the vice-president of said company and has his headquarters in the General Insurance Company Building, East 45th and Brooklyn Streets, Seattle, Washington. MR. SORENSON also indicated that MR. BALDWIN is in charge of the investment end of the company and has been with them since 1923.

Investigation covering D. E. McCORMACK and L. A. ELSENER disclosed that they are DWIGHT F. McCORMACK, vice-president and general manager, Sherman, Clay & Co., Sutter and Kearny Streets, San Francisco, and LAWRENCE A. ELSENER, Manager of the Chicago

Bridge and Iron Company, 526 Rialto Building, 116 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Both of these gentlemen were interviewed with negative results. It was also observed during the course of these interviews that their descriptions were quite dissimilar to the one reported for the individual who is alleged to have purchased in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937 charts covering the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island.

Leads will be set out later herein requesting the Seattle Office to interview MESSRS. J. A. BLANCHARD, CECIL W. BASS, and R. H. BALEWIN for the purpose of determining whether any of them is identical with or has any information regarding said purchaser of the afore-mentioned tidal charts.

Reference is made to pages 28 to 30 inclusive of the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton dated December 23, 1937 at San Francisco, California, regarding one DON EBREY.

On December 27, 1937, attempt was made to locate DON EBREY at the address furnished by him on December 21, 1937 (Garner Hotel, 513 Bush Street, San Francisco) when he was interviewed at this office, with negative results. MRS. HATTIE ADAMS, proprietor of the aforementioned hotel, permitted Agent Wilson to review the register, which disclosed that EBREY and one JAMES MORTON (appeared to be "MORTON" although last name was written quite illegibly) had registered in Room 28 on December 13, 1937. MRS. ADAMS stated they had paid the room rent for a week in advance but had not stayed the week out, having left after a few days' residence, how many she was unable to say. She stated further that neither of these individuals had left any forwarding or other address by which they could be reached, although EBREY when he departed had left a bag of dirty laundry which he requested MRS. ADAMS to hold for him, stating he would call later for it. To date EBREY has neither called for these clothes nor has any further word been heard from him. MRS. ADAMS also indicated she was unable to furnish a description of either EBREY or MORTON as she had never paid any particular attention to them and she didn't even know which was which by sight. The phone number of the San Francisco Office was left with MRS. ADAMS with the request that she promptly notify this office if EBREY contacted her in any way again or called for his clothes; also, that she request him to call said number immediately. These things she agreed to do.

Effort was made with negative results to locate EBREY through ADOLPH MULLER of the San Francisco News, who had brought EBREY to this office the day the latter was interviewed, through MISS ANITA DAY HUBBARD, columnist of the San Francisco Examiner, who had telephoned this office on the same day with reference to EBREY, and through FRANK PAYNE, carpenter for the San Francisco Examiner under whom EBREY had stated he expected to be employed. FRANK PAYNE indicated EBREY had worked under him for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days during the period December 6 to 16, 1937, inclusive, but had been released on the latter date as the other employees had objected to having an "ex-con" working with them. PAYNE stated he had not had any address for EBREY while the latter was working there nor had he heard from him since, but he did suggest that possibly Officer WILLIAM SULLIVAN of the San Francisco Police Department could furnish some information as to EBREY'S present whereabouts since it was by request of Officer SULLIVAN that he, PAYNE, had given EBREY the employment in the first place.

Officer SULLIVAN stated he, too, had been trying to locate EBREY as he wanted to talk to him but that thus far he had been unable to find him. He added, however, that he believed he knew where EBREY'S former roommate at the Garner Hotel, one JACK MOFFITT (SULLIVAN said that was the roommate's name rather than JAMES MORTON), was working and he thought that possibly he could ascertain EBREY'S present whereabouts through MOFFITT, although it was SULLIVAN'S understanding that MOFFITT and EBREY were no longer living together or on good terms. Officer SULLIVAN stated he would contact the writer again as soon as he had located and conversed with MOFFITT.

* Inquiry at the Community Chest, 45 Second Street, through MISS EVELYN KALSKE of its Adjustment Bureau, for information as to EBREY'S present whereabouts was with negative results as the latest information that the Community Chest had about him was only as recent as December 1, 1937. MISS KALSKE mentioned, however, that their file disclosed that EBREY had resided at the following addresses in San Francisco and that he also at one time had been employed by the Tally-Ho Inn, 451 Bush Street:

42 - 6th Street
Lawrence Hotel, 48 - 6th Street
Baldwin House, 74 - 6th Street
National Hotel, 1139 Market Street
744 McAllister Street

Inquiry at the Tally-Ho Inn, the Lawrence Hotel, the Baldwin House and the National Hotel for information regarding EBREY'S present whereabouts was negative, as the Tally-Ho Inn had no record of EBREY,

the Lawrence Hotel had no record of him since the latter part of October, 1937, the Baldwin House since the early part of December, 1937, and the National Hotel, while it had a record of his stopping there for one night on December 22, 1937, had no record of him subsequent to that date nor had he left any forwarding or other address by which he might be reached. At this latter place the phone number of the San Francisco Office was left with the request that in the event EBREY contacted them again they have him promptly call said number.

Similar inquiry at 42 - 6th Street and 744 McAllister Street was negative. Officer SULLIVAN also advised when contacted on both December 28 and 30, 1937 that he had been unsuccessful in locating either EBREY or his roommate JACK MOFFITT.

In view of the information contained in the report of Special Agent A. M. Lasek, dated December 23, 1937, at Omaha, Nebraska, which definitely discloses that JOE HARRIS, the ex-convict from Oklahoma with whom EBREY claims to have conversed concerning Subjects the night of December 20, 1937 in San Francisco, was incarcerated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska on said date, no further investigation will be conducted to ascertain EBREY'S present whereabouts for the purpose of interviewing him again since it is obvious that the afore-stated information which he furnished to this office December 21, 1937, was erroneous.

DON EBREY was brought to the San Francisco Office by Officer J. D. SULLIVAN, of the San Francisco Police Department; where he was re-interviewed by Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PIEPER. At this time EBREY identified a photograph of JOE HARRIS, who is presently incarcerated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska, and admitted he had not seen JOE HARRIS in years; that his original story to the effect he had seen and talked to JOE HARRIS, in San Francisco, recently, concerning COLE and ROE, was entirely fictitious, and that his plan in telling such a falsehood was to enable him to sell a story concerning the escape of COLE and ROE.

Upon being vigorously interviewed, he admitted he had absolutely no information concerning either COLE or ROE, and therefore no further investigation is being conducted.

On December 28, 1937, an anonymous postal card was received at the San Francisco Field Office reading as follows:

"Sir:

The hideout for the A. fugitives is in bootleg place on Octavia Street near Geary, S.F.

"X"

It was postmarked Oakland, California, December 28, 1937, was addressed "Federal Bureau Investigation, Federal Building, S.F." and was forwarded by the Post Office Department to the present address of this Bureau office, which is Suite 1729 Hunter Dulin Building, San Francisco. There was no further information on this postcard and no clue as to the identity of the writer thereof. It was written in pencil and apparently the handwriting is that of a woman.

Special Agent Louis D. Wine, accompanied by Special Agent Charles H. Olson, proceeded to the corner of Geary and Octavia Streets where cautious inquiry was made of a MR. BRENNER who operates Brenner's Pharmacy at 1401 Geary Street. MR. BRENNER related that there is only one establishment in the vicinity which is known as a bootleg joint, which place is located at 1407 Octavia Street, San Francisco, near the corner of Geary Street. He stated that several days ago there was a disturbance in this establishment, the police were called, and a young girl was arrested. He stated that he is well acquainted in the neighborhood and that there is no other establishment dealing in the illicit sale of intoxicants in this vicinity other than that operated at 1407 Octavia Street.

MR. C. KROSS, who operates the Kross Grocery Store at 1401 Octavia Street, stated that he is engaged in the legitimate sale of intoxicants in addition to operating a grocery store, and that one CHARLES STILPH and his wife are the only persons in the neighborhood who operate a bootleg establishment and that they are located at 1407 Octavia Street.

MADAM NORA PEDERSON, Clairvoyant and Psychic, who resides at 1403 Octavia Street, next door to this bootlegging establishment, was interviewed. MADAM PEDERSON is apparently engaged in some illegitimate enterprise herself, and stated she did not know her next-door

neighbors and had only been residing in that locality a few weeks.

CHARLES STIEHL, proprietor of an apartment at 1407 Octavia Street, which has every appearance of being a bootlegging establishment, was interviewed in the presence of his wife, who had the appearance of being a disreputable character. CHARLES STIEHL stated he is employed as a bartender at the Crossroads Bar, San Francisco. He denied that he had been engaged in bootlegging, but stated that some days ago a young girl had come into his apartment and stated she had no place to sleep; that he gave her accommodations, and that a woman who represented herself to be the mother of this girl and who said she was MRS. LORREZA had located her daughter there and became very indignant and called the police. She threatened M. STIEHL and said that she would get even with him. M. STIEHL was not advised of the receipt of the anonymous letter but volunteered the information that MRS. LORREZA had written to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the escapes from Alcatraz were hiding in his apartment; that she did this in a spirit of malice as she wanted to get even with him. M. STIEHL stated he did not know MRS. LORREZA; that she said she was a nurse, but he had no information as to her whereabouts or the name of her daughter. CHARLES STIEHL has a very dissipated appearance, but there was no indication that he was affording any protection to these fugitives. He was questioned closely as to the identity and whereabouts of MRS. LORREZA in order that she might be interviewed for the purpose of determining whether or not she was the author of this anonymous postal card, but he denied that he had any information as to her identity or whereabouts.

Inquiry was made by telephone of the secretary of the Nurses Official Registry of San Francisco County, 1155 Pine Street, San Francisco, and there was no one by the name of LORREZA registered there.

MRS. A. J. ANDERSON, 1445 Funston Avenue, San Francisco, California, sister of GEORGE W. KERR, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 45, who visited KERR on August 11, 1936, was interviewed at her home by Special Agents Wine and Olson on December 29, 1937.

MRS. ANDERSON stated she has not visited her brother since some time in August, 1936, and is not contemplating doing so in the future. She stated she corresponds with her brother regularly but that he has not mentioned anything to her about the escape of ROE or COLE, and she is certain that neither of these two men, if they were successful in their escape, would contact her as she does not know either man and is certain her brother would not give anybody her address or that of his immediate family.

She stated her mother is now old and feeble and is residing at 173 - 10th Avenue, San Francisco, California; that her brother, GEORGE KERR, is residing with her mother. She stated she is certain none of the family could give any information relative to either ROE or COLE; however, if it is necessary that her mother be contacted, she requested that this be done through her brother.

MRS. ANDERSON and her husband both offered their cooperation and assured agents that in the event they secure any information relative to COLE or ROE this information will be immediately furnished to the San Francisco Division. MRS. ANDERSON also advised that GRACE SAUER, 1361 Kansas Street, San Francisco, was her brother GEORGE'S common law wife prior to his conviction and that her brother in his last letter had requested that she get some papers from GRACE and furnish them to him, these papers pertaining to KERR'S trial at the time of his conviction for mail robbery. MRS. ANDERSON stated that she had made efforts to locate GRACE SAUER but had been unsuccessful.

MRS. KATHLEEN McCLURE, at the time she visited her brother, ROBERT KRESS, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 392, on December 17, 1937, gave as her address the Shaw Hotel, San Francisco. Special Agent Olson on December 29, 1937, contacted EDD G. EVANS, clerk of the Shaw Hotel, who made a check of the hotel records and located the registration card of KATHLEEN McCLURE and child, who registered on December 10, 1937 and checked out of the hotel on December 16, 1937 without leaving any forwarding address. The registration card reflected KATHLEEN McCLURE'S address as West 3113 Garland Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

EVANS stated while KATHLEEN McCLEURE was a guest at the hotel she had written a letter which had been returned to the hotel; that this letter was then forwarded to KATHLEEN McCLEURE at the Spokane, Washington address and had not been returned, indicating the Spokane address is evidently correct.

MAURICE LEVIN, 595 - 26th Avenue, San Francisco, California, telephone number, Skyline 9870, whose son WILLIAM LEVIN is Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 186, and who was listed as a visitor at Alcatraz Penitentiary, came to the San Francisco Division after an attempt had been made to contact him at his home by Special Agents Jine and Olson. He was interviewed at the San Francisco Division Office on December 29, 1937 by Agent Olson.

LEVIN stated that his son, WILLIAM LEVIN, is serving a 17-year sentence and has completed 8 years, his son originally being convicted on a narcotics charge. He stated at the present time he is negotiating with the prison authorities endeavoring to have his son transferred from Alcatraz to McNeil Island and believes that he will be successful in the near future. He stated his son is now 31 years of age and he believes his son would tell him anything he knew if given an opportunity to do so. He stated he visits his son regularly and expects to again visit him on January 8, 1938. LEVIN stated that when visiting his son at Alcatraz a guard is always stationed next to him and a guard is also stationed by his son so that all conversations are overheard by the guards. He stated that according to the rules and regulations of the penitentiary a visitor is only allowed to ask certain questions and the prisoner is only allowed to answer certain things. He stated at no time has his son mentioned anything about an escape or an attempt to escape to him, and his son has never complained about the way he has been treated by the penitentiary officials and has never mentioned the name of ROE or COLE, and he has no information whatsoever as to these two men. He stated that should either of these two men ever contact him he would take measures to see that they did not get away before they could be taken into custody.

LEVIN suggested that if it could be arranged with the prison officials, on his next visit to see his son he would endeavor to secure information from his son relative to the escape and suggested that an agent be with him to hear the questions asked and the answers received; that he felt if his son had any information he would tell him. LEVIN requested that in the event this could be arranged, that the inside guard be far enough away so that his son could answer the questions.

LEVIN was advised that this matter would be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge and in the event his suggestion was accepted he would be notified. He requested that if an agent calls at his home not to mention to anyone else he is a government man as several members of his family have no knowledge that his son is in the penitentiary. He requested that in the event he is contacted this be done after 6 p.m. in the evening.

LEVIN stated that the father of his son's wife, whose first name was BETTY, maiden name unknown, had died about six months ago; that she no longer resides at 1267 Filbert Street and he has no knowledge as to her present whereabouts. He stated he believes she is divorced from his son and is now residing around Los Angeles. LEVIN stated that his son WILLIAM had only been married three or four months at the time of his arrest and subsequent conviction; that the LEVIN family had no contact with his son's wife and that the only time they had heard from her was approximately six months ago when they received a telephone call advising them that she was in town and that her father had died.

MRS. A. J. ANDERSON and MAURICE LEVIN were both advised as to the harboring statute.

MRS. T. D. BABCOCK, Apartment 1, 1267 Filbert Street, San Francisco, California, advised that she has been landlady at this apartment house since July 1934 and no one by the name of MRS. WILLIAM LEVIN had rented an apartment during this time, and that she knew no one by that name.

Subsequently MRS. BABCOCK was reinterviewed and she stated that ANTONIO FORALE, who died in May, 1937, at which time he was renting an apartment at this address, had two daughters, BETTY and ANNA; that at the time of his death BETTY came from Los Angeles, California, with her husband, FRED MENJOU and after the burial had returned to Los Angeles without leaving any forwarding address. She stated ANNA CAFORALE was still residing in Apartment 6, where agent Olson made inquiries from a MRS. DUPRESE and was informed that neither ANNA CAFORALE nor BETTY MENJOU were residing there. MRS. DUPRESE stated that she knew both of these women casually but did not have their present addresses. She stated she would endeavor to obtain the address of BETTY and would furnish same to the San Francisco Division.

A check of the San Francisco telephone directory reflected telephone number Prospect 4624 was listed to FRED MENJOU, 1267 Filbert Street, and by calling this number agent contacted ANNA CAFORALE,

who stated that BETTY LEVIN is her sister but at the present time is on a trip back east and she does not know her address or whereabouts but expects to hear from her in the near future, and if she does she will notify the San Francisco Division. She stated her sister is still married to WILLIAM LEVIN but that she does not believe she has visited him or has been in contact with him for some time. ANNA CAPORALE stated that she can be depended upon to contact the San Francisco Division if she receives any information in regard to BETTY.

MORRIS RUBIN, at the time he visited his brother-in-law JOSEPH FISHER, Alcatraz Penitentiary No. 253, on August 5, 1937, gave as his address General Delivery, San Francisco. Agent OLSON contacted Post Office Inspector F. W. SPENCER who caused a check to be made of the records at the General Delivery window and reported that he had ascertained that no one under the name of MORRIS RUBIN was receiving mail at the General Delivery window at the present time. Inspector SPENCER exhibited to Agent an order for a change of address which was filed at the Post Office on July 13, 1937 by an individual signing MORRIS RUBIN, requesting that mail addressed to MORRIS or FAY RUBIN be forwarded to Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, General Delivery.

Reference is made to teletype from the Butte Division to the San Francisco Division dated December 24, 1937, advising that CLARENCE MUELLER, St. Maries, Idaho, was visiting at 234 - 12th Avenue, San Francisco, having left St. Maries, Idaho, on December 15, 1937, driving Dodge Sedan, Idaho license #5A-492.

MUELLER was located at the above address by Special Agent Charles H. Olson, and he stated that he had not been in Portland, Oregon on December 15 and had not purchased any booklets relative to the tidal current charts around San Francisco Bay, or current tables, Pacific Coast, for 1938. He stated that he with his wife left his home at St. Maries, Idaho on December 15 and drove directly to San Francisco by way of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and did not pass through Portland, Oregon; that he is spending his vacation in San Francisco with his wife's mother, Mrs. VERBAUGH, and expects to remain until after the first of the year.

On December 28, 1937, Special Agent Curnea assigned Agent Olson to locate and interview VERNON STOCKTON who is mentioned on page 16 in the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, California, dated December 23, 1937. The San Francisco City Directory does not list anyone under the name of VERNON STOCKTON or DOUGLAS CURNER. It does list about 21 different individuals under the name of WILLIAM HARRIS, and it was deemed advisable by agent to reinterview JOHN GALBRAITH, 480 Lddy Street, San Francisco.

GALBRAITH stated that since he was last interviewed by an agent he had met STOCKTON on the street in San Francisco and STOCKTON had advised him he was living with BILL HARRIS, his brother-in-law, at 605 Sierra Point Road, Brisbane, which is a suburb of San Francisco. GALBRAITH was also questioned relative to whether or not STOCKTON or STOCKTON'S companion had claimed to know either ROE or COLE. He stated neither had claimed to have ever known or heard about COLE or ROE prior to reading about their escape from Alcatraz, which happened the day prior to STOCKTON'S arrival at San Francisco, California, on December 17, 1937. GALBRAITH stated that a local newspaper mentioned that ROE and COLE were Oklahoma outlaws, and as STOCKTON and his companion were from Oklahoma they had made some foolish remark which he could not recall. However, he is certain in his own mind neither STOCKTON nor STOCKTON'S companion knew anything in regard to ROE or COLE.

VERNON H. STOCKTON was interviewed on December 29, 1937 at the home of MILLIE HARRIS by Agents Wine and Olson, STOCKTON at the time being in bed with his wife. STOCKTON denied any knowledge relative to either ROE or COLE and stated he and his wife had traveled with a MRS. RUSSELL, a widow, from Hobart, Oklahoma, to San Francisco, California, in MRS. RUSSELL'S 1937 Plymouth Coach which had Oklahoma license plates attached, arriving at San Francisco at about 2 p.m. on the afternoon of December 17, 1937. He stated they left Hobart, Oklahoma the Monday prior to this date and had stopped at the home of MRS. RUSSELL'S son, CHARLIE RUSSELL, 624 Ventura Avenue, Ventura, California. CHARLIE RUSSELL had then accompanied his mother to San Francisco, California. STOCKTON stated MRS. RUSSELL, after visiting with her son and attempting to contact some friends at Oakland, California, had proceeded to Fresno, California, to visit other relatives and it was his understanding MRS. RUSSELL was then going to return to her home at Hobart, Oklahoma.

He stated an individual by the name of BUG, whose true name is unknown to him, had also accompanied them in MRS. RUSSELL'S automobile from Hobart, Oklahoma to San Francisco; that BUG had friends in Oakland, California, and was contemplating locating those friends and attempting to obtain employment, and if he was unsuccessful, BUG was going to return to Hobart, Oklahoma.

STOCKTON stated his parents, G. B. and FRANCES STOCKTON resided at Hobart, Oklahoma, on Route 1.

From the information thus far obtained it does not appear that either STOCKTON or BUG is involved in this case, or that they have any information of value, and therefore further investigation is being discontinued relative to these two individuals.

A woman who refused to give her name telephonically called the San Francisco Field Division and reported to Special Agent J. E. Thoraton that it was her opinion that the two escaped convicts might have contact at Cincotta Bros., 169 Jefferson Street, telephone Prospect 8570, San Francisco, inasmuch as persons operating fishing boats made this a rendezvous.

It was discreetly ascertained that Cincotta Bros. are ship chandlers and furnish various supplies to the crab fishermen and deep-sea fishermen who operate from Fishermen's Wharf, San Francisco. They are reported to be reliable and trustworthy and have a well-established business.

ANTONE CINCOTTA, Manager of Cincotta Bros., 169 Jefferson Street, San Francisco, was interviewed by Special Agents M. B. MYERSON and L. D. WINE and related that since the escape of these two prisoners a number of fishermen who frequented his store have discussed this matter with him; in fact, he stated it was the general topic of conversation among the fishermen at Fishermen's Wharf, which is located approximately one mile and one-quarter from Alcatraz Island.

MR. CINCOTTA stated that he has for many years had contact with these fishermen and is intimately acquainted with them. He stated it was the general opinion that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for these men to have been taken off of the Island in a boat as the heavy fog which was present at that time would practically preclude the success of such a plan. He stated further that at the time that these men were reported to have escaped there was a very strong ebb tide running out of San Francisco Bay through the Golden Gate; that the unusually large volume of flood water pouring into the bay caused this tide to be considerably stronger than usual. He stated that it was his opinion and the opinion of other fishermen who have had many years' experience in these waters that it would be a physical impossibility for anyone to swim to shore, even if they were aided by a raft; that he doubted seriously whether a rowboat could have remained afloat and could have been rowed ashore from Alcatraz Island during this heavy tide. He stated that if these men had decided to swim they would unquestionably have been carried out of the Golden Gate and into the Pacific Ocean.

It is his opinion, based on years of experience with the currents in this area, that a body after it has been swept through the Golden Gate is never found again. He cited an instance of one of the Italian fishing ships having been capsized in the Golden Gate and no trace whatever of this vessel was ever found or of any of

the members of the crew. Also he cited the case of the bridge workers, as he recalled, twelve in number, who fell from the Golden Gate Bridge, and none of the bodies of these men were found with the exception of one man who was picked up alive at the scene of the accident.

Cincotta Bros., ship chandlers, is a favorite meeting place for many of the operators of the small fishing boats which operate outside of the Golden Gate. MR. CINCOTTA, with his wide experience with members of the fishermen's associations, stated he would be glad to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and request that his associates be on the alert for the appearance of any bodies entering the Golden Gate or in the waters contiguous thereto. Also, he stated that he would request them to be on the lookout for any articles of clothing such as the shirts or trousers worn by these escaped prisoners which may have been discarded by them. The address and telephone number of the San Francisco Field Division were furnished MR. CINCOTTA, together with photographs and descriptions of Subjects.

ALEXANDER D'ANGELO, Manager of the Crab and Salmon Fishermen's Protective Association, Fishermen's Wharf, San Francisco, related that his association includes a large number of operators of fishing craft which are engaged in the crab and salmon fishing off the Golden Gate; that these fishermen are several hundred in number, operate small fishing craft, and make daily trips through the Golden Gate to the fishing banks at the entrance to San Francisco Bay. He stated that he is calling a meeting of the fishermen of his association forthwith and during the meeting he will advise these fishermen to be on the lookout for the appearance of the bodies of these men and articles of clothing, and so forth. MR. D'ANGELO has been furnished copies of the photographs and descriptions of these men, together with the telephone number of the San Francisco Bureau Office.

FRANK MCLEAN, Manager of the Deep-Sea and Purse-Seine Fishermen's Union, Fishermen's Wharf, San Francisco, was also contacted by Special Agents Wine and Myerson. He stated that the members of this union operate large fishing craft and their range of activities is considerably further than the crab fishermen; that he will be glad to instruct the members of his union to be on the watch for any bodies which may be observed floating in the ocean or through the Golden Gate. He was also furnished with copies of photographs and descriptions of these subjects and has agreed to post them on the bulletin board of the Association assembly hall and to notify the San Francisco Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event any information is received.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Seattle Office, at Seattle, Washington, will interview the following persons for the purpose of determining whether any of them is identical with, or has any information regarding the individual who purchased in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1937, charts covering the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island:

J. A. BLANCHARD,
Specialty Salesman,
Standard Oil Company of California,
Exchange Building,
321 - Second Avenue.

CECIL W. BASS,
Lithograph Mechanic,
American Can Company,
Vine and Elliott Streets.

R. H. BALDWIN,
Vice President,
General Insurance Company of
America, General Insurance
Company Building, East 45th
and Brooklyn Streets.

At Spokane, Washington, will make appropriate inquiry at 4111 North Lincoln, for any information the occupants at that address might have relative to the present whereabouts of JOHN G. FAIRFAX.

PENDING